



A Miracle of Baptism

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WHY IS BAPTISM SO IMPORTANT?

1. Baptism is an outward sign of an inward _____.

APPLICATION: Baptism is an outward sign of our salvation, the repentance of our sins, and the decision we have made to follow Christ.

2. Baptism is a symbolic act of spiritual _____.

- Water baptism: symbolizes our repentance of sins.
- Spirit baptism: symbolizes the work of regeneration from the Holy Spirit that begins at the moment of salvation.
- Fire baptism: symbolizes the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit as we are purified, refined, and sanctified.

APPLICATION: Water baptism, Spirit baptism, and fire baptism are not three separate baptisms. Scripture does not teach that we need to be baptized three separate times. We only need to be baptized once, and in that baptism, we are baptized with water, spirit, and fire.

3. Baptism is a reminder that with our _____ the heavens open (celebration), the Holy Spirit is unleashed (indwelling), and the Father's heart is moved (satisfaction).

APPLICATION: Baptism is a symbolic act and a reminder of what happens at the moment of our salvation. We are reminded that Jesus celebrates, the Holy Spirit indwells, and the Father is fully satisfied.

How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit that you have sinned against God and others.
- 2) Believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and died for you on the cross.
- 3) Commit to following Jesus Christ all the days of your life!

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In your name, Amen.

If you chose to follow Jesus today, text "FAITH" to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus

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