



BAPTISM 201

WHAT TO DO PRIOR TO YOUR BAPTISM

Make a list and invite people to your baptism. Be strategic in who you invite to your baptism. We hope you'll invite friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, and even that one person in your life that never took you up on the offer to go to church together. These people will probably say, "Yes" to your invitation because they want to support you. Be sure to give them a couple of weeks notice so they can adjust their schedule to be at this important event.

You may want to have a close friend, family member, or another spiritual leader write a letter to present to you after your baptism recognizing this spiritual milestone in your life (optional). The letter should bring glory to God and honor the teachings found in the Bible. To help them write this letter, here are some thought starters.

- What have been some spiritual milestones you have seen of the person getting baptized?
- How have you seen them grow spiritually as a person?
- What spiritual gifts and talents have you seen in this person?
- Which of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) do they exhibit in their life?
- How would you like to encourage them?
- What does this baptism mean to you personally?
- Is there a special Bible verse that you would like to share with them?
- Note: the length of your letter can range from one paragraph to a page or more.

WHAT TO DO THE DAY OF YOUR BAPTISM

Be sure to wear dark-colored, modest clothing over your bathing suit when you are getting baptized.

Bring a change of clothes, a towel, hair dryer, as well as other items you may need.

Be sure to bring your video camera and camera for the event.

WHAT TO DO AFTER YOUR BAPTISM

Celebrate! After service, go out to eat with friends and family and celebrate what God has done in our life. This would be a great to for your guests to share their story and thoughts about your spiritual growth or for some to share their special letter (optional, see above).