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NEW START

WATER BAPTISM



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DEAR FRIEND...

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR DECISION TO FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST. WE WANT TO HELP YOU KNOW HOW YOU ARE SAVED, AS WELL AS WHAT'S NEXT IN YOUR WALK AS A NEW BELIEVER.

WE'LL START WITH GOD'S FOREVER PLAN TO IMPACT OUR LIVES. IF YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED JESUS AS SAVIOR AND LORD THIS WILL BE A REVIEW. IF YOU ARE STILL UNSURE ABOUT SALVATION, IT MAY BE THAT JESUS IS KNOCKING ON THE DOOR OF YOUR HEART, WAITING FOR YOU TO RECEIVE HIM. SALVATION IS A GIFT FROM GOD THAT YOU RECEIVE BY FAITH.

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**"BEHOLD, I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK;
IF ANYONE HEARS MY VOICE AND OPENS
THE DOOR, I WILL COME IN TO HIM AND
WILL DINE WITH HIM, AND HE WITH ME."**

REVELATION 3:20.

**"FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH
FAITH; AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES, IT IS THE
GIFT OF GOD; NOT AS A RESULT OF WORKS, SO
THAT NO ONE MAY BOAST."**

EPHESIANS 2:8,9

OUR PROBLEM AND GOD'S SOLUTION

WE ALL SIN AND HAVE SIN IN US

“FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND COME SHORT OF
THE GLORY OF GOD” ROMANS 3:23

SIN SEPERATES US FROM GOD AND HIS LOVE

“FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT THE FREE
GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH
JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD” ROMANS 6:23

GOD'S GIFT OF SALVATION

“FOR WHOEVER WILL CALL UPON THE NAME OF
THE LORD WILL BE SAVED” ROMANS 10:13

PRAYER OF SALVATION TO RECEIVE GOD'S GIFT

JESUS, I ADMIT I SIN & SIN SEPARATES ME FROM YOU.

FORGIVE ME OF MY SINS.

I BELIEVE THAT JESUS TOOK ALL MY SIN ON THE CROSS & DIED MY PENALTY
OF DEATH .

I BELIEVE THAT JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD AND THAT I ROSE TO BE A
NEW CREATION IN HIM.

FILL ME WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT.

GIVE ME HUNGER FOR YOU AND A BOLDNESS TO SHARE JESUS CHRIST.

I'M SAVED & BRAND NEW. I'M FORGIVEN AND ON MY WAY TO HEAVEN.

THANK YOU THAT JESUS NOW LIVES IN ME.

IN JESUS NAME.

WATER BAPTISM IS FOR ME TODAY

THIS BOOKLET EXPLAINS ONE OF THE TWO
PRINCIPLE ORDINANCES JESUS CHRIST
COMMANDED HIS FOLLOWERS TO DO. AS WITH
OTHER TOPICS TAUGHT, NOTHING WE CAN DO
IS A "WORK" ADDED TO THE FINISHED WORK
OF JESUS ON THE CROSS FOR OUR REDEMPTION.
HIS BLOOD ALONE PURCHASED COMPLETE
SALVATION FOR US.

WE PARTICIPATE IN WATER BAPTISM NOT TO
EARN SALVATION, BUT BECAUSE WE HAVE
RECEIVED SALVATION, ARE BORN AGAIN, AND
DESIRE TO GLORIFY GOD. IT'S NOT AN OLD
FASHIONED RITUAL OF THE PAST. WATER
BAPTISM IS A VIBRANT FAITH CELEBRATION
FOR BELIEVERS RIGHT NOW!

THERE IS POWERFUL SYMBOLISM ASSOCIATED
WITH THIS COMMAND WHICH SERVES TO BUILD
OUR FAITH. BY ACKNOWLEDGING THAT JESUS IS
LORD OF OUR LIVES WE HEAR HIM AND
FOLLOW THROUGH WITH ACTION.

I DON'T GET WATER BAPTIZED
BECAUSE I HAVE TO.
I GET WATER BAPTIZED BECAUSE *I GET TO.*

WHY WATER BAPTISM?

WATER BAPTISM IS A SYMBOL OF WHAT
CHRIST HAS ALREADY DONE IN YOUR SPIRIT
PERSON WHEN YOU WERE BORN AGAIN

"OR DO YOU NOT KNOW
THAT ALL OF US WHO HAVE
BEEN BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST
JESUS HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED
INTO HIS DEATH?

THEREFORE WE HAVE BEEN
BURIED WITH HIM THROUGH
BAPTISM INTO DEATH, SO
THAT, JUST AS CHRIST WAS
RAISED FROM THE DEAD
THROUGH THE GLORY OF THE
FATHER, SO WE TOO MAY
WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE."

