

Baptism Sunday

Good News - Part 2

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⁶Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When He appeared in human form, ⁸He humbled Himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross." Philipians 2:6-8 (NLT)

³⁸Brothers, listen! We are here to proclaim that *through this man Jesus there is forgiveness for your sins.* ³⁹Everyone who *believes* in Him is *made right* in God's sight —something the law of Moses could never do." Acts 13:38-39 (NLT)

¹³When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴'Well,' they replied, 'some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.' ¹⁵Then He asked them, '*But who do you say I am?*' ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, '*You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.*'" Matthew 16:13-16 (NLT)

"... People should be baptized *to show* that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven." Mark 1:4 (NLT)

Important truths about baptism:

- **Baptism is an outward symbol of an inward transformation.**
- **We're not saved when we're baptized. We're saved when we believe in Jesus.**
- **The Bible teaches and models that a person is baptized after they turn from their old life and believe in Jesus.**

Common reasons people hesitate to be baptized:

- *I was baptized as an infant.*
- *I'm too nervous to get up in front of people.*
- *I'm waiting for someone else to get baptized.*
- *I'm not a good enough Christian to be baptized.*

Baptism is not the **finish line** but the **starting line**.

Christians follow Jesus until things get uncomfortable.

Disciples say "Yes, Lord, whatever You want. Now, what is the question?"

"What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized. ..." Acts 22:16 (NLT)

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