



VISION & VALUES



Center City Church

Mark 1

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, 3 the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”

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4 John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

5 And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. **6** Now John

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was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. **7** And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. **8** I have baptized you with

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water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit. ” **9** In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. **10** And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

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11 And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased. ”

Baptism

- 1) John's Baptism
- 2) Jesus' Baptism(s)
- 3) Our Baptism (The Church)

Mark 1:4 John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance...

1. John's Baptism

| Scripture | Who is baptizing | How are they baptizing | Who are they baptizing | Why are they baptizing |
|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|
| Mark 10:1-6 | John | Water | Any Jews willing to repent of their sin | Preparing God's people to receive His love through His Son |

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Ezekiel 37:14 And I will put my Spirit
within you, and you shall live,

John 16:8 I will send him (the Holy Spirit) to you. **8** And when he (The Holy Spirit) comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment

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Luke 12:50 I have a baptism to be
baptized with, and how great is my distress
until it is accomplished!

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| Mark 10:7-11 John 7 1 Cor. 12:13 Gal. 3:7 | Jesus | Holy Spirit | Hard hearted sinners needing to be humbled | Opens our hearts to receive God's love, by showing us our sin and His salvation |

Wrong Ditch #1

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saves you

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Baptism
saves you

Wrong Ditch #2

Baptism is just
a symbol that
doesn't matter

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

1 Peter 3:21 Baptism which corresponds to this now saves you, not as removal of dirt from the body, but as a an appeal to God for a good conscience...

Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? **2** By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

Romans 6:3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

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- 2) It is a **seal**
- 3) It is **sanctifying**

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| Matthew 28:19 Acts 8:28-39 1 Peter 3:21 Romans 6:1-4 | The Church | Water | Anyone who has received the Spirit repentance & receiving Christ as their Savior | 1 Sign 2 Seal 3 Sanctifying |