

TALK IT OVER

Baptism

BOTTOM LINE

Baptism is an outward physical expression of an inward spiritual reality. It doesn't save us, but publicly identifies that we are His followers.

CONVERSATION STARTER

Is there a song that brings up a memory every time you hear it? Share.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- Short [explanation of baptism for kids](#)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

Someone more powerful than I will come after me ... I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit. Mark 1:7-8 HCSB

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live ... I live by faith in the Son of God. Galatians 2:20 NIV

Go and make disciples of all nations ... baptizing them ... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. Matthew 28:19-20 NIV

God's unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ." Ephesians 1:5 NLT

"Baptism is more than a ritual. It's an encounter with repentance, grace, and power. It is an outward physical expression of an inward spiritual reality – the reality of new life in Christ."

"Baptism is not just about going under the water – it's about identifying with Christ."

"The Christian life is not just about being saved from something – it's about living for someone." – Quotes by Dwight Mason

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Why do you think God created us with a desire to commemorate special events and relationships? If you have been baptized as an adult, what do you remember most about it? Since baptism doesn't save us, why would it be important to God? Why should it be important to us? Baptism is more than a moment. It is a marker. Discuss what this means. Baptism celebrates freedom and liberation, identity in Christ, family in Christ, and eternal life in Christ. Which of those is most impactful to you today? Baptism declares publicly my commitment to live for Christ. How is "Christ living in me" demonstrated through a committed life? Baptism means a commitment to live intimately with Christ. What daily commitments are vital? Since baptism is also a commitment to the body of Christ, the church, how do I need to journey in the faith with others? Baptism puts me on a mission to share the Good News. How is this part of my life?

ACTION STEP

I will identify with Christ by public baptism if I have not yet, or reaffirm my baptism privately by a commitment to live up to what baptism signifies.