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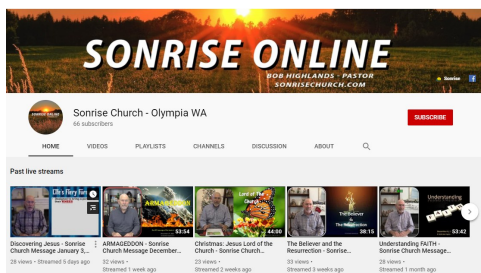
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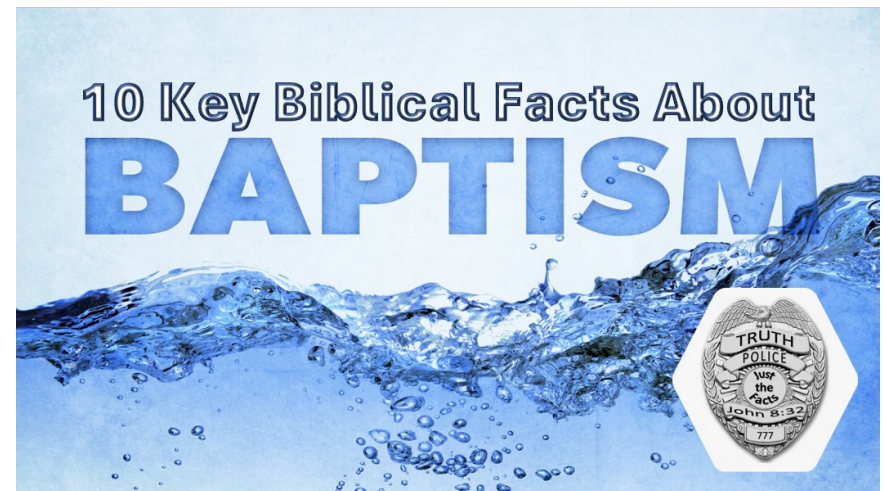
- ♦ **Leadership TEAM Meeting** October 9, 2025 5:30 p.m. Annual budget preparation meeting.
- ♦ **Women in the Word** October 18, 10– a.m. Chapters 11 & 12 Followed by Salad Luncheon for all the women in the church.
- ♦ **BINGO and Pizza** October 24 at 5:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Men's Seekers of Truth** October 25, Chapters 9-10 @ 9 a.m.
- ♦ [Complete list of upcoming events at sonrisechurch.com/events.html](https://sonrisechurch.com/events.html)

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Baptism & HISTORY

- ♦ This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a _____ to _____ . Acts 6.5
- ♦ People who converted to Judaism were baptized, symbolizing their _____ to their old life and _____ into the Jewish family and religion.

Baptism & HONESTY

- ♦ This In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, “ _____ , for the kingdom of heaven is near.” This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: “A voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, _____ make straight paths for him.’” John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were _____ by him in the Jordan River. Matthew 3.1-6

- ♦ John _____ the use but not the meaning.
- ♦ It showed new life and _____ .
- ♦ The direction of each life was to change:
- ♦ _____ means to change _____ and _____ .
- ♦ The _____ preceded the _____ :
- ♦ _____ was followed by _____

Baptism & JESUS

- ♦ As soon as Jesus was _____ , 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 lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” Matthew 3.16-17
- ♦ For Jesus, baptism was an _____ of obedience.
- ♦ For Jesus, baptism was a _____ of divine nature.
- ♦ For Jesus, baptism was a _____ of his identity.

Baptism & the CHURCH

- ♦ 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, _____ 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 28:18-20
- ♦ The Church is called to _____ disciples
 - ◊ The church is to _____ and _____ individuals so they can make a personal decision.
- ♦ The church is called to _____ disciples
 - ◊ The church is to bring them to the _____ of being willing to die to this world and live the rest of their lives for Jesus.
- ♦ The church is to _____ disciples.
 - ◊ The church is to instruct so they have the



This week,

Baptism is a significant event in the life of believers. Yet, it is often seen as just a passing experience. As believers, we need to realize that baptism changes us and serves as a point of testimony before God and the world.

MONDAY — What do we learn about the importance of Baptism from the following verses? Matthew 28:19, Acts 2:38, Mark 16:16, 1 Peter 3:21, Galatians 3:27

TUESDAY— How Does Baptism Change Us? Why is this change necessary? John 3:5, Titus 3:5, Romans 6:4, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Colossians 2:12.

