

BAPTISM VIDEO



One of the most powerful aspects of baptism at New Life Church is the video testimony shown right before each person's baptism. The video allows you to share how Christ has been working in their life. Prerecording allows them to do as many takes as necessary, while sharing the message they have thoughtfully and prayerfully prepared ahead of time.

At times people ask, "Do I have to do the video?" The answer is yes, if a person wants to get baptized at New Life Church. Baptism is meant to be a public profession, and it is an incredible opportunity to share God's message of redemption with thousands of people. We have witnessed time and time again the effect these videos have had on people's lives.

Another important reason for the videos is that we as a congregation grow in our faith by watching these life-changing stories. It allows friends, family, and even those you don't know to celebrate the amazing transformation God has worked in your life.

Here is a good outline to help you organize what you want to say:

- Introduce yourself
- Your life before accepting Christ (Please do not mention previous denominations)
- How and when you accepted Christ as your personal Savior
- How Christ has affected your life
- Optional, thank no more than one or two people who have helped you in your walk with God
- Your public profession (for example, "I am here today to publicly declare that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.")
- Once you have prepared your testimony bullet points, please email it to llichty@nlchurch.com, so he can help you be as prepared as possible before your video filming.

Testimony Tips

- Not too much detail about heavy issues.
- Please do not say that you have "always been a Christian." This gives the idea that it is something that you can inherit.
- Becoming a Christian is about making the decision to accept
- Christ's death on the cross as payment for your sin not just growing up in a Christian home.
- Feel free to mention if you were in a previous religion (Mormon, Buddhist, Jehovah's Witness, etc.)
- Feel free to mention your infant christening. It is important to differentiate between your christening and the baptism that is taking place now. You may not have the time to come back around and make this clear.
- Please don't talk about the sins of someone else.
- Please be clear about your salvation.

Your walk with Christ is definitely a process, but you need to be able to express a point in time that you recognized that you are a sinner in need of a Savior. You don't have to know the exact date and time but there was a time when you accepted Christ and you need to express that clearly.

We want baptism to be a meaningful and enjoyable experience, and we look forward to walking through it with you! If you have any questions or need help preparing your video testimony, please contact Tracy at ex.450.