



NEW CREATION

Purpose:

- To understand how people move from dark to light, with an emphasis on teaching about baptism

How can people be saved?

1 Peter 2:9-10

- This scripture illustrates that we are either in the dark or the light, there is no 'gray/ in between' when it comes to salvation.
- At some point, each person must move from the dark to the light- from unforgiven to forgiven, from not being a people to becoming the people of God.

At this point in your life, would you say that you are in the dark or the light spiritually? Why?

Ephesians 2:8-9

- We are saved by the grace of God through the sacrifice of Jesus
- We are not saved because of what we do, we cannot earn our salvation

What is your understanding of baptism?

Acts 2:36-41

- When the people asked what they needed to do- Peter was very clear, they needed to believe in Jesus, repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of their sins and they would then receive the gift of the Holy Spirit

John 3:1-7

- Jesus made clear to this teacher that no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless he is born of water and Spirit.
- The concept of ceremonial washing would have been very familiar to a Jewish teacher, as it was a significant part of the Jewish journey to God.
- The idea of being washed to purify our sins goes all the way back to the law of Moses.
- Jesus is tying in our spiritual 'rebirth' to our baptism

AT A GLANCE

SCRIPTURES:

- 1 Peter 2:9-10
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- Acts 2:36-41
- John 3:1-7
- Romans 6:1-8
- 1 Peter 3:18-21

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

- Colossians 2:9-14
- Galatians 3:26-29
- Acts 8:26-40
- Acts 16:13-15
- Acts 22:1-16



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Romans 6:1-8

- When we are baptized, we symbolically identify with Christ's death but literally die to our old lives
- We crucify our old lives and rise to live a new life.
- Just as Jesus died, was buried, and rose again- so we too in baptism die to ourselves, are buried under the water, and rise to live a new life.
- Baptism is just like a wedding.

1 Peter 3:18-21

- In the story of Noah, the wickedness of the earth is washed away by the flood waters sent from God.
- In our modern-day story, our sins and wickedness are washed away by the waters of baptism.
- Baptism is God's chosen vessel for us to accept God's grace and mark the beginning of our new life in Christ.
- Sometimes people need to be reminded that the act of baptism is only powerful because of our faith in the sacrifice of Jesus and God's mercy.

Do you want to be baptized?

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

Colossians 2:9-14

- Baptism is directly related to circumcision.
- In circumcision, flesh is cut away from the body; and in baptism, our sin (flesh) is cut away from our body

Galatians 3:26-29

- When we are baptized, we become part of the family of God

Acts 16:13-15

- Lydia, a worshipper of God, was baptized after hearing the gospel along with her whole household

Acts 8:26-40

- The story of the apostle Philip baptizing the Ethiopian official
- This story is especially relevant for helping people see their urgent need for salvation and the acceptance of God's grace through baptism

Acts 22:1-16

- Paul's retelling of his conversion story
- Ananias says to him "Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name."