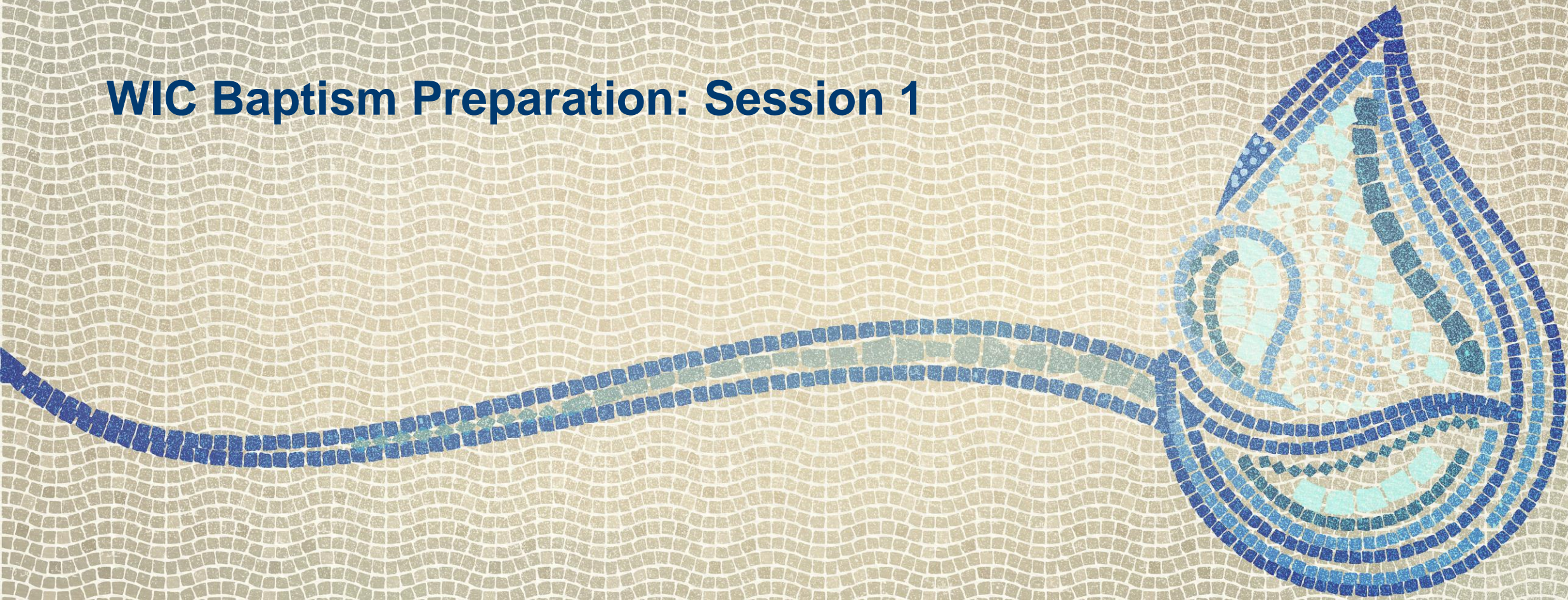


WIC Baptism Preparation: Session 1





1. What it Means to Be Saved





The Bible is God's Revelation



It tells us about the world we live in, about **ourselves**, and **about Him**. We need to **understand the basics** before we are baptized. One of the ways we can simplify and make the basics easy to remember is through the outline, **Good News, Bad News, Great News!**



Good News (1)



Genesis 1:27

²⁷ So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.