ROMANS 6:3,4

JESUS WAS WATER BAPTIZED

"NOW WHEN ALL THE PEOPLE
WERE BAPTIZED, JESUS
ALSO WAS BAPTIZED," LUKE 3:21

JESUS HAS COMMANDED IT

WATER BAPTISM IS A WONDERFUL
FIRST STEP OF OBEDIENCE TO
JESUS OUR LORD

"GO, THEREFORE, AND MAKE
DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS,
BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF
THE FATHER AND THE SON AND
THE HOLY SPIRIT, TEACHING THEM
TO FOLLOW ALL THAT I
COMMANDED YOU; AND BEHOLD,
I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE
END OF THE AGE"
MATTHEW 28:19, 20

THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH EXAMPLE

WATER BAPTISM PUBLICLY IDENTIFIES
YOU AS A BELIEVER IN JESUS

"THEREFORE, EVERYONE WHO
CONFESSES ME BEFORE PEOPLE, I WILL
ALSO CONFESS HIM BEFORE MY FATHER
WHO IS IN HEAVEN."

MATTHEW 10:32

EVERYWHERE PEOPLE CAME TO BE
BORN AGAIN, THEY WERE WATER
BAPTIZED. THIS PRECEDENT IS FOUND
THROUGHOUT THE BOOK OF ACTS &
THE WRITINGS OF APOSTLE
PAUL. WATER BAPTISM WAS THE
NORMAL PROGRESSION OF TRUE FAITH
IN JESUS CHRIST. THIS ACT OF
OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST IS NOT CASUAL
BUT EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.

"AS THEY WENT ALONG THE ROAD THEY
CAME TO SOME WATER; AND THE EUNUCH
*SAID, "LOOK! WATER! WHAT PREVENTS ME
FROM BEING BAPTIZED?" [R] 38 AND HE
ORDERED THAT THE [S] CHARIOT STOP; AND
THEY BOTH WENT DOWN INTO THE WATER,
PHILIP AS WELL AS THE EUNUCH, AND HE
BAPTIZED HIM."

ACTS 8:36-38

APPARENTLY PART OF THE WITNESS PHILIP
GAVE TO THE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH INCLUDED
THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER BAPTISM. THE
MAN RECEIVED JESUS CHRIST AND ASKED TO
BE WATER BAPTIZED RIGHT AWAY. THE GREEK
WORD WHICH IS TRANSLATED BAPTIZE IS
BAPTIZO, WHICH LITERALLY MEANS "TO
IMMERSE, SUBMERGE, DIP OR PLUNGE INTO A
LIQUID". THE NEW TESTAMENT PRACTICE WAS
IMMERSION OF A PERSON IN WATER. IN THIS
WAY THE SYMBOLISM OF BEING BURIED WITH
CHRIST, (IMMERSED UNDER WATER), AND
BEING RAISED UP TO NEW LIFE, (COMING UP
OUT OF THE WATER), IS A TANGIBLE
EXPERIENCE AS AN EXPRESSION OF FAITH.

AS SEEN IN NEW TESTAMENT TIMES,
A FUNCTION OF PUBLIC WATER
BAPTISM WAS THAT IT SERVED AS
A COURAGEOUS ACT OF TESTIMONY
TO EVERYONE THAT THAT PERSON
WAS NOW A BELIEVER IN JESUS
CHRIST. MANY OF THEM WERE
BANISHED FROM THEIR FAMILIES,
AND OTHERS SUFFERED
PERSECUTION AND POSSIBLE DEATH
FOR THEIR OBEDIENCE TO JESUS'
COMMAND. TALK ABOUT AN
IMPORTANT FAITH ACTION!

WHEN YOU ARE WATER BAPTIZED
INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS
TO THE EVENT. IF THEY ARE SAVED
THEY WILL CELEBRATE WITH YOU.
IF THEY ARE NOT YET BORN AGAIN
THEY WILL HEAR THE GOOD NEWS
THAT JESUS DIED FOR THEIR SINS
AND ROSE FROM THE DEAD SO
THAT THEY CAN BE SAVED TOO!

THE MOMENT SOMEONE ENLISTS IN THE MILITARY THEY BECOME A SOLDIER. THEY MAY STILL BE WEARING CIVILIAN CLOTHES BUT THEY ALREADY ARE A SOLDIER. WHEN THEY PUT ON THEIR UNIFORM THEY ARE NO MORE A SOLDIER THAN WHEN THEY FIRST ENLISTED. HOWEVER, WHEN THEY WEAR THE UNIFORM IT IDENTIFIES THEM AS A SOLDIER TO THE PUBLIC.

IT IS THE SAME WITH BECOMING A BELIEVER IN JESUS CHRIST. THE MOMENT YOU PRAYED TO RECEIVE FORGIVENESS FOR YOUR SINS AND ACCEPTED GOD'S FREE GIFT OF OF LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST, YOU ENLISTED. WHEN YOU ARE WATER BAPTIZED IT'S LIKE YOU PUT ON THE UNIFORM AND BOLDLY TELL EVERYONE,
"I FOLLOW JESUS!"

