

GOT JOY?
SO YOU MAY KNOW MESSAGE SERIES WEEK 1

1 John

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Why study 1 John?

1. So that we can have a better understanding and appreciation for Jesus. (1 John 1:1-3, 2:1-2, 3:2-3, 4:14, 5:5)
2. So that our joy can be complete. (1 John 1:4)
3. So that we can grow in love. (1 John 3:11-24, 4:7-21)
4. So that we can have assurance of eternal life. (1 John 5:13)

Homework:

1. Read 1 John.
2. Post your favorite verse from 1 John on social media.

Discussion Question:

Which of the four reasons for studying 1 John most motivates you to read 1 John? And why?



Celebrating Their Faith in Jesus Christ Through Baptism Today:

8:00 a.m. Service:

Leah MacKay

9:30 a.m. Service:

Morgan Green
Jackson Kritzer

11:00 a.m. Service:

Cindy Newman

What is baptism?

Throughout the New Testament, people publicly displayed their faith in Christ through baptism (Acts 2:38-41, 8:36-38). They did this as an act of obedience (Matthew 28:19) to identify themselves with Jesus Christ (Romans 6:3-4).

“Baptism is a physical picture of a spiritual truth. Baptism declares your faith, shares Christ’s burial and resurrection, symbolizes your death to your old life, and announces your new life in Christ. It is also a celebration of your inclusion in God’s family.” Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2002, p. 120.

Baptism is not a means to gain salvation. Baptism does not make you a member of God’s family; faith in Christ alone does that. Rather, baptism is a public expression of your personal faith.

Baptism is different than church membership. Baptism is a public expression of your commitment to Jesus Christ. Church membership is your commitment to a local family of Christ-followers. The only biblical condition for baptism is that you have placed your faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.

If you are interested in being baptized, fill out a Connection Card and check the Baptism box.