

APPLICATION FOR BAPTISM

Dear Candidate for Baptism,

What a joy it is to know that you are being obedient to the Lord's command to proclaim your salvation through the ordinance of baptism. God will bless you and use your example to bless others. The following application will prepare you and us for this special event. We are looking forward to seeing you publicly identify with Christ and His Church.

*Grace to You,
the Elders of Grace Bible Church*

Today's Date: ____/____/____

☐ Male ☐ Female

Name: _____ Birth date: ____/____/____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Have you trusted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

Do you understand the meaning/significance of baptism? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a regular attendee of Grace Bible Church? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you ever been baptized before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, please explain why you need/want to be baptized again. _____

PERSONAL TESTIMONY

At your baptism, you will be given the opportunity to publicly profess your faith in Christ to our congregation. We ask that you write out your testimony. This helps keep it brief and to the point. It may also help calm your nerves since you will have written out exactly what you want to say. There is no need to memorize it. You may take a copy of your testimony into the baptismal with you so you can read it as written.

Two themes should be evident in every testimony.

First, the most important theme is the gospel message in which you have believed. The gospel centers on who Jesus is and what He has done for you regarding your salvation. You should present a clear statement of your faith in Jesus Christ as God's provision for you as a sinner. The reason is two-fold: (1) Jesus Christ is honored as He is given the preeminent place in the role of salvation and in your life; (2) your testimony will encourage other believers and possibly be used by God in bringing someone to salvation.

The second theme is the personal story that pertains to how you came to believe the Gospel and trust in Jesus Christ. This story might include a little background on the belief system you were raised with, your initial reasons for seeking out Jesus, your view of God and of yourself, and any circumstances that directly led to your realization that you were not acceptable to God.

After writing out your testimony, read it aloud several times, timing yourself. It should be no longer than 3-5 minutes. Please attach a copy of your testimony to this application, making sure to keep a copy for yourself.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Please turn your completed application in to the church office. You will be contacted by a church representative who will schedule a time to meet with you.

Church Representative's Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____