

THIS IS THE WAY: TRUST & OBEY

Different: Part 6

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THE PATHWAY TO PLEASING GOD

1. I must treasure God SUPREMELY.

*“After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. **I am your shield, your very great reward.**”” (Genesis 15:1, NIV)*

*“Seek the Kingdom of God **above all else**, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.” (Matthew 6:33, NLT)*

2. I must trust God SOLELY.

*“But Abram replied, “O Sovereign LORD, **what good are all your blessings** when I don’t even have a son? Since you’ve given me no children, Eliezer of Damascus, a servant in my household, will inherit all my wealth. You have given me no descendants of my own, so one of my servants will be my heir.” Then the LORD said to him, “No, your servant will not be your heir, for you will have a son of your own who will be your heir.” Then the LORD took Abram outside and said to him, “Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That’s how many descendants you will have!” And **Abram believed the LORD, and the LORD counted him as righteous because of his faith.**” (Genesis 15:2–6, NLT)*

*““Abraham believed God, and **God counted him as righteous because of his faith.**” The real children of Abraham, then, are those who put their faith in God.” (Galatians 3:6–7, NLT)*

*“But Abram replied, “O Sovereign LORD, **how can I be sure** that I will actually possess it?”” (Genesis 15:8, NLT)*

*“Because you have broken the terms of our covenant, **I will cut you apart** just as you cut apart the calf when you walked between its halves to solemnize your vows.” (Jeremiah 34:18, NLT)*

*“**God made a promise** to Abraham. Since he had no one greater on whom to base his oath, **he based it on himself.**” (Hebrews 6:13, GW)*

“I alone am the LORD, the only one who can save you.” (Isaiah 43:11, GNB)

*“But like Adam, **you broke my covenant** and betrayed my trust.” (Hosea 6:7, NLT)*

*“After supper he took another cup of wine and said, “This cup is **the new covenant** between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you.” (Luke 22:20, NLT)*

“THIS IS THE WAY to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.” (John 17:3, NLT)

3. I must walk in Him FAITHFULLY.

“Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, had not been able to bear children for him. But she had an Egyptian servant named Hagar. So Sarai said to Abram, “The LORD has prevented me from having children. Go and sleep with my servant. Perhaps I can have children through her.” And Abram agreed with Sarai’s proposal. So Sarai, Abram’s wife, took Hagar the Egyptian servant and gave her to Abram as a wife. (This happened ten years after Abram had settled in the land of Canaan.)” (Genesis 16:1–3, NLT)

“Are you so foolish? You began with the Holy Spirit. Are you now trying to complete God’s work in you **by your own strength**?” (Galatians 3:3, NIV)

“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so **walk in him**,” (Colossians 2:6, ESV)

4. I must follow Him OBEDIENTLY.

“This is the covenant that you and your descendants must keep: Each male among **you must be circumcised**... Your bodies will bear the mark of my everlasting covenant.” (Genesis 17:10, 13, NLT)

“On that very day... Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised,” (Genesis 17:23-24, NLT)

“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. **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.” (Colossians 2:11–12, NLT)

What the Bible says about Baptism

1) It’s my FIRST STEP.

“Those who **believed** what Peter said **were baptized** and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.” (Acts 2:41, NLT)

2) It’s the symbol of my FRESH START.

“For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, **now we also may live new lives**.” (Romans 6:4, NLT)

3) It is my personal FAITH STATEMENT.

“For those who declare publicly that they belong to me, I will do the same before my Father in heaven.” (Matthew 10:32, GNB)

Scriptural baptism is when I am fully IMMERSED,
AFTER I have become a Christian,
as a SYMBOL of my personal salvation.

ACTION STEP:
GET BAPTIZED NOVEMBER 19!