

Baptism

1. Baptism is a commandment in the Bible...and something Jesus did himself.

Matt. 3:13-17: ¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. ¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Matt. 28:19: ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

2. Baptism illustrates Christ's burial and resurrection

Colossians 2:12: ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Phil. 2:6-8: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

3. Baptism is an outward sign of an inward change. It doesn't make you a believer, it shows that you already believe. Baptism doesn't save you; only your faith in Christ can do that!

Romans 10:9-11: ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame."

Eph. 2:8-9: ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

Romans 3:22-25: ²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, **through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.** He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—

4. Baptism is a Power Point- an opportunity to God to release great grace in our lives. A "window to heaven" opens, and God's Kingdom (where God rules and reigns) comes in contact with earth. God does whatever He wants!!

2 Cor. 5:17: ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Romans 6:1-14: What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, **we too may live a new life.**

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, **that we should no longer be slaves to sin—** ⁷ **because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.**

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ **The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. ¹⁴ **For sin shall no longer be your master,** because you are not under the law, but under grace.

What happens next:

- 1. Please wear loose fitting clothes that can get wet; bring towels and a change of clothes with you.**
- 2. JT will speak for a few minutes about baptism.**
- 3. He will call you up to the front.**
- 4. He will have you share a 1 minute testimony.**
- 5. He might have people come up and pray with you.**
- 6. Before you get baptized you'll say "Jesus is Lord." Why?**

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- 7. You'll get dunked.**
- 8. After getting baptized, you'll move to the Grey Room where you can towel off (or you can go to Third Shot's restrooms).**
- 9. You can return to the auditorium for the rest of the service.**