



Next Steps - Foundations



WATER BAPTISM

into the water, into a new life

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Welcome

Welcome to [Next Steps - Walking the Discipleship Pathway](#).

We are so glad you are here. Whether you have just made a decision to follow Jesus, or you have been a Christian for a while and want to grow deeper in your faith, this pathway has been designed with you in mind.

At C3 Church Goulburn, we believe that following Jesus is the greatest adventure life has to offer.

Yours in Christ
Ps Ken & Fiona Hayward & the team

How to Use This Booklet

This booklet is yours to work through at your own pace. There is no rush.

You can:

- Read through it on your own and reflect personally.
- Work through it with a leader or mentor.
- Do a bit of both — read ahead, then chat it through

This booklet contains information regarding water baptism and has some space for reflection questions.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions.

When you have finished this booklet, speak with a leader about arranging a time for your baptism.

Water Baptism

Jesus Himself was baptised with water at the beginning of His ministry (Mark 3:13-15, Luke 3:21). And He commanded us to be baptised with water (Matthew 28:19-20).

Being baptised with water is a demonstration of our obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a practical demonstration of a spiritual reality that has already taken place

Colossians 2:12

"having been buried with Him in baptism and raised with Him through your faith in the power of God, who raised Him from the dead."

When we go down into the water it is a symbolic act and a declaration of our laying down our old life and coming out of the water as a new creation in Christ.

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."



When to Get Baptised?

A personal knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ is the only requirement for water baptism. When you received the Lord Jesus Christ by faith, you took part in His death, burial and resurrection. In other words, you became alive to God and a child of God (John 1:10 - 12).

Water baptism simply signifies what has already taken place in your life (Romans 6: 1-5).

Philip the evangelist baptised the Ethiopian eunuch immediately after he received the gospel and Cornelius and his household were baptised with water after God poured out the Holy Spirit on them (read Acts 8: 26-40 and Acts 10:24-48)

Jesus was baptised with water at the very beginning of His early ministry (Matthew 3: 3-15). It is an act of obedience we should fulfill as soon as time and opportunity permit.



***Then Peter said,
'Repent and let everyone
of you be baptised in the
name of Jesus Christ for
the forgiveness of sins;
and you shall receive the
gift of the Holy Spirit.'
Acts 2:38***



How to Get Baptised

Water baptism in the bible involves total immersion (or dipping) in water (Matthew 3:16, Acts 8: 38-39). A river, stream, bath or any body of water can all be suitable.

When going for baptism it is important to bring a towel and a set of dry clothes to change into.

Invite friends and family along to the event if possible.

This is an excellent opportunity to share the gospel. Be prepared to share your testimony of how you became a Christian.

Come to your water baptism prepared to answer these questions in the affirmative.

1. — Accept

Have you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Saviour?

2. — Repent

Have you repented of your sins?

3. — Decide

Have you decided to live your life for Jesus?

The person baptising you then says:

“In the name of Jesus I baptise you in the name of the Father, of the Son and the Holy Spirit. Acts 10:46-48, Matthew 28:19

Reflect and Respond

Take some time to work through these questions honestly. There are no right or wrong answers — this is between you and God.

1. Have you been baptised. If not, what is holding you back?

2. What does the symbolism of going into and coming out of the water mean to you personally?

3. Who would you invite to your baptism?

4. What is your testimony of how you became a Christian?

5. Do you have any questions about baptism?

A Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus,

I come to you today in obedience to your command to be baptised. I declare that I have accepted you as my Lord and Saviour, that I have repented of my sins, and that I choose to live my life for you.

As I go into the water, I declare that my old life is buried with you. As I come out of the water, I rise as a new creation in Christ — to live for you, to walk with you, and to follow you all the days of my life.

Thank you for the gift of salvation. Thank you for the privilege of declaring my faith publicly through baptism.

I do this in obedience to your word and in love for you.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

You Are Ready For Your Next Step

Christians are called to be life-long disciples.

The **Next Step** pathways are designed to help you on that journey. More info on the back of this booklet.

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