

# BAPTISM



**Buried with Christ,  
Raised to walk  
in the newness  
of LIFE.**



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# Chapter 4

## PREREQUISITES FOR BAPTISM

Review \_\_\_\_\_

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Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Sin by definition: Any time you \_\_\_\_\_ God.

Something that God asks you to do and you don't do.

Something He asks you not to do and you do it anyway!

\_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_.

Isaiah 59:2

But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

\_\_\_\_\_ separates us from \_\_\_\_\_.



Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The wages of sin is death.

Wages = Penalty, consequences, results, payment

\_\_\_\_\_ equals \_\_\_\_\_.



Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

\_\_\_\_\_ took our \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 10:11-12

<sup>11</sup> Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

<sup>12</sup> But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.

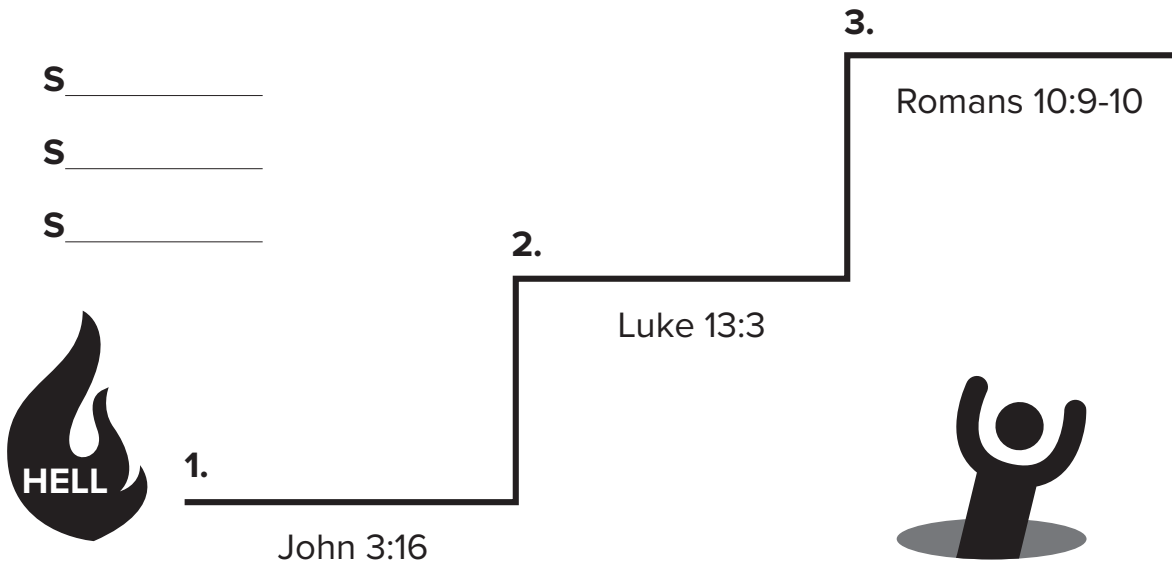


1. John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

2. Luke 13:3

I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.



4. Acts 2:38

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”



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5. Revelation 2:10

Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

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Acts 2:38

Two Things

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Two Reasons

2. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

3. Romans 10:9-10

That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Confess with your mouth \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

Lord = \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_



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## Reasons NOT to be Baptized

1. If you're not a believer in Jesus Christ.
2. If you're not repentant.
3. If Jesus is not your Lord.
4. If it's someone else's decision.
5. If you're trying to earn your way into Heaven.
6. If you don't want to be saved.
7. If you don't want to go to Heaven.
8. If you don't want to have your sins forgiven.
9. If you don't want God's presence in your life.
10. If you don't want to be a part of the Church.
11. If you don't believe in the atonement found in the blood of Christ.
12. If you'd rather keep following man-made religions and traditions.
13. If you don't believe it means anything.
14. If you don't want to follow Jesus' example.
15. If you don't want to follow Jesus' command.
16. If you believe there are other ways to be saved other than by Christ alone.
17. If you don't believe in the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus.

## Reasons to be Baptized

1. To follow Jesus' example. Mt. 3:13-17
2. To obey His command for baptism. Mt. 28:18-20
3. If you believe in the Death, Burial, and Resurrection. Rom. 6:3-5
4. If you are a believer and trust personally that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Mk. 16:16
5. If you have repented and turned to Jesus. Acts 2:38
6. If you have confessed that Jesus is Lord. Rom. 10:9-10
7. If you want to follow the conversion stories in the Book of Acts. (See page 19)
8. If you want to be raised again to new life. Col. 2:12
9. If you want your sins forgiven. Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16
10. If you want to be a part of the Church. Eph. 4:4-5
11. If you want to be clothed with Christ. Gal. 3:27
12. To pledge a good conscience toward God. I Pet. 3:21