

GOOD STORY

BAPTISM TELLS THE STORIES OF EASTER

GOD'S GOOD STORY MY STORY OUR STORY

THE BAPTISM DEBATE

*"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,
²⁰and 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*

SACRAMENT	SYMBOL
Mystical	Meaningless
Everything	Nothing
Crucial	Optional
Salvation	Show
Central	Secondary
Source of assurance	Not a source of assurance
OR SIGN?	

BAPTISM IS A SIGN OF...

FAITH

*"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."
³⁷When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"
³⁸Peter 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.
³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off — for all whom the Lord our God will call."
Acts 2:36-39*

SURRENDER

*You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus,
²⁷for all of you who were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ.
Galatians 3:26-27*

SALVATION

*... in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also — not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God.
It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ...
1 Peter 3:20-21*

BELONGING

*There is one body and one Spirit — just as you were called to one hope when you were called — ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.
Ephesians 4:4-6*

BEING ON THE JOURNEY OF TRANSFORMATION

*What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?
²By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?
³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.
⁵If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. ⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, a that we should no longer be slaves to sin —
⁷because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.
Romans 6:1-7*

con·sum·mate 1. to bring to a state of perfection; fulfill.
2. to complete (the union of a marriage) by the first marital sexual intercourse.
Synonyms -- complete, perfect, finish, accomplish, achieve.
Antonyms -- imperfect, unfinished. *Dictionary.com*

*Baptism is a sign that your story is part of the Good Story.
Is your story a part of the Good Story?*

NEXT STEPS

Believe, repent and be baptized.

Upcoming Baptism Dates

APRIL 21/22 • MAY 19/20 • JUNE 2/3 • JULY 29

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