

## Baptism Questions

These are the questions which will be asked of you during the baptism service. These questions are asked before the community of believers and most importantly before God. The response required of you is in **bold type**.

During your baptism preparation the church representative will work through each of these questions with you; once everyone is comfortable with the promises being made and the commitment that these require, a date for the baptism can be arranged.

### The questions:

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing *name/this child* for baptism?

**I will.**

Are you willing to answer on behalf of *name/this child*?

**I am.**

By your prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage *name/this child* in the life and faith of the Christian community?

**I will, with God's help.**

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I repent of my sins.**

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

**I reject them all.**

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

**I renounce all that is evil.**

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

**I will, with God's help.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, created of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Some scripture about making promises to God:

**Ecclesiastes 5:4-7:** If you make a promise to God, keep your promise. Don't be slow to do what you promised. God is not happy with fools. Give God what you promised to give him. 5 It is better to promise nothing than to promise something and not be able to do it. 6 So don't let your words cause you to sin. Don't say to the priest,[a] "I didn't mean what I said." If you do this, God might become angry with your words and destroy everything you have worked for. 7 You should not let your useless dreams and bragging bring you trouble. You should respect God.

**Proverbs 20:25:** Don't trap yourself by making a rash promise to God and only later counting the cost.

**Numbers 30:2:** If a man vows a vow to the Lord, or swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break his word. He shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth."

**Psalms 89:34:** I will not violate my covenant or alter the word that went forth from my lips.

**Matthew 5:33:** Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.

**Romans 10:9:** Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.