

BAPTISM SUNDAY

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)

Prayer of Salvation – *Lord Jesus, I need You in my life. You died on the cross for me... in my place. So I receive You by faith this day as my Lord and Savior. Please come into my life. Forgive me of my sins. Adopt me into the forever family of God. With Your ongoing help, it is my desire to walk with You from this day on. Thank You for the free gift of salvation. Amen.*

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 "battizō" (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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LUKE 1-9 | Review Time

Sermons can be viewed online at creeksideeg.com/sermon
Questions are based on the NIV translation of the Bible

PRAYER

Begin your time together by thanking God for all the great baptism stories about new life in Christ that were presented on Sunday. Halleluiah! Thank You Father for the amazing gifts of forgiveness, salvation and life transformation in Jesus!

REVIEW TIME

This week, we're mixing it up! For those of you who would like to discuss a couple of baptism passages from the New Testament, please see the OPTIONAL section below. But we STRONGLY RECOMMEND this week that our LifeGroups actually watch a great YouTube link which offers an outstanding review of the first nine chapters of the Gospel of Luke. We have actually covered Luke 1-8 here at Creekside, but we will make it through chapter 9 by Thanksgiving.

Here's the link:

https://youtu.be/XIb_dCIxzt0 [Or search: Read Scripture: Luke Ch.1-9] (We also recommend that our LifeGroup leaders/hosts do a practice run before your LifeGroup gathers to make sure all the technology agrees with your intentions!)

WARNING: Though this YouTube review of Luke 1-9 is only 8+ minutes long, it moves FAST, so buckle your seat belts and pay careful attention! (Hint: You may even want to watch the review twice!)

LUKE 1-9 REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is your overall impression of the Gospel of Luke, chapters 1-9? How successful has the author been up to this point at "painting of portrait" of Jesus Christ?
 - **Luke 2:29-32** – Simeon's prophecy ("*a light of revelation to the Gentiles*")
2. As the only non-Jewish gospel writer, Luke makes a number of clear references to the fact that God is going to take His salvation beyond Israel to the whole world. The Gospel was to go global! Outsiders of all stripes would be welcomed. Review the following references and talk about how they feed into this developing theme.
 - **Luke 3:4-6** – Isaiah's prophecy about John the Baptist ("*all mankind will see God's salvation*")

- **Luke 3:37** – Jesus' genealogy traced back beyond Abraham to Adam (who wasn't Jewish!)
- **Luke 4:24-27** – Jesus preaching in the synagogue of Nazareth, referring to Elijah and Elisha (great Jewish prophets) helping Gentile "outsiders"
- **Luke 5:27-32** – Calling an "outsider" (Levi) into His inner circle (see v. 32)
- **Luke 7:9-10** – Healing a (Gentile) Roman Centurion's servant
- **Luke 8:26-28, 38-39** – Healing of a (non-Jewish) demon-possessed man who was then sent to be a missionary in a non-Jewish region

OPTIONAL – QUESTIONS ABOUT BAPTISM

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?
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 faith in 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 be born again and subsequently baptized? Explain your answer.
 - e. What lessons can be learned from this passage?

PRAYING TOGETHER

Ask God to give you courage and boldness in sharing your faith. And thank Him for the new life He has given you in Christ!