

# 40 Days of Prayer



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# Generation to Generation

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## Our 2021 Theme



# “When Your Children Ask”



# Why Baptism?





# 1) Baptism is God's plan and God's command.



# John 1:33

<sup>33</sup> I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.'

# Matthew 3:13-17

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan *coming* to John, to be baptized by him.

<sup>14</sup> But John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?”

# Matthew 3:13-17

<sup>15</sup> But Jesus answering said to him, “Permit *it* at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he permitted Him.



# Matthew 3:13-17

<sup>16</sup> After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove *and* lighting on Him,

<sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”

# John 3:22

<sup>22</sup> After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He was spending time with them and baptizing.

# Matthew 28:18-20

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

# Matthew 28:18-20

<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”



# Ephesians 4:4-6

<sup>4</sup> *There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;*

<sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

<sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

## 2) God connected His salvation promises to baptism.



# Matthew 28:19

<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ...

# John 3:5

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”



# Acts 2:38

<sup>38</sup> Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

# Acts 22:16

<sup>16</sup> Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'

## Romans 6:3-4

<sup>3</sup> Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

<sup>4</sup> Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

# Galatians 3:27

<sup>27</sup> For all of you who were baptized into  
Christ have clothed yourselves with  
Christ.



# 1 Peter 3:21

<sup>21</sup> Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

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➤ Baptism is the moment of transition.

3) The Bible teaches baptism is important enough to make sure we've "done it right."



Passage to Notice: Acts 19:1-5

# Acts 18:24-25

<sup>24</sup> Now a Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures.

# Acts 18:24-25

<sup>25</sup> This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John;

# Acts 19:1-5

<sup>1</sup> It happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus, and found some disciples.

<sup>2</sup> He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they *said* to him, “No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.”

# Acts 19:1-5

<sup>3</sup> And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” And they said, “Into John’s baptism.”

## Acts 19:1-5

<sup>4</sup> Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus.”

<sup>5</sup> When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.



3) The Bible teaches baptism is important enough to make sure we've "done it right."



"Why" we are baptized is important.



# Acts 8:35-36

<sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him.

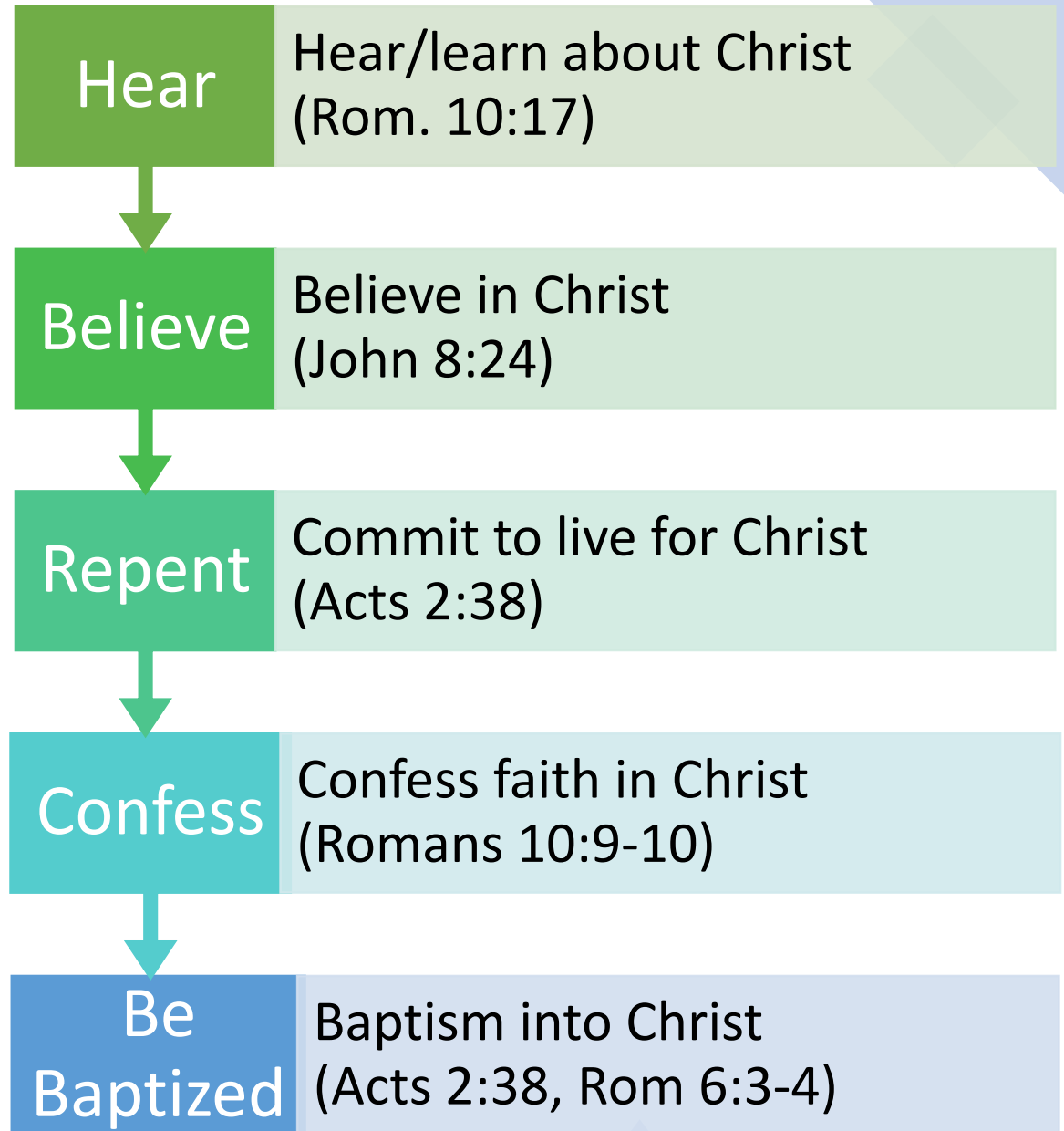


# Acts 8:35-36

<sup>36</sup> As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?”

Baptism is part  
of preaching  
Jesus –  
let's teach it as  
best we can...

# What Must I Do To Be Saved?



# James 5:16

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.