

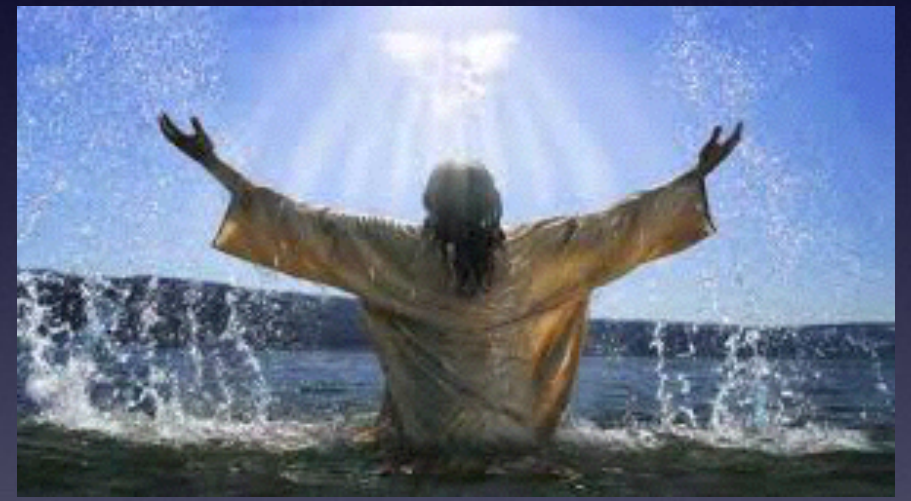


Sunday 28th October 2018

Celebration Sunday

Why Get Baptised?

- **Jesus was baptised (Matthew 3:13-17)**
- **The disciples of Jesus were baptised (John 4:1-3).**
- **Jesus last words on earth commanded it (Matthew 28:19)**
- **Peter instructed it in the first Christian sermon (Acts 2:36-41)**
- **The first followers of Jesus were all baptised and this practice has continued through the last 2000 years Christian (eg Acts 8, 9,16)**
- **It is a public declaration and powerful symbol of the genuine saving faith a new believer has received**

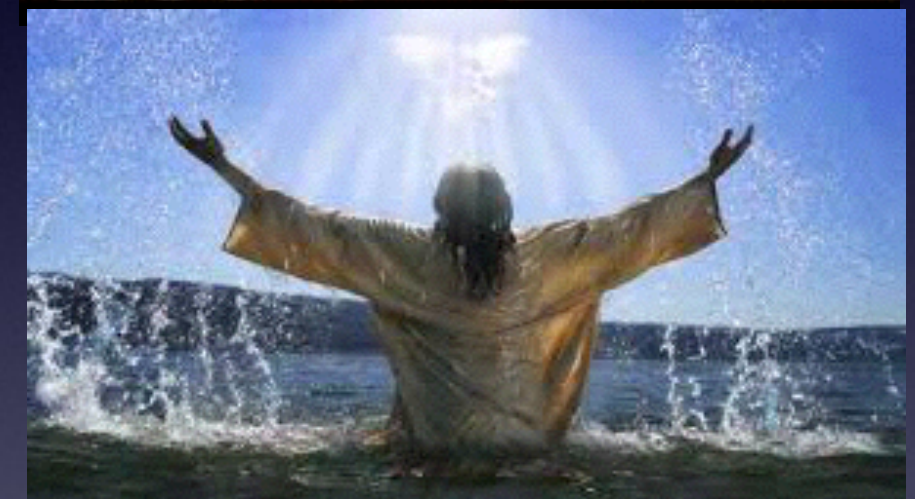


What Happens in Baptism?

It connects us with the death and resurrection of Jesus:

“Or don't you know that all of us who were **baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death**? We 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”