Good News (2)

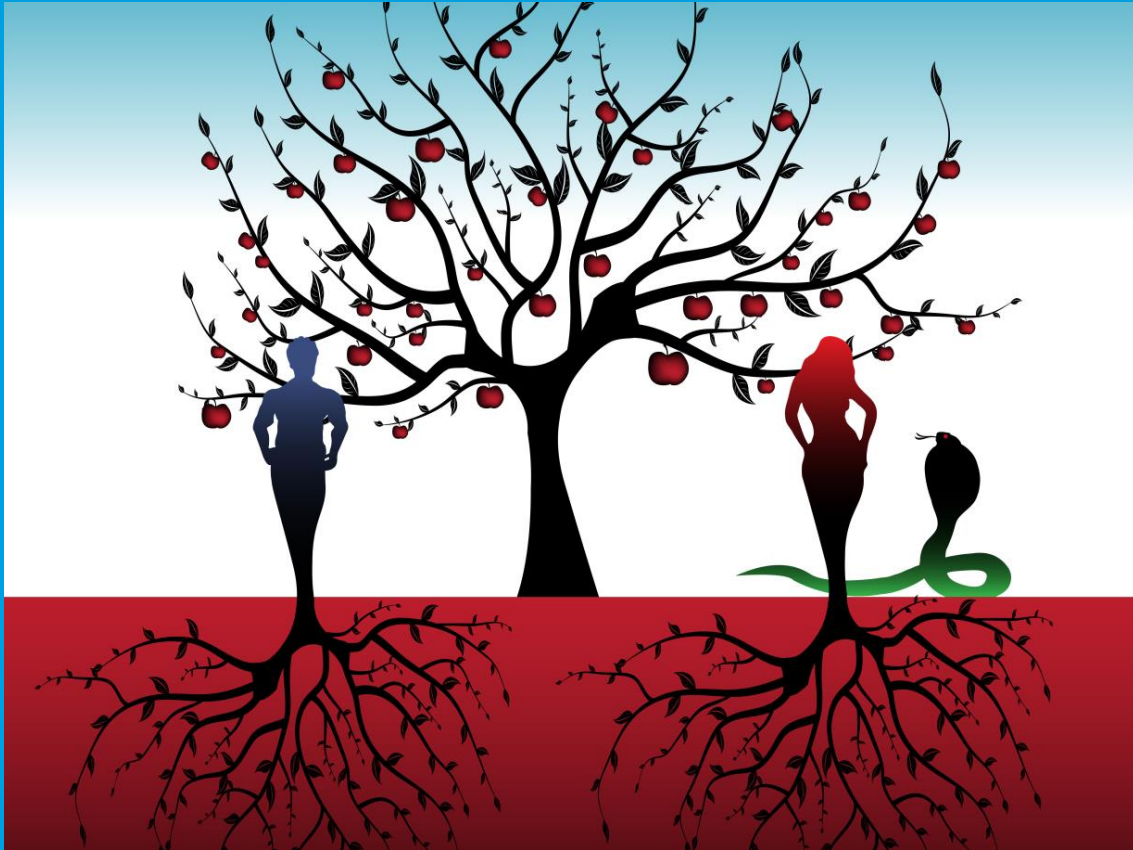


Important for us to understand:

- God made us in **His image**
- So that we can have an **intimate and eternal relationship with Him and enjoy Him forever.**



Bad News (1)

