“Baptism”

Living To Honor God

Week 2

1. ***Why and how does a person become a follower of Jesus?***

2. ***Why does Jesus command baptism?***

3. ***What difference does following Jesus make?***

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Matthew 5:3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Psalm 34:18 “The Lord is near to the brokenhearted.”

Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Ephesians 1:7 “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses.”

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son…”

Ephesians 2:10 “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.”

Romans 15:13 “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.”

Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”
John 14:6

Jesus taught, “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”
John 13:35

Jesus says, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” — Matthew 11:28

Following Jesus begins with surrender

1 John 4 :7 - "…Love comes from God ….

(v 16) … God is Love ….

(v 19) We love each other because he loved us first."

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1 Corinthians 13:4

“ Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud [5] or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. [6] It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. [7] Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful,
and endures through every circumstance.”

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Ecclesiastes 3:11b

"God He has planted eternity in the human heart"

Jesus said,

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”
Matthew 22:37

Admit God Has Not Been First

Acts 2:38

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you,
in the name of Jesus Christ
for the forgiveness of your sins.
And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

- ***Romans 8:26 – "…the Spirit helps us in our weakness";***

- ***Philippians 4.13, I can do everything through him who gives me strength.***

- ***Rom. 8.28, "we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him"***

- *Rom 8.31, “If God is for us, who can be against us?”*
- *Phil. 4.19, “God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”*
- *John 8.32 & 36 “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”….*

“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

Isaiah 53:6

“We All, like sheep, have gone astray,
and each of us has turned to his own way.”

1 John 1:9,

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us."

Ask God for Forgiveness

Believe* in *Jesus

Acts 16:31

“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.”

***Accept* God's *Grace* and Forgiveness**

Romans 8:1

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

Commit to Follow Jesus

Baptism Is the Public Declaration of Following Jesus

Matthew 28:19-20

"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,
and teaching them to obey everything
I have commanded you."

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Acts 2:41

"Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day."

Baptism Illustrates the Gospel

Romans 6:3-4

"Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

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."

Baptism Declares a New Identity

2 Corinthian 5:17

“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person.
The old life is gone; a new life has begun!."

Baptism Is the Beginning, Not the Finish Line

Matthew 28

"...teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."