

The image features a teal background with white wavy lines representing water. A large white circle is centered in the middle, containing the text "Water Baptism" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

# **Water Baptism**

# What is Water Baptism?

Water baptism is a powerful  
reminder of God's grace.

Being baptised is a public  
declaration of your personal  
decision to make Jesus Lord  
and Saviour of your life. It's a  
declaration that the old has  
gone and the new is here.

↑ *2 Corinthians 5:17*

The word 'baptise' means to immerse completely. It is a step of obedience that signifies your desire to enter into a deeper relationship with God.

*This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!*  
*2 Corinthians 5:17*



# Why do I need to get Water Baptised?

## The Example of Jesus

Our vision and mission statement as a church is 'Activating Community Transformation' by 'Whenever, Wherever Be Like Jesus.' One of the very first things Jesus did when he started His ministry was get water baptised (*Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11 and Luke 3:21-22*). As Christians, we are called to follow in His footsteps (*1 Peter 2:21*).

## The Command of Jesus

Jesus commanded the disciples to baptise people of all nations (*Matthew 28:19*). He also said 'You are my friends if you do what I command' (*John 15:14*). The most powerful way of demonstrating our love for Him is through obedience.

## The Biblical Example of Baptism

In New Testament times, repentance and faith was closely followed by baptism. Peter invited his listeners on the Day of Pentecost to 'repent and be baptised', every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven. That day, three thousand people responded to the invitation and were baptised (*Acts 2:38-41*).

# Water Baptism speaks of many things:

## Going down into the water represents death.

Romans 6:6 says 'We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.'

*'My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.' - Galatians 2:20*

## Being placed under the water represents burial.

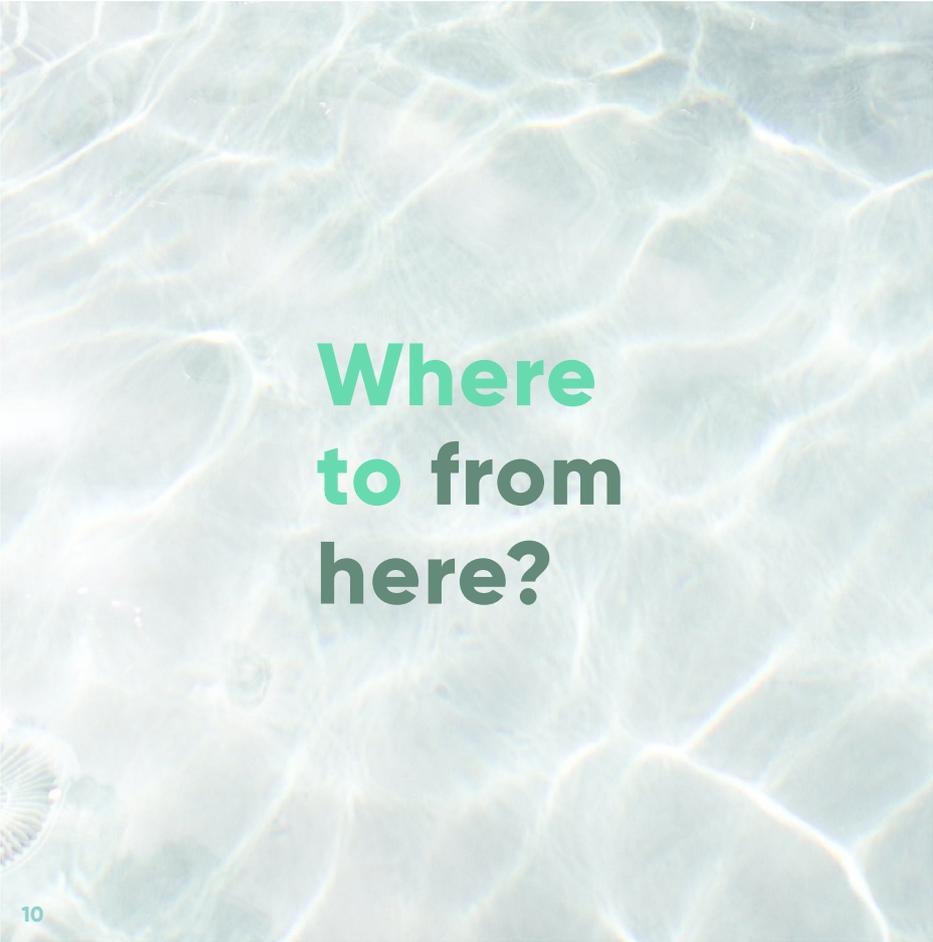
Romans 6:4 says 'For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism...'

## Coming up from the water represents resurrection.

Romans 6:4-5 says '...And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was.'

## Coming out of the water is stepping into your new life.

Galatians 3:27 says 'And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes.'



**Where  
to from  
here?**

**If you would like to be water baptised or want to discuss it further with someone, please contact the Church Office on 855 0260, or email us on [office.hamilton@activatechurches.com](mailto:office.hamilton@activatechurches.com)**

**We would love to walk with you into this next stage of your journey with God and celebrate with you in your new life.**



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