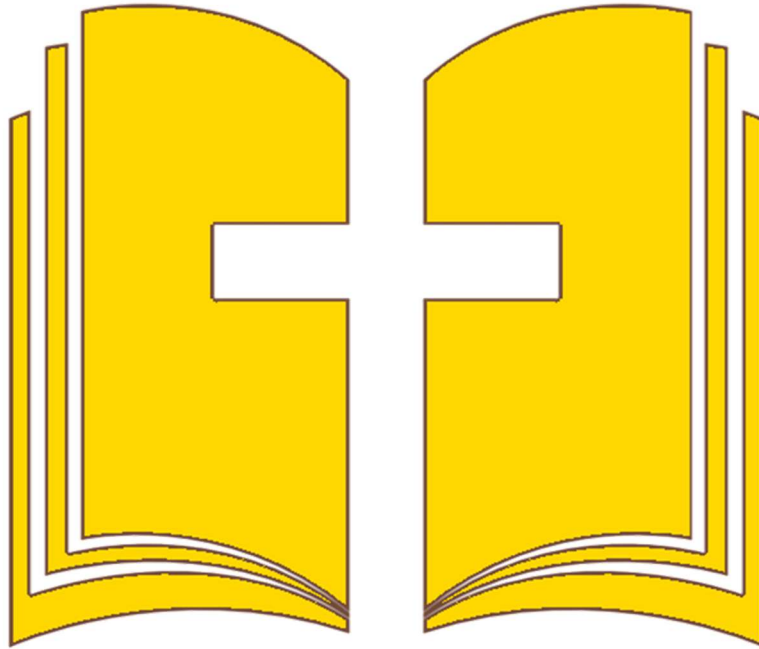


# Baptism Guide & Testimony Worksheet



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Welcome! We are so excited that you've chosen to take this important step of faith. This guide will help you understand the meaning of baptism, write your testimony, and prepare for the journey ahead.

## The Meaning of Baptism

Baptism is a public declaration of your faith in Jesus Christ. It symbolizes the washing away of sin, the death of your old self, and your new life in Christ (Romans 6:3-4). It is an outward sign of an inward change, showing your commitment to follow Jesus.

## What to Expect When You Get Baptized

1. **Wear dark clothes** – Light colors can become see-through when wet.
2. **Bring a change of clothes** – So you can change after the baptism.
3. **Bring a towel** – You will be fully immersed in water.
4. **Know your testimony** – You'll share a few words with the congregation before submersion (refer to the Testimony Worksheet)
5. The baptism will be at the **end of the service**.
6. You can have people **take pictures**.
7. It will be **recorded live**.
8. You can **choose** who baptizes you.
9. **Baptism Script:**

**Pastor:** Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God?

**Candidate:** Yes.

**Pastor:** Have you accepted Him as your Lord and Savior?

**Candidate:** Yes.

**Pastor:** Because of your confession of faith, I now baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



Watch other baptisms: [ailcoc.com/announcements/tags/baptism](http://ailcoc.com/announcements/tags/baptism)

## Writing Your Testimony

Your testimony is your personal story of faith. It should share how you came to know Jesus, what He has done in your life, and why you want to be baptized.

When sharing your story, remember to make it **personal and real**, but **avoid celebrating your past sins**. You don't have to include every detail—especially if it is graphic or could cause distraction from the message of what Jesus has done in your life. The **focus** should be on **God's grace**, not on the darkness of the past. Speak honestly, but keep the spotlight on **how Christ has transformed you**.

Here are some prompts to help you:

- **Before Christ:** What was your life like before knowing Jesus?
- **Meeting Christ:** How did you come to know Him?
- **Life in Christ:** How has your life changed since then?



Feel free to use the worksheet below to help put together your thoughts.

**You do not have to stick to this script.** It is just a guide.

### Example Testimony

Before I knew Jesus, my life felt empty even when I thought I had everything I needed. I tried to find meaning in my achievements and relationships, but nothing truly satisfied. I often felt restless and unsure of my purpose.

