

# Baptism

My faith in Jesus is made visible through baptism. This is an act of obedience where I publicly identify with Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. Through baptism I am going public with my faith. I am letting those around me know I identify myself with Jesus, God's family of faith and His Body – the Church. My choice to go public through baptism gives God, my loving Heavenly Father, great joy and it confirms the relationship between me and Jesus.

My faith in Jesus is made visible through baptism. Baptism is part of what God requires in my faith journey just as He did with Jesus. This is an act of submission and a willingness to live according to His ways. It is a public picture of my personal faith decision to follow Jesus. When Jesus came up out of the water the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God descended on Him like a dove; it confirmed His true identity. In the same way, my baptism is a picture of me taking on my new identity in Jesus; the old way of life is washed away and I am raised to new life in Christ. As a new person with a new identity in Him, I will live a new lifestyle with new objectives.

My faith in Jesus is made visible through baptism. Baptism is also a picture of God intervening into the plight of humanity through Jesus' human form. This too is true of my baptism; in that moment when I go public God is intervening in my life, setting me on a new course, in a new direction. It is a declaration of how I am going to live according to God's good, pleasing and perfect will for my life. I am no longer living according to my own desires or agenda, but trusting God as I live the plan and purpose He has for my life as His child. Through baptism, I am taking action to put on the attitude, character and desires of Jesus.

My faith in Jesus is made visible through baptism. It is my declaration of faith and association with Him. I understand delayed obedience is disobedience. Therefore, I will not go through another season of my life without publicly identifying with Jesus through baptism. This is what He has called me to do as His follower, He led the way with His own baptism and I want the world to know I am united with Him and His Church. My faith in Jesus is made visible through baptism.

## Study: Baptism

**Day 1:** Jesus, Baptism, and Obedience - *Matthew 3:13-15* (Page 735); *Luke 3:21-22* (Page 782); *1 Samuel 15:22* (Page 222)

**Day 2:** Don't Hesitate - *Acts 2:38-41* (Page 831); *Acts 8:26-40* (Page 837); *Acts 16:33* (Page 845)

**Day 3:** Make Disciples - *Matthew 28:19-20* (Page 760); *Mark 16:15-16* (Page 778)

**Day 4:** United with Christ - *1 Corinthians 12:13* (Page 877); *Galatians 3:27-28* (Page 892)

**Day 5:** Alive to God - *Romans 6:3-11* (Page 861)

**Day 6:** One Lord, one Baptism - *1 Corinthians 1:16* (Page 870); *Ephesians 4:5* (Page 897); *Ezekiel 11:19-20* (Page 633)

**Day 7:** More on Baptism - *1 Corinthians 10:2* (Page 875); *1 Peter 3:20-21* (Page 936); *Genesis 8:15-18* (Page 8). Read the *Daily Reading* once again and highlight things that stand out. Answer the three Life Transformation questions for growth in this area. Take time to learn the memory verse.

**Memory Verse:** Galatians 3:27: *"And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes."* Galatians 3:27

### Life Transformation Questions:

1. As you read the *Daily Reading*, what stood out and why?
2. What action will you take to apply this truth? Be specific.
3. What areas of your life will benefit from this action? How and why?