"What is Baptism?"

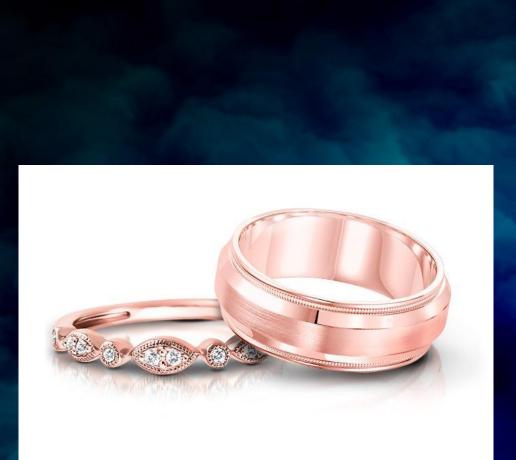












"When you know the truth, the truth will set

you free"

John 8:32

"Jesus answered, "I am the way and <u>the truth</u>

and the life"

John 14:6

"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

Your <u>conscience</u> can be <u>clear</u>

 "...there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus(I'm) set me free from the law of sin and death." Romans 8:1

In times of <u>weakness</u> we can have <u>Strength</u>

"…the Spirit helps us in our weakness"; Romans. 8:26

• "I can do everything through him who gives me strength." Philippians 4.13 "we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him"

Romans 8:28

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31
"God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:19

"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free..... So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" John 8:32 & 36

"God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment." 1 Timothy 6:17

'Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly!" John 10:10 ESV

"... neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8.39

God gives me Freedom to follow HIM

"We All, like sheep, have gone astray, and each of us has turned to his own way." Isaiah 53:6

"Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

¹⁵Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented."

Matthew 3:13 – 15

"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness

of your sins; and you shall receive the Holy

Spirit".

Acts 2:38

"By our baptism then, we were buried with Him and shared His death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead...so also we may live a new life!"

Romans 6:4

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

Baptism is a public statement about "WHO YOU Follow!"

"Those who accepted his message were baptized..." Acts 2: 41

The "SIGN" of an individual's <u>decision</u> to <u>"Follow Jesus"</u> is <u>Baptism</u>



The Simple process to become a Follower of Jesus is... **Desire to Love God** Admit God has not always been 1st place in life Ask His forgiveness for you sins **Believe** in Jesus Accept God's grace **Commit to "Follow Jesus"**

"Dear Jesus, thank you for making me and loving me, even when I've ignored you and gone my own way. I realize I need you in my life and I'm sorry for my sins. I ask you to forgive me. Thank you for dying on the cross for me. Please help me to understand it more. As much as I know how, I want to follow you from now on. Please come into my life and make me a new person inside. I accept your gift of salvation. Please help me to grow and follow you."

"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, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19 - 20