

**PEOPLES GOSPEL CHURCH OF MARKHAM**

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## Baptism Policy

### Meaning of Baptism

- ❑ Baptism is the commandment from our Lord Jesus. Through baptism, we proclaim our faith to Lord Jesus' saving grace. We believe baptism is a symbol to join with Jesus in his death and resurrection as we pass through the water. Baptism is also a sign of becoming part of the body of Christ. Baptism symbolizes our unity with Jesus Christ, with all of God's children, and with the Christian Church in every time and place. (Ephesians 4:4-6)
- ❑ Scripture Reference
  - Matt 28: 18~20; Rom 6: 3~5
- ❑ Mode of Baptism
  - In general situation, PGC practice immersion as the mode of baptism.
  - For the senior, the sick, and people who are not able to receive immersion for health reason, PGC would practice sprinkle as mode of baptism.
- ❑ Qualification for Baptism
  - Minimum at age of 12
  - Completion of Baptismal Class, testimony of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. If by the time of baptism, the applicants have not completed Baptismal Class, they need recommendation of Pastor or Zone Supervisor for reception of baptism.
  - If applicant is under the legal age of eighteen (18), an indication of support or understanding by parent(s) or guardian is necessary.
  - Submit Baptism application form together with testimony.
  - Examination of faith and subsequent approval by at least two interviewers consisting of pastor, elder and/or deacon
- ❑ The name of the baptismal candidates will be announced in Sunday Services and publicized in bulletin at least one week before the baptismal service.
- ❑ The baptismal candidates will receive a certificate of baptism after receiving baptism.