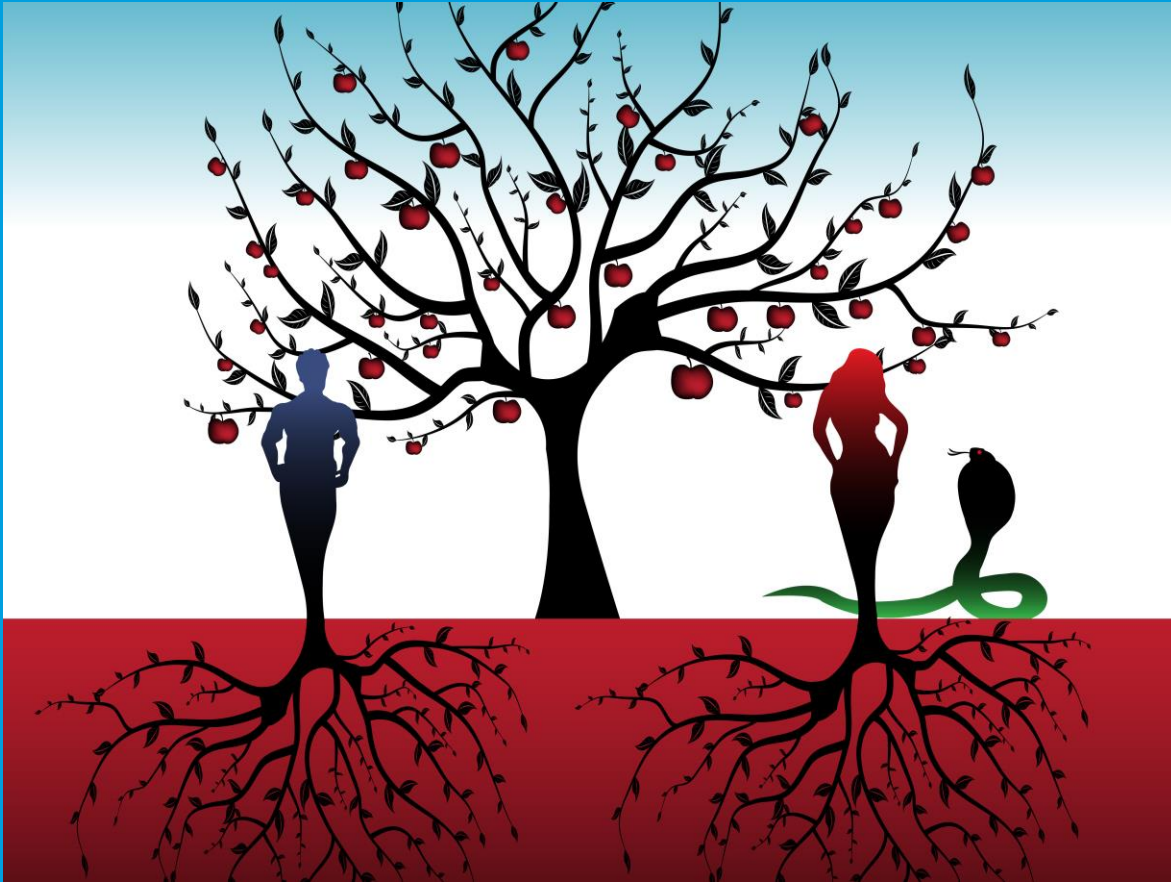


Genesis 2:16-17

¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you **must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.**”



Bad News (2)

