

Baptism Agreement

The decision to be baptized is a significant one as it is a clear indicator that someone is choosing to publicly identify with Christ and His church. Jesus himself was the one who initiated the practice of Baptism as being the sign of the new covenant that God had made through Christ and Jesus is the one who commanded his disciples to baptize any person who put their faith in Christ for salvation (Matt. 28:18-20)

Because of this, there needs to be an understanding of both what baptism is and what baptism implies for the Christian being baptized as well as the church. This agreement indicates the understanding that through baptism a person is self-identifying with Christ and his church and understanding that there is a new relationship and responsibility that both the church and believer have to one another.

Through Baptism I am agree to the following:

I agree that I am a Christian. I have acknowledged my sin and my need for a Savior. I have placed my faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of my sin and He is now Lord of my life. (Acts 2:38)

I agree that I need to be growing as a Christian. This includes discipleship through the church and regular participation in the gathering of the church both in Sunday corporate worship and weekly in a community group. (Following baptism you will be connected to a discipler in the church who will help you in the next steps of growth) (Heb. 10:23-25, Acts 2:42-47)

I agree that I represent Christ to the community. This means I need to live in manner that reflects my Lord and Savior. I am committed to helping the church fulfill the great commission by both living out and proclaiming the Gospel in my life.

I agree I need to be under the accountability of the church. This means following baptism I will begin to move forward into the process of membership with Grace. I recognize that this church family has the responsibility to lovingly correct me when necessary, following the commands of the Lord in Matt. 18:15-17. I also recognize the elders of Grace will give an account to the Lord for how they shepherd the church and so I agree to willingly come under the loving care and direction of the elders. (Heb 13:17)