

# “Ten Reasons You Should Be Baptized”

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Use the following outline as you listen to the message found: <http://www.southparkchurch.org/baptism>

Baptism is an \_\_\_\_\_ in water that \_\_\_\_\_ a believer's  
\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

## Why should you be baptized?

1. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ it. (Matthew 28:19)
2. It brings you into \_\_\_\_\_ with the Trinity. (Matthew 28:19)
3. The early church \_\_\_\_\_ it. (Acts 2:38)
4. It marks you \_\_\_\_\_ as a follower of Christ. (Acts 2:41)
5. It unites you in a dramatic way with Jesus in His \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 6:4)
6. It unites you in a dramatic way with Jesus in His \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 6:5)
7. It symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_. (Titus 3:5)
8. It identifies you with God's \_\_\_\_\_. (Galatians 3:26-28)
9. Your \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation can be strengthened. (1 Peter 3:21)
10. It commits you to our \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 28:19)

## “Immersed in Christ”

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1. The Temptation of \_\_\_\_\_

I am what I \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 4:3)

I am what I \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 4:7)

I am what \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 4:9)

2. Immersion in \_\_\_\_\_

I am \_\_\_\_\_

3. Baptism is being immersed in Christ \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Kenneth Boa has said, “We cannot consistently behave in ways that are different from what we believe about ourselves.” The following verses can help you reshape your view of yourself. Scan this list circling those that draw your attention. Then look up 2-3 of the verses you circled in your Bible.

Matthew 5:13-14	I am the salt and light of the earth.
John 1:12	I am God's child.
John 15:15	I am Christ's friend.
Acts 1:8	I am a personal witness of Christ's.
Romans 5:1	I have been justified.
Romans 8:1	I am free from condemnation.
Romans 8:29	I am chosen to become like Christ.
Romans 8:33-34	I am free from any condemning charges against me.
Romans 8:35-39	I cannot be separated from the love of God.
1 Corinthians 6:19	I am God's temple.
1 Corinthians 6:20	I have been bought with a price, I belong to God.
1 Corinthians 12:27	I am a member of Christ's body.
2 Corinthians 5:20	I am Christ's ambassador.
Ephesians 1:1	I am a saint.
Ephesians 1:5	I have been adopted as God's child.
Ephesians 2:10	I am God's workmanship.

Philippians 1:6	I am confident that the good work God has begun in me will be completed.
Philippians 3:20	I am a citizen of heaven.
Colossians 1:14	I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins.
Colossians 2:10	I am complete in Christ.

## Mentoring

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### I. Review the online messages with a mentor.

- A. What did you learn from the messages? What was confusing?
- B. Which verse from the box above stood out to you? Use the following insights to help you memorize and meditate on it.

#### 1. HOW TO MEMORIZE A VERSE

- a. Pick a verse that speaks to you.
- b. Say the reference before and after the verse.
- c. Read the verse aloud many times. Record it!
- d. Break the verse into natural phrases.
- e. Emphasize key words when quoting the verse.
- f. Write down the verse and erase a word one at a time.
- g. Write out the verse on a flash card.
- h. Carry some cards with you at all times for review.
- i. Display your verses in prominent places.
- j. Always memorize the verse word perfect.
- k. Put the verse to music. Write a song!
- l. Get a partner so you can check each other.

#### 2. SIX WAYS TO MEDITATE ON A VERSE

- a. Picture it! Visualize the scene in your mind.
- b. Pronounce it! Say the verse aloud, each time emphasizing a different word.
- c. Paraphrase it! Rewrite the verse in your own words.
- d. Personalize it! Replace the pronouns or people in the verse with your own name.
- e. Pray it! Turn the verse into a prayer and say it back to God.
- f. Probe it! Ask the following nine questions:

### II. Road Map (supplies provided by the church)

#### A. Stones

1. Think of significant events—good and bad—that have shaped your life.
  - Examples: Salvation, recommitment to Christ at a camp, divorce of parents, death of a loved one, first job, special award or recognition
2. Using a title for each event, write that title on the stones.
3. Use as many stones as you want.

#### B. Road

1. Unroll your road that represents your life journey from birth to the present and beyond.
2. Place the stones in the order they occurred leaving space in between them.
3. Feel free to add illustrations to the road (cracks, bumps, weeds, road signs, landmarks, etc.) using crayons, colored pencils, or markers.