WEDNESDAY— Why is baptism associated with repentance? What does it mean to repent before being baptized? Acts 3:19, Luke 3:3, Matthew 3:11, John 1:33, Mark 1:4.

THURSDAY— Grace is about the power of God at work in the life of the believer. Though the word baptism does not appear in these verses, how is grace involved in our lives before and after being baptized? Ephesians 2:8, Romans 3:23-24, Acts 15:11, Romans 6:14, Galatians 2:21.

FRIDAY—What is a key reason that a believer needs to be baptized? How can not getting baptized hurt a believer? Acts 10:48, Matthew 28:20, John 14:15, Luke 6:46, James 1:22.

BONUS - According to these verses, what is the spiritual significance of Baptism? Romans 6:3, Colossians 3:3, 1 John 5:6, 1 Peter 1:23

- ♦ We are _____ together in Christ as _____
- ♦ We are all to _____ the same _____ !!!!!!!!



10 Biblical FACTS/TRUTHS about Baptism

1. Was seen as part of _____ to Judaism.
2. Requires a person honestly _____ directions and goals for their life.
3. Is _____ to God.
4. Brings a person into full church _____ .
5. Follows the _____ of an individual to Jesus as their savior.
6. Shows we have _____ to sin and _____ for Christ.
7. _____ the Holy Spirit into a believer's life.
8. Shows _____ – continued innocence.
9. Deals with our _____ (past/present/future).
10. Is a symbol of our _____ as believers in the _____ of God because of the _____ OF _____ !

necessary information to make ' _____
_____ as followers of Christ.

Baptism & SINNERS

- ♦ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was _____ , he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. 9And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. Matthew 3.7-10
- ♦ Pharisees and Sadducees were _____ but not _____ with God. They were _____ !
- ♦ They saw Abraham & the Law of Moses as the key to their _____ with God. _____ as their salvation.
- ♦ John the Baptist told them that if they wanted to be right with God, they needed to _____ fruit that _____ they really were living for God.

Baptism & Spiritual DEATH

- ♦ Or 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 _____ 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 6.3
- ♦ The _____ meaning of the _____ ceremony of Baptism
- ♦ _____ meaning, _____ were converting or becoming _____ .
- ♦ _____ meaning _____ are converting and becoming the _____ of God.

- ♦ Jesus _____ for us so we could _____ with Him.
- ♦ Jesus was _____ for us so we could be _____ with Him.
- ♦ Jesus _____ for us so that we could be _____ with Him into new life.

Baptism & the HOLY SPIRIT

- ♦ Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be _____ in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2.38
- ♦ Jesus "will _____ you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Matthew 3.11
- ♦ Water baptism is for _____ .
- ♦ Water baptism is a _____ with a _____ .
- ♦ The Holy Spirit is given to _____ believers to set them on _____ .

Baptism & RIGHTEOUSNESS

- ♦ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be _____ by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be _____ by you, and do you come to me?"
- ♦ Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all _____ ." Then John consented. Matthew 3.13-15
- ♦ Jesus _____ to be _____ by John.
- ♦ John _____ to be _____ by Jesus.
- ♦ Jesus _____ to be _____ by John.
- ♦ _____ means to remain _____ .
- ♦ Jesus needed to be _____ to remain _____ .

Baptism & CONSCIENCE

- ♦ ... this water symbolizes _____ that now saves

you also--not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good _____ toward 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. 1 Peter 3:18-22

- ♦ Jesus has saved you through the _____ .
- ♦ _____ removes your _____ for the past, present, and future.
- ♦ A good or _____ conscience toward God means:
- ♦ The _____ has _____ not to _____ what He has _____ !
- ♦ The _____ cannot _____ you of what is _____ .

Baptism & CHURCH UNITY

- ♦ You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were _____ into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor 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
- ♦ We stop being who we were and become someone _____ clothed with the very _____ of Christ.
- ♦ There are
 - ♦ No _____ differences – We are all _____
 - ♦ No _____ differences – We are all _____
 - ♦ No _____ differences – We are all _____
 - ♦ No _____ differences – We are all _____ OF _____ in the _____ of _____ !