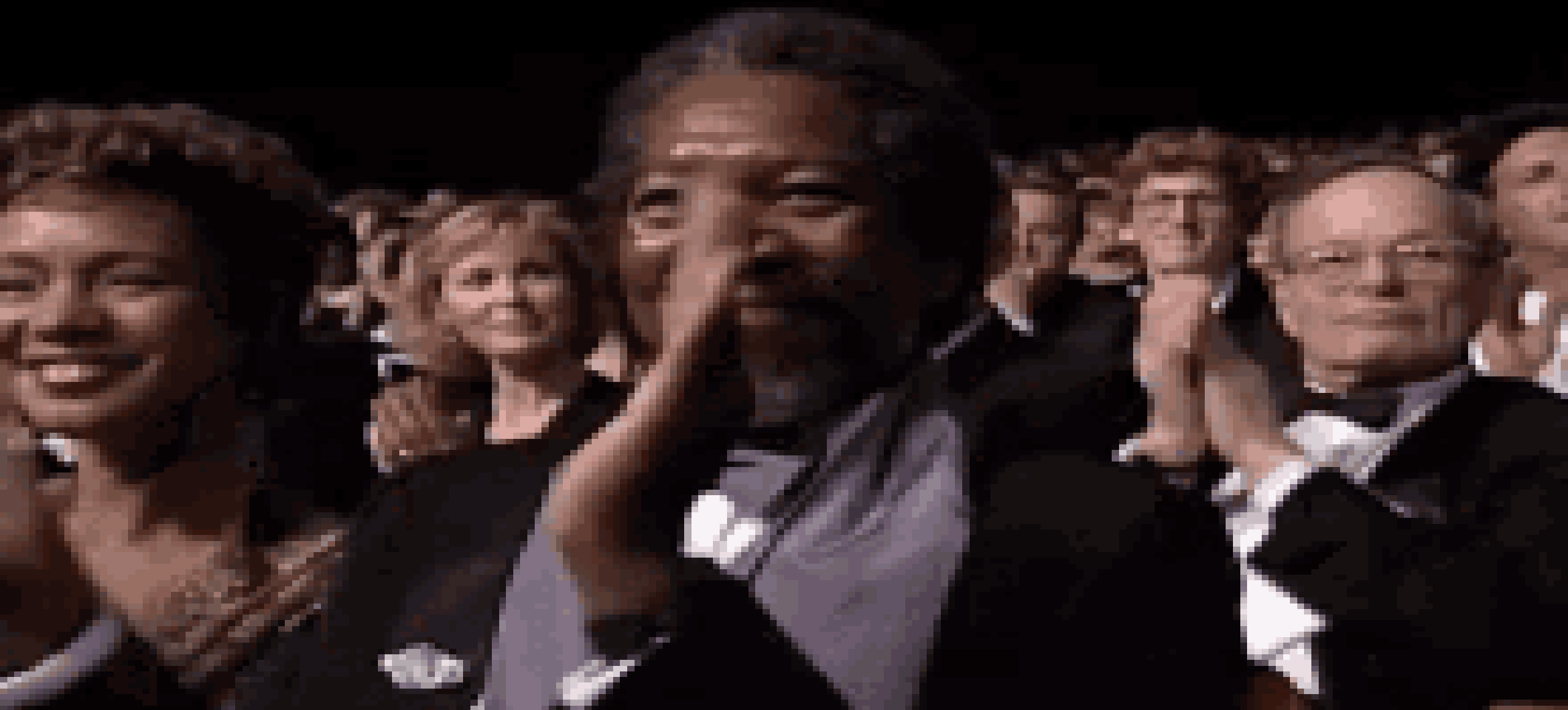




**Applause and Praise Feels
We Seek Applause and Praise**



Good Job!



**FABULOUS FABULOUS
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MY GIRL...

How To Live A Life That Is Pleasing To God

Matt 3:16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

Matt 3:17 And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

God Desires His Children To Live A Life That Pleases Him

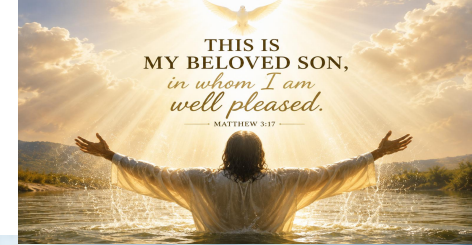


Mary Starks



“From The Water To The Walk”

Scripture Reading: Rom 6:3-6



CHURCH OF CHRIST at Long Creek

“You Don’t Come Up The Same”

Kelvin L. Briggs, 30 August, 2026

A person with long dark hair, wearing a white robe, is seen from behind, standing in a body of water with their arms outstretched. Water is splashing around their waist. Above them, a white dove is flying with its wings spread, set against a bright, hazy sky with soft clouds. Sunbeams radiate from behind the dove, creating a dramatic, ethereal atmosphere. The background shows a calm body of water and distant, hilly land.

