

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Barabbas

John 18:38-40

Bar abbas = son of abba
or son of the father.

When we choose Barabbas we choose _____,
and _____.

When we choose Jesus we deny _____ pick up the
_____ and follow _____

Jesus Christ came to give us _____ of _____.
John 10:10

WHY BAPTISM?

Matthew 28:18-20

BELIEVER'S BAPTISM

Acts 2:38, Acts 2:41, Acts 8:12, Acts 9:18, Acts 16:29-32, Acts 16:33

_____ -Oriented _____

*Baptizing them... and teaching them to obey everything I have
commanded you.* Matthew 28:20

Baptism is designed to be the _____
_____.

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

The _____ of a believing person _____
water. Romans 6:4

WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

To follow the _____ and _____ of
Christ. Galatians 3:26-27

WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

_____ who have _____ their _____ in
Christ. Acts 2:38

WHEN SHOULD SOMEONE BE BAPTIZED?

As soon as a person becomes a believer or follower of Jesus
Christ... _____. Acts 8:36, 38

OBJECTIONS?

I'm not good enough

I'm not ready

Take the next step of obedience in Christ
be baptized TODAY!



Sunday, October 27, 2024 | Joel Neufeld, Pastor
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Prayer

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

My Story

Have 2-3 people share their baptism story. Describe the process you went through as you decided to follow Jesus in being baptized.

Digging Deep

1. **Read John 1:29-34.** If Jesus never sinned, and John's baptism was a repentance of sin, why did Jesus need to be baptized? What was the significance of the dove descending on Jesus and the voice of heaven?
2. **Read Matthew 28:18-20.** Why do you think God insisted that baptism play such a critical role in our faith-walk with Him? Why is it important that believers be baptized "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit?"
3. **Read Acts 8:26-40.** Summarize the story of Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch. Who brought up the subject of baptism - the Ethiopian Eunuch or Philip? What other details are unusual about this encounter, and what lessons can we learn from it?

Digging Deeper

4. **Read Matthew 27:15-26.** Why do you think the crowd chose Barabbas over Jesus to be released? Why does Jesus accept being the innocent sacrifice?
5. How does Barabbas, a sinful man set free, reflect our own relationship with God? How does this summarize the gospel message to the world?

Digging Even Deeper

6. **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 generally happens because a Christian is courageous enough to share the Good News of Jesus with them. List the people 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.
 - d. How does baptism impact one's ability to evangelize?
 - e. What lessons can be learned from this passage?

Taking It Home

7. How can the Church community come alongside those who have been recently baptized to better support them in the Body of Christ? List some practical ways that you can personally support them well.
8. The story of Barabbas symbolizes the innocent blood of Jesus being sacrificed in the place of sinners like you and me. List ways we can express or display gratitude for this gospel of grace in our daily lives. What can you do differently this upcoming week that expresses this gratitude?

Praying Together

Share any needs your group may have and pray for one another. Pray also for those who were baptized on Sunday at Creekside that they stay strong in their faith journey.