

WATER DUNKING

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Ephesians 2:8–9 (NLT) ⁸ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Titus 3:5 (NLT) ⁵ he (Jesus) saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.

John 14:6 (NLT) ⁶ Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

Romans 10:10 (NLT) ¹⁰ For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.

Romans 10:13 (NLT) ¹³ For “Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.”

John 1:12 (NLT) ¹² But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

Colossians 2:12–14 (NLT) ¹² For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead. ¹³ You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. ¹⁴ He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT) ²¹ For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

Titus 2:14 (NLT) ¹⁴ He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT) ¹⁷ This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

Romans 6:3–4 (NLT) ³ Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? ⁴ For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, **now we also may live new lives.**

Five Biblical Truths:

1) Baptism is a _____ of a person's decision to follow Jesus Christ.

- See Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:5, John 14:6, Romans 10:10, 13, and John 1:12

Baptism does not make you a Christian any more than wearing a wedding band makes you married.

2) Baptism _____ us of what takes place in our lives when we choose to follow Jesus.

Two Things Baptism Symbolizes:

a) Baptism symbolizes and reminds us of the _____ of our sins.

- See Colossians 2:12-14, 2 Corinthians 5:21, and Titus 2:14

b) Baptism symbolizes and reminds us that we have chosen to put to death our _____ and live a different way.

- See 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Romans 6:3-4

3) God desires every follower of Jesus to be baptized _____ even though it is not required to get to heaven.

- See Matthew 28:19, Acts 2:38, Acts 2:41, Acts 8:34-38 and Acts 9:17-18

Generally speaking, baptism is a one-time event!

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

Acts 2:38 (NLT) ³⁸ Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:41 (NLT) ⁴¹ Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

Acts 8:34–38 (NLT) ³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or someone else?" ³⁵ So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus. ³⁶ As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look! There's some water! Why can't I be baptized?" ³⁸ He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

Acts 9:17–18 (NLT) ¹⁷ So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ Instantly something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized.

4) Children should only be baptized _____ they have made a decision to follow Jesus and only if they fully understand the symbolism and significance of baptism.

5) Baptism services provide an opportunity for the church to _____ the accomplishment of one of its highest priorities.

- See Matthew 28:19

My Challenge To You:

- If you not yet a follower of Jesus, I want to encourage you to make that choice today.
- If you are a follower of Jesus and have not been baptized, I challenge you to be baptized on August 29.
- If you know someone who is a follower of Jesus and has never been baptized, I challenge you to encourage them to take that step in their spiritual journey on August 29.
- Attend the church picnic and baptism service on August 29.

***What do you need
to do in response to today's message?***

For more information about what it means to become a follower of Christ or what to do after you make a decision to follow Jesus, speak to one of the pastors or elders following the service today (they can be found by the prayer room in the church lobby) or contact the church office at 717-762-7147 to set up an appointment. You may also request materials and find additional information to help you on your spiritual journey on our website:

www.otterbeinchurch.org