Then one day, a friend invited me to church. I didn't know what to expect, but during the service, I heard the Gospel in a way that finally made sense. I realized I was a sinner in need of God's grace, and that Jesus had died and risen again to forgive me and give me new life. That day, I prayed and asked Jesus to be my Lord and Savior.

Since then, my life has been transformed. I have peace knowing I'm forgiven and loved by God. I'm not perfect, but I trust Him with my struggles and decisions. I have hope for the future, and I want my life to reflect His love. Today, I'm getting baptized to publicly declare that I belong to Jesus and to follow Him all the days of my life.

## Testimony Worksheet

*My life before Jesus ...* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Jesus changed my life in the following ways...* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Now that Jesus is my Lord and Savior, I ...* \_\_\_\_\_

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## After You're Baptized – Next Steps in Your Faith

Life won't always be easier after baptism. In fact, you may face spiritual attacks that test your new faith. Stay rooted in Christ and take steps to grow:

- **Read through the Bible** – Stay connected to God's Word, cover to cover.
- **Join a Life Group** – Build community and accountability.
- **Serve in the church** – Be the hands and feet of Jesus in your community.
- **Pray daily** – Talk to God and listen for His guidance.

## Resources to Help You Grow

Your baptism is just the beginning of your lifelong journey of faith. Here are some resources to help you grow deeper in your relationship with Christ:

### Bible Reading & Study

- [Bible.com](http://Bible.com) – Free access to multiple versions of the Bible, reading plans, devotionals, and study tools you can use on your phone, tablet, or computer.
- **YouVersion Bible App** – The mobile version of [Bible.com](http://Bible.com) with audio Bibles, reading reminders, and verse-of-the-day features.
- **Study Bibles** – Consider a physical study Bible (such as the [ESV Study Bible](#), [Firebible](#), or [Search Tyndale](#) for a Bible that's right for you) for deeper insights.

### Prayer & Devotion

- Keep a **prayer journal** to record requests, answered prayers, and Scriptures.
- Set aside daily time to **pray** and **listen** to God's voice. Be intentional about your time with the Lord. **Block on time on your calendar.** And pray all throughout the day. (1 Thessalonians 5:17; Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 4:6; 1 Timothy 2:8; Colossians 4:2)
- **Don't know how to pray?** Jesus gave us an example of how to pray. (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)  
More information: [ailcoc.com/post/how-do-i-pray](http://ailcoc.com/post/how-do-i-pray)
- Start a devotional. A few suggestions: [Be the Tree Devotionals](#) | [Bible Reading Plans](#)

### Christian Community

- Join a **Life Group** at ACC to build strong, faith-filled relationships [ailcoc.com/life-groups](http://ailcoc.com/life-groups)
- Attend **mid-week** Bible studies or church events.

### Serving Others

- **Get involved** in church outreach opportunities—helping in children's ministry, visiting those in need, or participating in community service events. [ailcoc.com/serve](http://ailcoc.com/serve)
- Look for ways to **serve** in your everyday life—at work, in your neighborhood, or with friends.

### Spiritual Growth Tools

- [RightNow Media](#) (ask ACC leadership for access) – Streaming library of Bible studies and Christian content.
- Christian podcasts, books, and worship music to encourage you daily.  
You can find these podcasts on your favorite music platform or on websites like:  
[ACC Sermons](#) (includes sermons, worship, plans, and more)  
There are other valuable resources like: [Enduring Word](#) | [Darrell Johnson](#)

## **Important Disclaimer**

As you grow in your faith, it is essential to **know God's Word for yourself**. Many churches, teachers, and online sources may present ideas that sound good but are not grounded in Scripture. Always use discernment and compare any teaching or advice against the Bible.

God's Word is the ultimate authority (2 Timothy 3:16–17). The more you study Scripture, the easier it will be to recognize truth from error and avoid being led astray.