

# Baptism Sunday

## Good News - Part 2

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<sup>6</sup>Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. <sup>7</sup>Instead, 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, <sup>8</sup>He humbled Himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross." Philipians 2:6-8 (NLT)

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

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' <sup>14</sup>'Well,' they replied, 'some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.' <sup>15</sup>Then He asked them, '*But who do you say I am?*' <sup>16</sup>Simon 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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