## BAPTISM SUNDAY

## WHY?

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

## ...And yet many Christians have never been baptized.

It is our Heavenly Father's will that every follower of his Son Jesus Christ be baptized.

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand."

Romans 5: 1-2

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

John 3 :16

Baptism expresses our union with Christ in his death and resurrection.

Through union with Christ we are given a new name, a new history, a new identity, and new destiny.



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A person should get baptized soon after placing their faith in Jesus Christ.

Life is found in obedience to the commands of Jesus.

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## Can I get baptized in the privacy of my own home?

Baptism teaches us that our life is to be a public witness to the change that Jesus has made in our life.

How about you?

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Matt. 3:17

How about you?

