

Should I baptize or dedicate my child?

Infant Baptism	Infant Dedication →	Believer's Baptism
Prerequisite = believing parent	Prerequisite = believing parent	Prerequisite = profession of faith
Primary function = visible symbol of entrance into the covenant community	Primary function = commitment to teach child faith in God	Primary function = public declaration of personal faith in God
<u>Theological emphasis</u> Sign and seal of covenant God's work to impart grace God's covenant faithfulness	<u>Theological emphasis</u> Thanksgiving for child Our commitment to teach grace Our obedience to God	<u>Theological emphasis</u> Outward sign of inward change Our response to God's grace Our obedience to God
<u>Scriptural support</u> Acts 2:38-39 Colossians 2 Household Baptisms: Acts 16, 1 Cor. 1 Romans 4:11	<u>Scriptural support</u> 1 Sam 1 Luke 2 Deut 6:4-9	<u>Scriptural support</u> Romans 6 Belief And Baptism: Acts 8-10

Common Ground

Baptism doesn't save us
 Baptism is the standard Christian experience and in some way marks the beginning of Christian life
 Baptism is not just an individual ceremony, but is part of the corporate worship of the church

How do I arrange for my child to be baptized or dedicated?

Meridith Matson is our staff member who helps coordinate this important day for your family.
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