

I HAVE DECIDED

SHILOH COMMUNITY CHURCH



WHY GET IN THE WATER?



ROMANS 6:1-4 NLT

“Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? 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.”

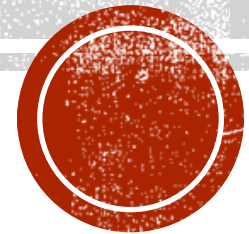


2 CORINTHIANS 5:15-17 NLT

“He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them. So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!”



**BAPTISM MARKS A
MOMENT OF
TRANSITION**



NOAH AND THE FLOOD — NEW BEGINNING THROUGH WATER

“those who disobeyed God long ago when God waited patiently while Noah was building his boat. Only eight people were saved from drowning in that terrible flood. And that water is a picture of baptism, which now saves you, not by removing dirt from your body, but as a **response to God** from a clean conscience. **It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**”

1 Peter 3:20-21 NLT



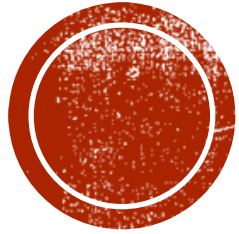
JESUS IS BAPTIZED — THE MODEL

“Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “**This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.**””

Matthew 3:13-17 NIV



WE NOW IDENTIFY WITH THE SAME ANNOUNCEMENT.



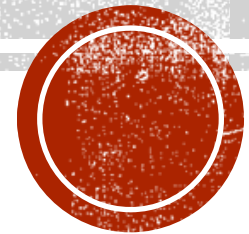
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**THERE'S WATER... WHAT'S
STOPPING YOU?**

Lessons From The Eunuch...



Acts 8:30-39



WHO IS READY TO GO ALL IN?