**Bethel Rise Series  
“RISE FROM THE WATER”**

**1. What is it? How and why do we do it?**

**A. Baptism is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Colossians 2:9-12** - For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.**10**So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority. **11**When you came to Christ, you were “circumcised,” but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision - the cutting away of your sinful nature.**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.

**Romans 6:1-7**

**B. Baptism means to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**John 3:23** - At this time John the Baptist was baptizing at Aenon, near Salim, because there was plenty of water there; and people kept coming to him for baptism.

**2. Who should be water baptized?**

**A. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who understands the GOOD NEWS and has given his or her life to Christ should be baptized**

**Acts 2:36-41** - “So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!” 37 Peter’s words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” 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. 39 This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away - all who have been called by the Lord our God.” 40 Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation!” 41 Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day - about 3,000 in all.

**B. Water Baptism is not required for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Luke 23:39-43** - One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you’re at it!” **40**But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? **41**We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.” **42**Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” **43**And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

**3. Why should I do it?**

**A. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ did it**

**Matthew 3:13-17** - Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. **14**But John tried to talk him out of it. “I am the one who needs to be baptized by you,” he said, “so why are you coming to me?” **15**But Jesus said, “It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires.” So John agreed to baptize him. **16**After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him.**17**And a voice from heaven said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.”

**B. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us to do it**  
  
**Matthew 16:15-16** - Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?” **16**Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

**C. It is the first step of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Matthew 28:19-20** - Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **20**Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

**D. It is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ declaration of faith**  
  
**Matthew 10:32-33** - Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. **33**But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven.

**E. It is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God**  
  
**Acts 8:34-39** – Philip and the Eunuch

**Acts 10:44-48** - Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. **45**The Jewish believerswho came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too.**46**For they heard them speaking in other tonguesand praising God. Then Peter asked, **47**“Can anyone object to their being baptized, now that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we did?” **48**So he gave orders for them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterward Cornelius asked him to stay with them for several days.