THIS IS
MY BELOVED SON,
*in whom I am
well pleased.*

— MATTHEW 3:17 —

Every Face In Baptism Represent A Story



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Different

Background

Gender

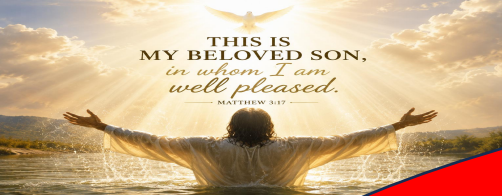
Ages

Circumstances

All Came To The Same

Decision

I WANT TO GIVE MY LIFE TO JESUS!



A Look At Jesus' Baptism



Baptism Was Not
Man's Idea
Jesus Commanded It
For Two Reasons

Matt 3:15

by him
and

to be baptized

by You,

Matt 3:15

is fitting for us to

now, for thus it

A Submission To The Father's Will John 6:38

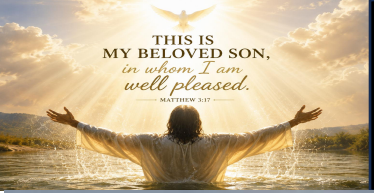
Son In The Water, The Spirit Descends, & The Father Speaks vs 16-17

If The Sinless Son of God, Was Willing To Submit, To The Father's Will In Baptism, Why Would I Argue Against It, When He Commands It

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

Mark 16:15 He who believes and is baptized will be saved.

**What Is Taught To
Compel Baptism**



Baptism The ANSWER To The QUESTION



Who Will Know Your Name In 100 Years

**The grass withers, the flower fades but the word of
our God will stand forever Isaiah 40:8**



Baptism The Question



Acts 2:37

and

Acts

What

Only Believe On the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Pet 3:21

Only Confess Jesus With Your Mouth & You Will Be Saved (Rom 10:9)

In Both Cases Action Was Required

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **Vs 41** Those who gladly received his word were baptized

Acts 16:33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed *their* stripes. And immediately he and all his *family* were baptized.

**You Can't Be Taught Wrong
and Baptized Right vs 32**

Acts 22:16 Arise and Be Baptized Washing Away Your Sins...calling



Why Baptism, What Happens



Gal 3:26-27 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized **into** Christ have **put** on Christ.

Words Have Meaning

INTO: word of **direction**

INTO: **Movement from outside to inside**

PUT: word of **action**

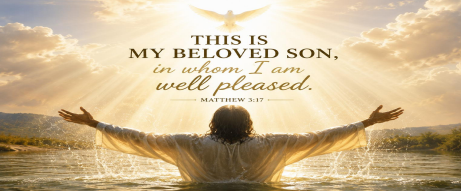
PUT: **Place, set, or position**

We Are Filthy Rags Outside of Christ Isaiah 64:6
When We Stand Before God Our Confidence Is Not In Us

Col 3:3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Where Do We Find Spiritual Blessings

Eph 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* **in Christ**



Going Deeper Into Baptism



Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? **Christ Death Is Better**

Why Does Baptism Into His Death Matter

Rom 6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. **Acts 2:38 (The Spirit)**

Baptism Is The Beautiful Picture of The Gospel 1 Cor 15

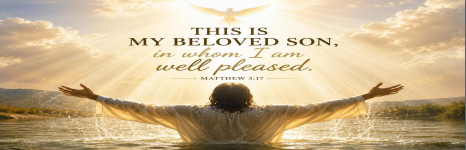
For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

Jesus Died

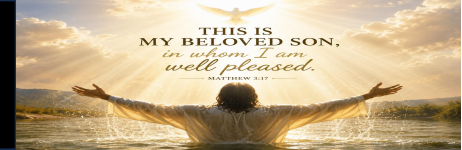
Jesus Was Buried

Jesus Rose Again

Receiving & Taking Hold of The Gospel Saves 1 Cor 15:1-2



Baptism Is The Beginning



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Today Is A Celebration of New Life Found Only In Christ

2 Cor 5:17

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, **HE IS** a **new creation**; old things have **passed away**; behold, all things have **become new**

New Creation: I Have A New Identity

Old Things Passed Away: I Am Not A Hostage of The Past

All Things Become New: I Have A New Future In Christ

When Denial, Doubt, & Despair Comes Keep On Keeping On

There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Eph 4:5-6

**HAVE YOU BEEN
BAPTIZED TO BE
PUT IN CHRIST?**

- If God Required Jesus Baptism And It Pleased God. Should You And Would It Please God? **Matt 3:16-17**
- When You Are Baptized Into Christ You Put On The One In Whom God Is Well, Accessing Blessing **Gal 3:27/Eph 1:3**
- Baptism Is A Direct Response To “What Must I Do To Be Save **Acts 2:38**
- Baptism Is What Saves By Removal Of Sin **1 Peter 3:21/Acts 22:16**
- When God Look At You, All Your Past Mistakes And Sins Are Hidden Because He See Jesus **Col 3:3**

BAPTISM ALLOWS YOU TO WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE
ROM 6:4