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Child Dedication

A baby dedication is a ceremony in which believing parents make a commitment before the Lord to raise that child according to God's Word and God's ways.

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Christian parents who dedicate a child are making a promise to the Lord before the church congregation to do everything within their power to raise the child in a godly way — prayerfully — until he or she can make a decision on his or her own to follow God.

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Deuteronomy 6

4 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

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Deuteronomy 6

7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

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Deuteronomy 6

9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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Proverbs 22:6 NIV

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

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Mark 16:15

15And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. 16Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

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Baptism

From the Greek word baptizō to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge (of vessels sunk)

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Matthew 28:19

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, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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Believers Baptism

We practice believer baptism because this is the clear biblical pattern (believe and be baptized). There is no biblical evidence for the practice of infant “baptism” rather it is based on church tradition, adopted from ancient cultural (pagan) practices.

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Child Dedication

COMMITTING OUR CHILDREN TO THE LORD

Baptism

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Acts 8

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place.

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Acts 8

27 And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28 and was returning,...

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Eunuch

Ethiopian eunuch mentioned in Acts 8 was a high court official of Candace, the queen of Ethiopia. He was in Israel to worship the Lord at the temple, A king would often castrate his servants to ensure they would not be tempted by the harem or to engage in sedition because there would be no way to have sons to sustain their own dynasty.

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Acts 8

28 ...seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot."

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Acts 8

30 So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

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Acts 8

32 Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.

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Acts 8

33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

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Isaiah 53

3 He was despised and rejected[b] by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him

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Isaiah 53

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of

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Isaiah 53

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the

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Acts 8

34 And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. 36 And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch

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Acts 8

38 And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. 39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at

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Different Types of Learning

- Knowledge** *knowing something with familiarity gained through experience or study*
- Understanding** *the power to make knowledge intelligible by applying concepts and categories. Comprehension*
- Wisdom** *The ability to apply knowledge and understanding to make good decisions or give good advice.*

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Knowledge

- Isaiah** *Prophetic book in the Hebrew Bible*
- Chapter 53** *Speaks of someone who is unfairly treated, who is suffering on behalf of others*
- Large Group of Verses** *It is clearly an important point for Isaiah continues with his discourse for a good length of time.*

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Lack Understanding

Isaiah 53 doesn't make sense. How can this be talking about the conquering Messiah. It must be referring to someone else.

Who?

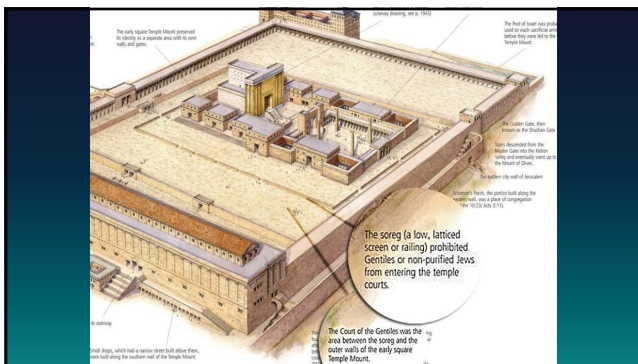
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