Romans 6:1-3

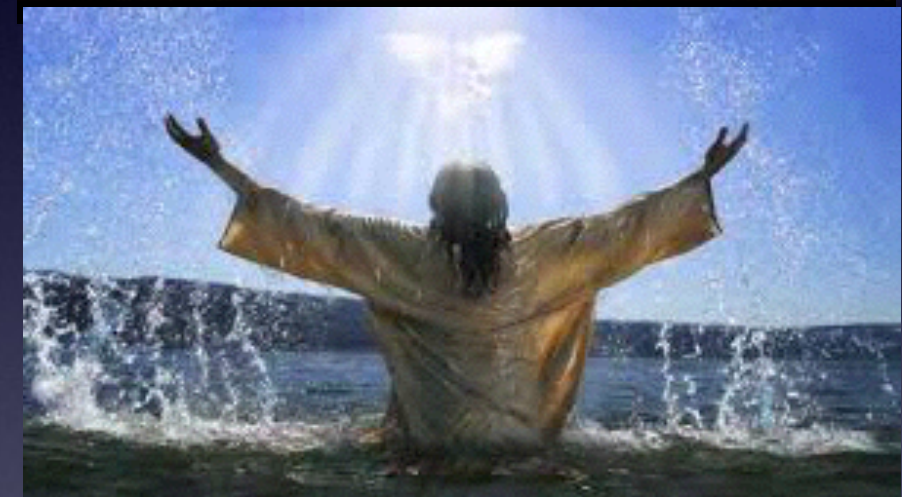


What Happens in Baptism?

With faith you are clothed with Christ:

“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, **for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”**

Galatians 3:26-29

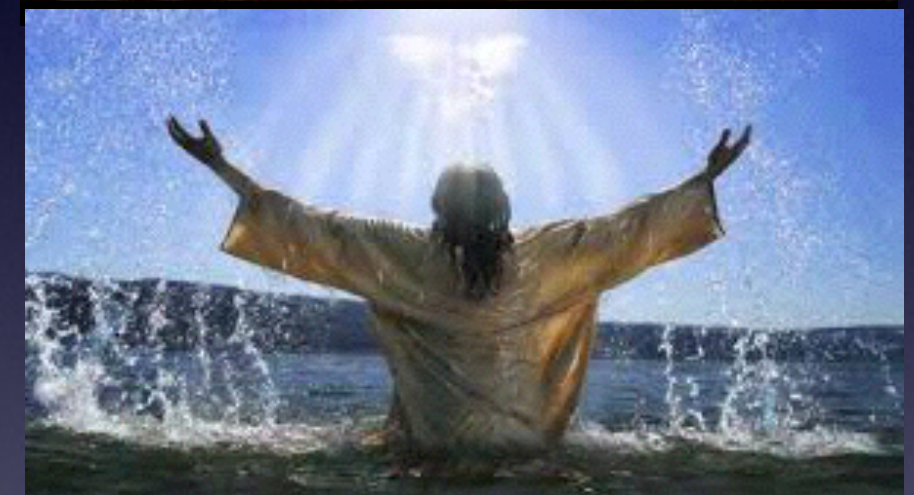


What Happens in Baptism?

It is an outward sign of a deep inward work of the heart

“For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. **Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.** “

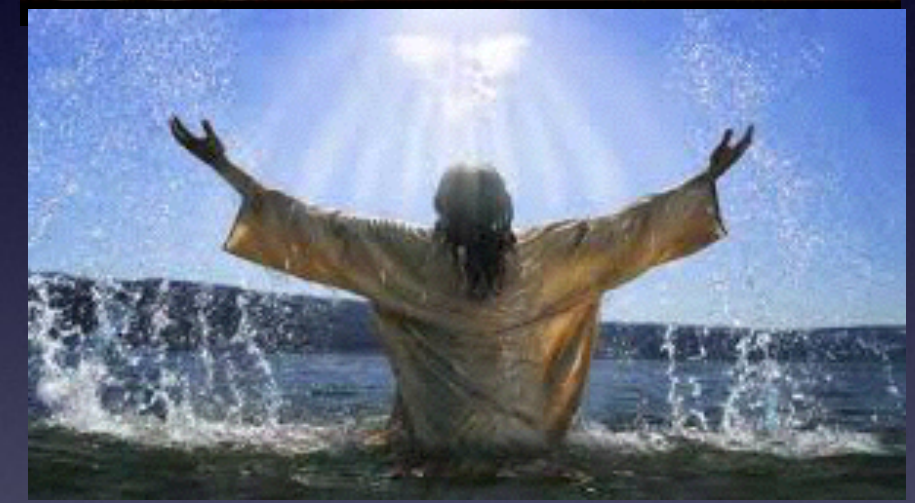
Colossians 3: 10-12



What Happens in Baptism?

It affirms our clear conscience with God:

“God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolises baptism that now saves you also – not the removal of dirt from the body **but the pledge of a clear conscience towards God.** It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand – with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. “



1Peter3:18-22

What About You?

Joy comes

The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. **After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully.** When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, 'Don't harm yourself! We are all here!'

Acts 16:22-34

What About You?

Joy comes

The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, ‘**Sirs, what must I do to be saved?**’

They replied, ‘**Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household.**’ Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. **At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptised. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God – he and his whole household.**

Acts 16:22-34