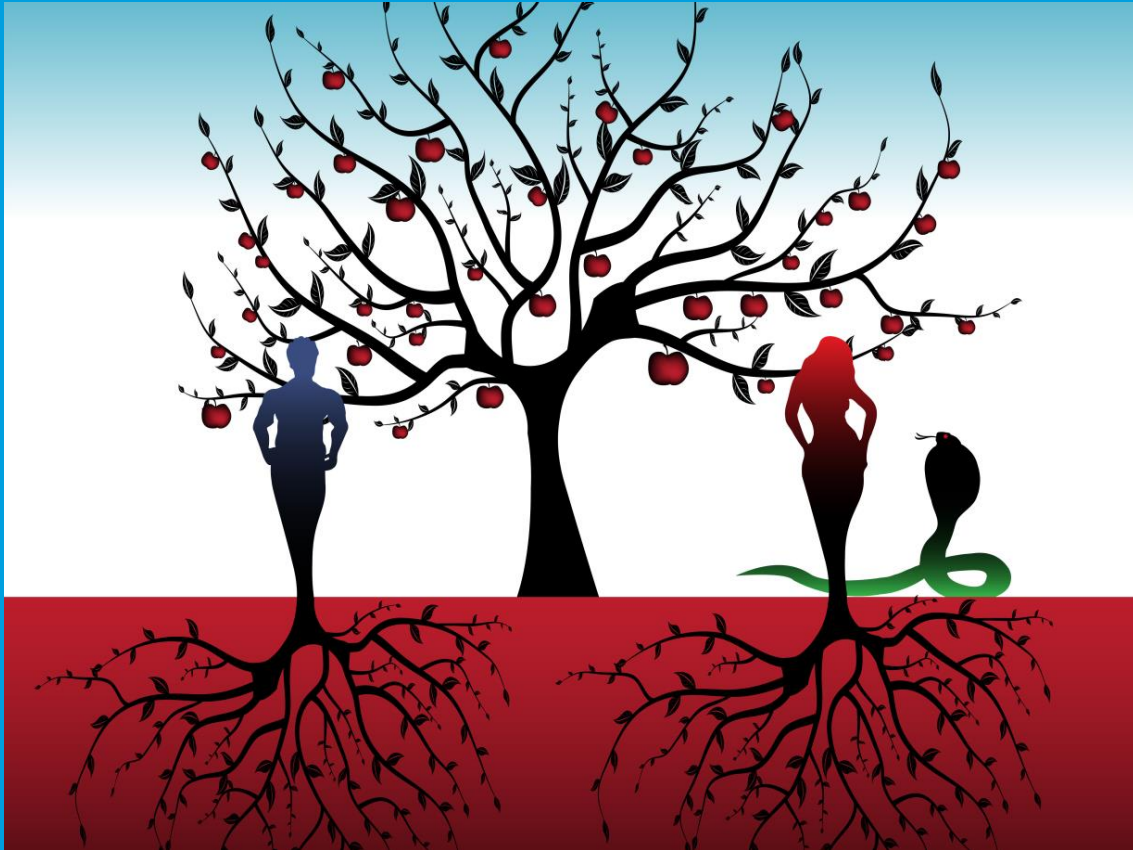


Because of Adam's and Eve's disobedience:

- sin entered the world
- expelled from the garden and from God's presence
- suffering as a consequence



Bad News (3)



Ezekiel 18:20

²⁰The soul who sins will die...

Romans 6:23

²³ For the wages of sin is death...



Bad News (4)



Sin results in broken relationships as it causes us to be:

- **alienated from God**
- **alienated from others**
- **alienated from ourselves**



Great News (1)



John 3:16

¹⁶For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.



Great News (2)



1 John 4:10

¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.



Great News (3)

2:Cor 5:17-21

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is **in Christ**, the **new creation** has come:
The old has gone, the new is here!

¹⁸All this is from **God**, who **reconciled us to Himself through Christ** and gave us
the ministry of reconciliation:

¹⁹ that **God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ**, not counting people's
sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His
appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: **Be reconciled to God**.

²¹ God made **Him who had no sin to be sin for us**, so that in Him we might
become the **righteousness of God**.



Great News (4)

Because Jesus died for our sins we can be:

- **reconciled to God**
- **have eternal life**
- **spend eternity with God**





What must I do to be saved?