#### C. Notes

1. Using sticky notes, describe time leading up to the event and following it:
  - How prepared were you for this event?
  - What do you wish had happened prior to or after the event?
  - What “God-moments” can you see in or around the event?
2. Insert the sticky note before or after the event.
3. *You invest in others through your story. It is God’s gift to you and what he uses to touch others.*

### III. Write Your Testimony

- A. Write your testimony using the following outline—about 1 paragraph each.
  - a. Before Christ
  - b. Beginning a Relationship with Christ
  - c. After Christ
- B. Include in your testimony the identity verse from above or another verse that is precious to you.

### IV. Plan the Celebration

- A. Consider a reception at your house.
- B. Send invitations to family and friends you want to share in this day.

### V. How to Have a Daily Quiet Time

After your baptism, meet with you mentor at least one more time to talk about growing in your relationship with Christ through the habit of a daily quiet time.

**DEFINITION:** "A quiet time is a daily time I set aside to be alone with God to get to know Him through the Bible and prayer."

- A. THE IMPORTANCE OF A DAILY QUIET TIME

Your time alone with God should be the top priority in your schedule for five reasons:

1. We were CREATED to have fellowship with God.

"So God created man in his own image ..." Gen. 1:27, 2:7, 3:8

"Look! I've been standing at the door and constantly knocking. If anyone ... opens the door, I will come in and fellowship with him and he with me." Rev. 3:20 (LB)

2. Jesus DIED to make a relationship to God possible.

"God ... has invited you into this wonderful friendship with his Son, Christ our Lord." 1 Cor. 1:9 (LB)

3. Personal time alone with God was Jesus'SOURCE OF STRENGTH

Mark 1:35, Luke 22:39, Luke 5:16

"Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed."

4. Every person who has been effective in SERVICE for God developed this habit.

Abraham, Moses, David, Daniel, Paul, etc.

5. You cannot be a HEALTHY Christian without it!

"Man cannot live on bread alone but on every word that God speaks." Matt. 4:4 (GN)

"... I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food." Job 23:12 (NAS)

## B. HOW TO BEGIN A DAILY QUIET TIME

1. SELECT A SPECIFIC TIME.

The best time to have a quiet time is when I am AT MY BEST.

Whatever time you set, BE CONSISTENT.

2. CHOOSE A SPECIAL PLACE.

"Jesus left the city and went, as he usually did, to the Mount of Olives ... to pray." Luke 22:39 (GN)

3. GATHER THE RESOURCES YOU'LL NEED.

- a. A Bible - with readable print.

b. A Notebook - to write down what the Lord speaks to you about, and to keep your prayer list.

c. A Songbook - if you want to sing.

#### 4. BEGIN WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDES

##### a. REVERENCE

"Be still, and know that I am God." Ps. 46:10

##### b. EXPECTANCY

"Open my eyes to see wonderful things in your Word." Ps. 119:18 (LB)

##### c. OBEDIENCE

"The thing you should want most is God's kingdom and doing what God wants" Mat 6:33 (NCV)

#### 5. FOLLOW A SIMPLE PLAN

#### 6. Resources

- a. *The Message//Remix: Solo: An Uncommon Devotional*
- b. *My Utmost for His Highest* by Oswald Chambers
- c. *For the Love of God: A Daily Companion for Discovering the Riches of God's Word* by D. A. Carson
- d. *Jesus Calling* by Sarah Young

**A PRAYER OF COMMITMENT:** "Father, I realize that I was created to have fellowship with you. Thank you for making this privilege possible through Jesus' death. I know that daily fellowship with You is to be the most important thing in my life. I now want to commit myself to spending at least some time every day with you in a quiet time of Bible reading and prayer. I'm trusting in your strength to help me be consistent. In Jesus' name, Amen."

#### VI. Plan for the Future

- A. Will you continue the mentoring relationship?
  1. If yes, brainstorm some goals. How do you want to grow spiritually, relationally, intellectually, physically, and emotionally?
  2. If no, take time to celebrate how you've seen God at work through this relationship.
- B. Share the outcome with the ministry director that helped connect you.