

Why do we ask you to verbalize your faith publicly during the baptism service?

1. **1.** Because it's biblical. Public profession of one's faith is important because Scripture is filled with illustrations, examples and exhortations.

Two specific New Testament references are Romans 10:8-11 and 1 Peter 3:15.

But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." (Romans 10:8-11, New International Version)

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. (1 Peter 3:15, New International Version)

1. **2.** Because it gives you an opportunity to share this most personal and important decision with those people who know and love you—namely your family members and friends.
1. **3.** Because it confirms in your own heart your faith in Jesus Christ and reinforces your decision to follow Him.
1. **4.** Because it informs those inside your faith community who can come alongside you to support you, encourage you, instruct you and pray for you.
1. **5.** Because it informs those outside the faith community. By listening to you and the others being baptized, they will learn how to experience God's wonderful gift of salvation!

BAPTISM INFORMATION FORM

1. **1.** Personal contact information *(Please print)*

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Home Phone *****

Cell Phone *****

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1. **2.** How do you want your name to appear on your baptism certificate? Antonio Giuliano

2. **3.** Have you completed **Christianity 101**? Yes X No ___

While attending **Christianity 101** is *not* a prerequisite for baptism, we highly encourage all baptism participants to enroll in the **Christianity 101-501** series. For the schedule, please visit www.mbctyson.org/mu.

1. **4.** How can a person gain salvation? What must one do in order to be forgiven of his or her sins?

We are justified by faith in Christ alone, not by any work of human hands. It is a "gift" of God so that no one can boast in his/her on salvation. Biblical Christianity is Jesus plus or minus nothing. One must by faith, confess and repent of their sin to God and embrace Christ and His work on the cross. His substitutionary death on the cross paid my/one's sin debt in full. His Death, Burial & Resurrection! The Apostle Paul writes in Romans 10:9,10 "that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."

1. **5.** Have you ever been baptized after or since making your profession of faith in Jesus Christ?

Yes ___ No X *(Please explain below)* Biblical Ignorance! I was never properly taught why baptism is important after conversion. Biblically, I did not understand the importance of baptism and its significance until after I rededicated by life fully to Christ in 2005 and I began listening to Pastor John MacArthur's sermons, "Baptism: A Matter of Obedience" and "Believer's Baptism."

6. Explain briefly why you want to be baptized at this time.

I want to be humbly obedient to this critical biblical mandate and I want to publicly demonstrate the significance of baptism in behalf of the honor of Christ.

1. **7.** I would prefer to participate in the following service time: Sunday, July 29 at 10:45 am

	Saturday, July 28 • X 6:30 pm	Saturday, Oct. 27 • X 6:30 pm	
	Sunday, July 29 • X 9 am • X 10:45 am • X 12:30 pm	Sunday, Oct. 28 • X 9 am • X 10:45 am • X 12:30 pm	

Guidelines for preparing your testimony

1. 1. Ask God to give you wisdom and guidance as you share your story of how you came to put your trust in Jesus Christ.
1. 2. give enough details so someone else can understand how to become a follower of Jesus after listening to you. Use some verses from Scripture.
1. 3. Follow this simple three-point format:
 - **Life before I trusted Christ** – What was your life like? Without sensationalizing or overly colorful detail, explain your spiritual background.
 - **How I trusted Christ** – Please be specific. This section needs the most emphasis and detail. What happened? How and why did you ask Christ into your heart? What showed you your sinfulness and your need for a Savior?
 - **Since I've trusted Christ** – Give examples of changes He has made, what He means to you now. How is your life different now? How else has your life been impacted by coming to know Jesus Christ in a personal way?
4. Your submitted testimony will be summarized, and we will record audio excerpts to play for the audience during your baptism.

I grew up in a Christian home with parents who revered the Lord Jesus Christ. Every week we went to church Sunday morning, and Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Unfortunately, my frequent attendance did not equate to a clear understanding of the Gospel. I was like the Pharisee's that Christ spoke to in Matthew 23:27 when He told them, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness." The crystal clarity of the Gospel did not come into view for me until high school.

Before giving my life to Christ, I lived only for myself and sports. In my mind, I was a happy guy. In 1978, as a sophomore in high school and a member of the varsity football team, I was invited to a Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting. In that meeting, collegiate football players shared their testimonies of how Christ had transformed their lives. They invited us to attend an FCA church meeting the following Tuesday evening. I had no interest in attending until they mentioned an "all you can eat spaghetti dinner" after the service. The offer of free food won me over. God knew where my heart was... in my gut. In Ephesians 2:3 the apostle Paul states, "Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires to the flesh, and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest."

It was there that I first heard the clear unadulterated Gospel of Jesus Christ for the first time. We were told: God is holy, pure, and loving; He is just and hates sin; and due to the original sin of Adam we are all wicked and depraved. Romans 3:23 tells us that, "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." We were also told that no human works, religious activities, or good deeds of any kind could ever pay our sin debt in full. In Galatians 2:16 Paul writes, "...nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus..." It was then and there that I finally understood I was on my way to hell. The

clarity of this literally scared me to death. I didn't want to die and be separated from God forever. I saw the sinfulness of my sin and how miserably I had failed. I saw my self-centered selfishness and how spiritually bankrupt and meaningless my life was. I wanted my life to mean more than it was, more than I could ever be on my own. I wanted a personal redemptive relationship with Jesus Christ and for Him to become the center of everything that I was. When the Pastor gave us the opportunity to pray I confessed and repented of my sins. By faith, before a holy God, I embraced Christ Jesus as my Lord and Savior. That day my old self died and I was born anew in Jesus. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old has passed away; behold, new things have come."

Late in 2005 I rededicated my life to Christ. Since then He has placed a burning desire in my heart for His holy word and a longing to share the Gospel message with anyone who will listen. Through the tremendous blessing of being a vocalist and Senior Non-commissioned Officer with the U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own", God has placed me in very strategic places to proclaim His name through song. Many times those moments have opened up opportunities to witness to individuals I would otherwise never have the opportunity to speak with. I am so very grateful, blessed, and honored to be able to call myself a slave of Jesus Christ. In 1 Corinthians 7:22 we read, "For he who was called in the Lord as a slave is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a slave of Christ."

This baptism today is a public profession of my faith and trust in Jesus Christ. By grace alone, through faith alone, I have been saved and granted a permanent forgiveness of my sins paid for in Christ's substitutionary death on the cross. I am unapologetically a born again fully devoted follower, ambassador, and soldier of the Lord Jesus Christ. He reigns as Lord and Master of my life and I am His slave forever.

Next Steps: Please return this form at least **three weeks prior** to the scheduled baptism using one of the methods below:

- Email: baptisms@mcleanbible.org
- Mail: McLean Bible Church
Attention: Deirdre Frey
8925 Leesburg Pike
Vienna, VA 22182
- In Person: Place this form in the mailbox of the MBC Tysons Campus Pastor located on the 3rd floor of MBC Tysons by the front desk.

You will be contacted to confirm your participation in a baptism or to obtain more information. Please direct questions about adult or family baptisms at MBC Tysons to Deirdre Frey at 703-770-2978 or deirdre.frey@mcleanbible.org.