

Baptism Sunday
Getting Wet Behind the Ears
Matthew 3:13-17
10 July 2022

What is Baptism?

Baptism is an _____ expression of an inward _____.

It is a Sacrament which is a _____ of _____.

*So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, **but** whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. **Mt 10:32-33 ESV***

Those who have a 'why' to live, can bear with almost any 'how.'— Viktor Frankl

The Christian Gospel offers you and I _____.

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. - Heb 11:1

Faith - from the latin **fidere** "to trust"

_____ and _____ are linked together.

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. - Heb 11:6

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. - 1 Co 13:13

How is Baptism relevant to me today?

More than getting wet or a piece of paper, baptism is spiritual identification and marks us for the rest of our journey as Disciples of Jesus.

Sacraments are _____.

Action steps

1. If you are not yet a believer, take the first step and receive God's offer of new life in Him.
2. If you haven't yet been baptized, pray and speak with the pastor or one of the Under-Shepherds to find out more and get on the list for the next Baptism.
3. If you've already been baptized, take this opportunity to prayerfully ask God who has He placed in your life to share the love of Christ with.

Discussion Questions:

Read Matthew 3:13-17

1. How does Baptism give you a picture of Hope?
2. The word Ebenezer is a commemoration of divine assistance. It is a physical reminder for you to remember what God has done for you. Share an Ebenezer from your walk with Jesus that anchors your faith and renews your hope in God's love.
3. The following are the questions posed to the baptism candidates. Take a moment and consider your response to them and share with the group how it would look to live these commitments out in your daily life.

4 Questions to ask Baptism Candidates:

#1 Do you believe that Jesus is God's anointed King, the one who was promised through the Scriptures?

#2 Do you believe that Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead?

#3 And are you committed to following Jesus no matter the cost, without conditions or excuses for the rest of your life?

#4 "Is it your desire to turn from sin and know, trust and obey Jesus?"