

Momentum: Celebration

A Vision for Following Christ Together

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Scripture:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.

—Hebrews 12:1-3

Notes:

BAPTISM

Baptism by immersion is a visual and symbolic demonstration of an individual's union with Christ. It is a sign that a person's former life has been put to death and it symbolizes a resurrection from the deathly grip of sin.

What is believer's baptism?

- A declaration of the gospel
- A public identification with Christ
- An illustration of the washing of sin and new life in Christ
- A demonstration of public obedience to Christ

What is baptism not?

- Baptism is not washing away of sin.
- Baptism is not a means of salvation.
- Baptism is not necessary for salvation.

Why should someone be baptized?

- To obey Christ's command to be baptized.
- To display to others that you are a disciple of Christ.
- To follow Christ's example.

Who should be baptized?

- Those who believe and confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Baptism passages to consider: Matthew 3:16, 28:19-20; Acts 2:38-41, 8:12, 8:38, 22:16; Romans 6:3-7; 1 Corinthians 6:11, 12:12-13; Galatians 3:26-27; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21

BETHEL'S RHYTHMS:

- UP — our relationship with God
- IN — our relationship with God's people
- OUT — our relationship with God's mission

Building Momentum...

- Prepare yourself to engage.
- Persevere to the end.
- Point your eyes to Jesus Christ.

Will you do your part?

- Pray, Participate, and Partner