

# What is Salvation & Baptism?

## CELEBRATION OF NEW LIFE

- We have baptisms in every service this morning
- Spontaneous baptisms between services are also available today
- John 10:10 – *(Jesus said,) I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

## THE GREAT COMMISSION & BAPTISM – MATTHEW 28:18-20

- ▶ Note the clear, biblical progression
  - ① Presentation of the Message (see Romans 10:17)
  - ② Receiving New Life in Christ (see John 1:11-12)
  - ③ Believer's Baptism (see Acts 2:38, 41; 8:12; 9:18; 16:29-33)
  - ④ Obedience -Oriented Growth (see Matthew 28:20)

## WHAT IS BAPTISM? (Romans 6:4)

- ▶ The immersion of a believing person under water
- Greek word "battizw" (baptize) = to dip under
- Baptism symbolizes cleansing, death to our "old self" & raising to newness of life

## WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED? (Galatians 3:26-27)

- ▶ To follow the example & command of Christ.

## WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED? (Acts 2:38)

- ▶ All people who have placed their trust in Christ

## WHEN SHOULD SOMEONE BE BAPTIZED? (Acts 8:36,38)

- ▶ ASAP
- If you have trusted Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior, but never taken the obedient step of believer's baptism... be baptized today... RIGHT NOW!

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Sermons can be viewed online at [creeksideeg.com/sermon](http://creeksideeg.com/sermon)

Questions are based on the NIV translation of the Bible

### PRAYER

Begin your time together by thanking God for water baptism which gives believers the opportunity publically to step out in faith and follow the Lord's example and command.

### MY STORY

If you were baptized by immersion in the past, what or who was influential in helping you make that decision? Describe the emotions you experienced at your baptism.

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Thinking back on Sunday, which testimony of someone getting baptized especially touched your heart?
2. **Read Acts 2:22-41.** Acts 2 represents the birth of the Church of Jesus Christ. When Peter's audience heard his message, they were "cut to the heart" (v.37). What question did they subsequently ask (v.37)? How did Peter answer that question (v.38), and what happened next (v.41)?
3. **Read Acts 8:25-40.** Summarize the story of Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch. Who brought up the subject of baptism, the Ethiopian Eunuch or Philip? What is unusual about this encounter, and what lessons can we learn from it?

### DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

4. **Read Acts 16:12-34,** summarize the passage and answer the following questions:
  - a. In order for people to get baptized, they first need to come to Christ. This often happens because a Christian is courageous enough to share the good news of Christ with them. Who got saved and baptized in this passage?
  - b. Who shared Christ with those who got saved?
  - c. What hardships did those who shared Christ face in the city of Philippi?
  - d. Do you think that Paul and Silas thought it was worth all the suffering to see these people get saved and subsequently baptized? Explain your answer.
  - e. What lessons can be learned from this passage?
5. Have you ever suffered for sharing Christ with another person? Explain. Did the person who shared Christ with you (when you became a Christian) suffer for sharing his or her faith?
6. What do you think you would be willing to suffer to see loved ones come to Christ?

### PRAYING TOGETHER

Ask God to give you boldness in sharing your faith. Ask Him to give you courage to share despite the opposition.