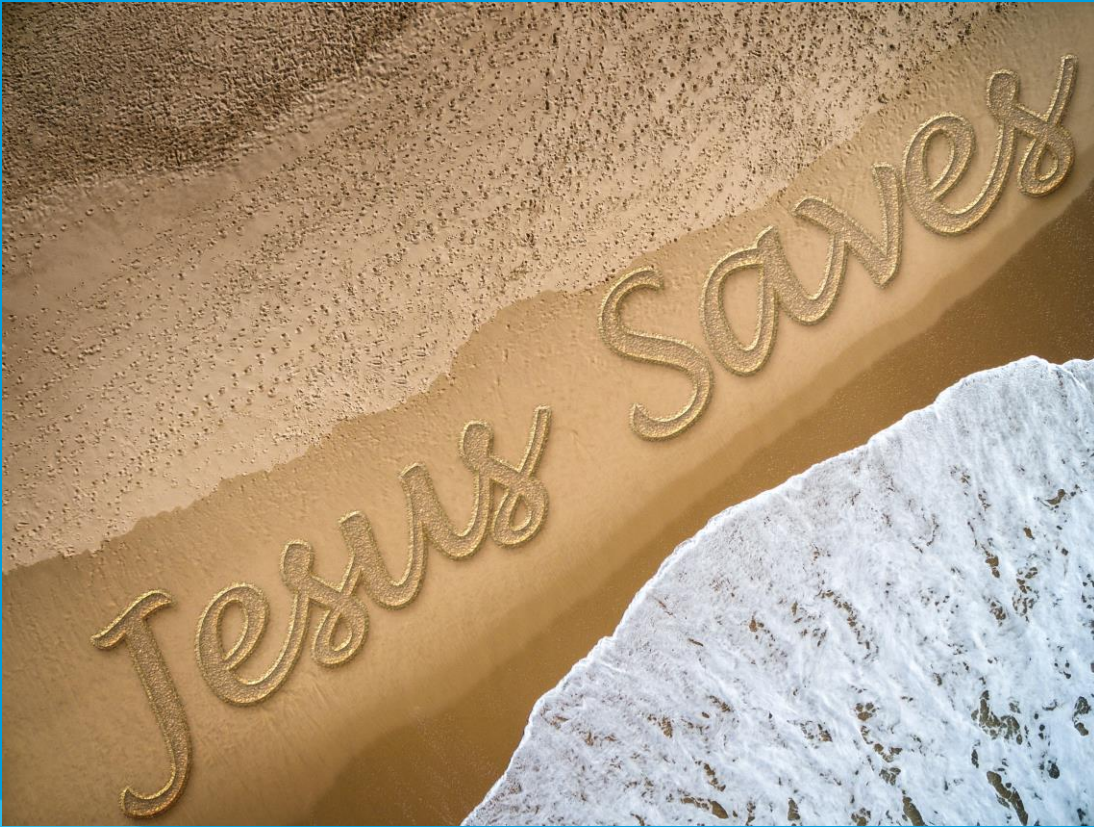


1. Repent

¹⁵“The time has come,” he said.
“The kingdom of God has come
near. **Repent** and believe the good
news!”
(Mark 1:15)



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2. Believe in Jesus

⁹ If you confess 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 confess and are saved.

(Romans 10:9-10)



What must I do to be saved?



3. Receive Jesus

¹²Yet to all who did **receive Him**, to those who **believed in His name**, He gave the right to become children of **God.**
(John 1:12)



Salvation is a gift from God

The *Grace* of God

Ephesians 2:8

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.



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2. Baptism – What does the Bible Say?



1. Who should get baptized?



2.1 Who should get baptized?

Acts 2:38

³⁸Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, **every one of you**, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:12

¹² But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, **both men and women**.

Acts 18:8

⁸ Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians **who heard Paul believed** and were baptized.



2. Baptism – What does the Bible Say?



1. Who should get baptized?
2. Why should I be baptized?



2.2 Why should I be baptized?

Matthew 3:13-15

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

¹⁵ Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do **this to fulfill all righteousness.**” Then John consented.

1 Peter 2:21

²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should **follow in His steps.**



2.2 Why should I be baptized?

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

John 14:15

¹⁵“If you love me, keep my commands.”



2.2 Why should I be baptized?

Romans 6:3-5

³Or don't you know that all of us who were **baptized into Christ Jesus** were baptized into His death? ⁴We were therefore **buried with Him through baptism** into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵ For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly also be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

Colossians 2:12

¹² having been **buried with him in baptism**, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.



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2.3 When should I be baptized?

Acts 2:37-41

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

³⁸ Peter replied, “**Repent and be baptized**, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ **Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.**”



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2.4 How should I be baptized?

Matthew 28:19

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Acts 2:38

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2.5 What is the effect of baptism?

Acts 2:41-47

⁴¹They devoted themselves to the apostles' **teaching and to fellowship**, to the **breaking of bread** and to **prayer**. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



2.5 What is the effect of baptism?

Acts 5:14

¹⁴ Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.

1 Corinthians 12:13

¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.



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⁵ For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly also be united with Him in a resurrection like His. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.



3. Practical Details

WEAR

- ~~White clothes if possible~~
- Note that white may be see-through
- Arrive in your baptismal clothes

BRING

- A towel
- A bag for wet clothes
- A set of dry clothes

MEET

- At Theatre stage at 09:30am
- You will be given instructions and shown where to change

EXPECT

- Blessing
- Empowering
- Calling