

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WATER BAPTISM PARTICIPANTS



THIS SUNDAY:

1. If you are committed to be water baptized NEXT Sunday, August 30th please fill out a *Connection Card* with:
 - Your Name, Email, and Phone Number only.
 - Write "Water Baptism" on the top of your card.
 - Write, which service you will attend? 8:30, 10:00, or 11:30?
2. After service is over, take the card to the Water Baptism sign up table in the lobby and exchange your card for a "BELIEVE" baptismal shirt.
3. If you sign up on line AFTER this Sunday you will pick up a baptismal shirt when you arrive next Sunday to change into.

NEXT SUNDAY:

1. Come to service wearing your "BELIEVE" baptismal shirt and dark colored shorts or pants and shoes or sandals that you can easily slip off.
2. Please check in at "Guest Information" prior to the service you will be baptized. Please sit in the first five rows with your family.
3. On a 3x5 index card write down your 10-20 second declaration of your faith and commitment to Christ. Please include, "Jesus Christ is my Lord!" You will bring this on stage with you.
4. Please bring a large beach towel and a bag with a change of clothes and any toiletries or hair products you may need. You may keep this with you or leave it in the men's/women's changing rooms provided.
5. Please come to the front fully prepared and ready to be submersed in water. Remove extra jackets, shoes, phones, watches, etc. before coming to the stage.
6. When you enter the baptismal you will hold your nose with one hand and grab your wrist with the other hand. You will keep your hands in this position while you are baptized. This will keep water from going in your nose as well as give the pastor a "handle" to hold onto when submersing you and pulling you up.
7. After you are baptized you are free to go and change.

FREEDOM

THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015

PART 7: LIVING THE NEW LIFE THROUGH WATER BAPTISM

Galatians 5:24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Galatians 6:14 May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Matthew 28:18-20

SYMBOLISM OF BAPTISM

1. My Declaration = My public commitment to the _____ relationship.

Romans 10:9-10 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Matthew 10:32-33 "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven."

2. Entering The Water = The pursuit of a _____ in a better place.

Joshua 3:15-16 Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, 16 the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away . . .

Psalm 23:4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

3. The Water = God's _____ and cleansing.

Isaiah 1:18 "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. . ."

1 Peter 3:21 (TLB) In baptism we show that we have been saved from death and doom by the resurrection of Christ; not because our bodies are washed clean by the water but because in being baptized we are turning to God and asking him to cleanse our hearts from sin.

John 4:13-14 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

2 Kings 5:10-14

4. Falling Backwards = Complete _____ and trust in God.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

5. Going Under Water = _____ and burial of the old nature.

Romans 6:8-11 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.

10 The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

6. Coming up from the water = The _____ to a new life in Christ!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (AMP) "Therefore, if any person is (engrafted) in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old (previous moral and spiritual condition) has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!

Mark 1:10-11 Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

7. Stepping Out Of The Water = Walking into the _____ and promises of God.

Romans 10:13 "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

SOZO: to save, heal, deliver, protect, preserve, to make whole; redeemed from death, poverty, and sickness

Deuteronomy 11:24-25 Every place where you set your foot will be yours: Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the Euphrates River to the Mediterranean Sea. 25 No one will be able to stand against you. The Lord your God, as he promised you, will put the terror and fear of you on the whole land, wherever you go.