*WATER BAPTISM IS AN
OUTWARD DECLARATION OF AN
INWARD CHANGE*

TIPS ON GETTING WATER BAPTIZED

- 1- GET WATER BAPTIZED RIGHT AWAY.
REMEMBER IT IS YOUR FIRST STEP OF
FAITH TO OBEY JESUS' COMMAND
- 2- MAKE SURE YOU KNOW THAT IT IS
NOT REQUIRED TO BE SAVED. INSTEAD IT
IS A DECLARATION TO EVERYONE THAT
YOU ALREADY ARE SAVED!
- 3- CONNECT WITH BELIEVERS WHO WILL
HELP YOU. WHEN GOD LEADS YOU TO A
CHURCH THEY WILL HAVE A WAY TO
HELP YOU EMBRACE WATER BAPTISM
- 4- MAKE SURE YOU ARE BAPTIZED BY
IMMERSION IN WATER. IT'S HOW JESUS
WAS BAPTIZED & IT HELPS YOU TO
RELATE TO THE MIRACLE OF YOUR NEW
BIRTH: YOU WERE BURIED WITH JESUS
THROUGH HIS DEATH AND BURIAL
(UNDER THE WATER); YOU ARE RAISED
TO NEW CREATION LIFE THROUGH HIS
RESURRECTION (OUT OF THE WATER).

5- A SUITABLE PLACE TO BE BAPTIZED CAN VARY: A CHURCH BAPTISM AREA, A SWIMMING POOL, THE BEACH, A LAKE, A RIVER, A SWIMMING POOL, A SAUNA AT A HEALTH CLUB, A CATTLE TROUGH...ANYWHERE THAT'S BIG ENOUGH TO IMMERSE YOU. PEOPLE ARE EVEN GETTING BAPTIZED IN THE BACK OF PICKUP TRUCKS!

6- INVITE! INVITE! INVITE! FAMILY AND FRIENDS WILL CELEBRATE WITH SMILES AND CAMERAS. SOMEONE YOU CARE ABOUT WHO IS UNSAVED MAY COME TO KNOW JESUS FOR THE FIRST TIME!

7- EXPECT A SUPERNATURAL ENCOUNTER WITH GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT AS YOU ARE WATER BAPTIZED. SOME PEOPLE ARE HEALED, SOME ARE SET FREE FROM BONDAGES AND OTHERS ARE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH PRAYING IN A SUPERNATURAL SPIRITUAL LANGUAGE.

WE ARE EXCITED FOR YOUR BOLD
DECISION TO OBEY JESUS IN
WATER BAPTISM

ALL BELIEVERS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH WERE BAPTIZED. YOU ARE IN GREAT COMPANY: ALL OF THE APOSTLES, INCLUDING PAUL, PETER, MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE, JOHN AND THE REST. YOU SHARE THE OBEDIENT CELEBRATION OF PHILLIP THE EVANGELIST AND STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR. YOU DO WHAT JESUS HIMSELF DID AND YOU ARE DOING WHAT JESUS COMMANDED YOU TO DO.

BY NOW YOU MAY BE SAYING, "I AM READY TO BE WATER BAPTIZED!" WATER BAPTISM IS SUCH A POWERFUL EXPERIENCE THAT SOME PEOPLE DO IT AGAIN WHEN THEY VISIT ISRAEL AND THE RIVER JORDAN WHERE JESUS WAS BAPTIZED. WHEN YOU HAVE GENUINELY BEEN REBORN FROM AN OLD LIFE OF SIN TO A NEW LIFE OF SALVATION, WATER BAPTISM IS AN EXPERIENCE YOU WILL ALWAYS TREASURE. CONGRATULATIONS!

WE HOPE THIS BOOKLET WAS HELPFUL!

WE COVERED AREAS THAT ARE
BENEFICIAL AS YOU START YOUR
NEW LIFE IN JESUS.

THERE ARE MANY OTHER WAYS TO
LEARN AND GROW. THAT'S WHY IT IS
VERY IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO FIND
AN AWESOME CHURCH TO HELP YOU
TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE OF
FOLLOWING JESUS CHRIST.
THROUGH JESUS YOU WILL LEARN TO
WALK IN VICTORY THROUGH ALL
CIRCUMSTANCES.

IF YOU STILL HAVE QUESTIONS FEEL
FREE TO CONTACT US AT: IGONOW.ORG

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR ADDITIONAL
RESOURCES FOR NEW BELIEVERS:



YOU HAVE CONFESSED JESUS AS LORD AND
BELIEVE GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD.

CONGRATULATIONS, YOU ARE SAVED.

NOW THE ADVENTURE AND CHALLENGE BEGINS!

WE HOPE THIS BOOKLET IN THE SERIES
GIVES YOU A VIBRANT START IN YOUR
NEW LIFE IN JESUS.

