



## Lesson Three

# “Water Baptism Training”

**Objective:** *To provide training for water baptisms.*

## I. Water Baptism

**1. Water baptism is simply our \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ's death, burial and resurrection when we receive salvation.**

**Rom 6:3-4** NKJV ...*as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

**MSG** *That is what happened in baptism. When we went under the water, we left the old country of sin behind; when we came up out of the water, we entered into the new country of grace — a new life in a new land! That's what baptism into the life of Jesus means. 4 When we are lowered into the water, it is like the burial of Jesus; when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the resurrection of Jesus.*

This is why we believe in complete immersion for baptism rather than sprinkling with water. Not that we believe that people who are sprinkled are any less saved because baptism does not save us. Receiving **salvation is by grace** (the free gift of God's unmerited favor) **through faith** (Eph 2:8-9).

The thief on the cross who confessed Jesus never got to be baptized, yet Jesus told him that he would be with him in paradise that same day. However, we seek to follow Jesus' directive for baptism and the scriptures to identify with His death burial and resurrection through total immersion in water.

**2. Jesus has given us the directive to make disciples and baptize them in the name of the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Matt 28:19-20** NKJV *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in **the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*

Some denominations baptize in Jesus name only. At Xceleration Church, we baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit because we are identifying with the power of all three Persons of the Godhead in our new life. The **Father** is the One Who loved me enough to send His **Son** to die for me. **The Holy Spirit** drew me to Jesus and He begins His work of transforming me into the image of Christ.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus can make and baptize new believers.

**Acts 8:36-38** NKJV Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" 37 Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." 38 So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.

**John 4:1-2** MSG Jesus realized that the Pharisees were keeping count of the baptisms that he and John performed 2 (although his disciples, not Jesus, did the actual baptizing).

4. Any believer can and should be baptized as \_\_\_\_\_ as they can after they believe.

There are many accounts in the book of Acts of new believers being baptized as soon as they believe. We encourage you, because you have proven yourself to be a true disciple of Jesus to join us in performing baptisms of new believers at Xceleration Church. Finish Ministry Development classes and let Pastor Sally know that you would like to be included on our schedule for baptisms.

**Acts 2:41** NIV ...those who accepted his message **were baptized, and about three thousand** were added to their number that day.

It took every disciple available to baptize 3,000 in one day!

**Acts 8:12** NIV But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, **they were baptized, both men and women.**

**Acts 18:8** NIV Crispus, the synagogue ruler, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and **many of the Corinthians who heard him believed and were baptized.**

**Acts 16:30-33** NKJV "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And **immediately he and all his family were baptized.**

**Acts 16:14-15** MSG One woman, Lydia, was from Thyatira and a dealer in expensive textiles, known to be a God-fearing woman. As she listened with intensity to what was being said, the Master gave her a trusting heart — and she believed! 15 **After she was baptized, along with everyone in her household,** she said in a surge of hospitality, "If you're confident that I'm in this with you and believe in the Master truly, come home with me and be my guests."

Children can be baptized when they are old enough to understand and make the decision to accept Jesus.

## II. Baptism Training

At Xceleration, our baptisms are done in a swimming pool or hot tub and are scheduled as needed. You will be part of the ministry team assigned to baptize new converts.

### PRACTICAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. \_\_\_\_\_ your ALL IN t-shirt.
2. Remove \_\_\_\_\_ and other items that could be ruined in the water.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ the pool with the baptism candidate for a picture before you kneel beside it for their baptism
4. Warmly \_\_\_\_\_ the person.
5. Be sure you know the Xceleration baptism \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Wait for the \_\_\_\_\_ operator to signal you that they are ready.

### Baptism should be done like this:

1. The baptism coordinator will introduce you to the candidate. Announce them like this: **“Our first baptism candidate is “\_\_\_\_\_.”**
2. \_\_\_\_\_ the person into the tub and hold their hand while they walk over to sit down towards your right side.
3. Have them move \_\_\_\_\_, so that there is plenty of room to lean them back without hitting their head on the back of the pool wall. (Especially for taller people). For people who are especially tall, you may have them sit with criss cross legs. Tell them to hold onto your right forearm. You should already be holding a clean washcloth in your right hand.
4. Ask them this question: **“\_\_\_\_\_, have you accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord of your life?” (We need to hear them say yes!)**
5. Then you \_\_\_\_\_, **“Then upon your profession of faith, I baptize you my brother/sister in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.”**
6. \_\_\_\_\_ your hand over their hand over their nose and mouth and say, **“Crucified with Christ.”**
7. \_\_\_\_\_ them back under the water as you say, **“Buried together with Him.”**

8. \_\_\_\_\_ them up from the water as you say, **“And raised in His likeness to newness of life.”**

9. Help the person up, turn them around and walk them back to the other end and help them safely out of the pool. Congratulate them again! The baptism coordinator will give them their towels, their Baptism certificate and make sure that they put on their flip flops or shower shoes before going back into the church.

10. \_\_\_\_\_ them to be careful since their feet will be wet as they enter the church to change into dry clothes..

**The baptism candidates should bring a pair of flip flops** to put on in order not to slip. The baptism crew should watch for and help anyone needing assistance as well as watching for and mopping up water on the floor as they see it.

We encourage people to bring friends and family to celebrate this wonderful expression of their faith.

The following Sunday we will show their video during the service.

**Memorize the order and script. It will be on the final exam.**

Xceleration Church Baptism Script:

Have you received Jesus as your Lord and Savior?

Then upon your profession of faith, we now baptize you our brother/sister

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

Crucified with Christ, (place cloth over nose and mouth)

Buried together with Him (dunk)

And raised in His likeness to newness of life (raise them up)