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SUNDAY MESSAGE NOTES AND INTERACTIVE PDF

Be Baptized!

Water baptism is a public covenant response to the Gospel: the old life is buried with Christ, and the believer rises to walk in newness of life under His lordship.

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Be Baptized!	Tim Lee
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NOTES

Truth to carry into the week.

01 Salvation is God's gift to the guilty, not a reward earned by people who believe they are already righteous.

- Acknowledge that sin has separated you from God and that human goodness cannot meet His standard. ([Romans 3:23](#))
- Believe that Jesus died for your sins and rose from the dead; salvation rests on His finished work rather than yours. ([Romans 10:9-10](#))
- Receive reconciliation as God's gracious invitation and confess Jesus Christ publicly as Lord. ([2 Corinthians 5:18-20](#))

"Salvation is not a reward for the righteous. It's a gift to the guilty."

STUDY [Romans 3:23](#); [Romans 10:9-10](#); [2 Corinthians 5:18-20](#)

02 The Gospel announces that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, rose again, and now offers forgiveness and life.

- Hold fast to the Gospel Christ's apostles received and proclaimed: His death, burial, resurrection, and eyewitness appearances. ([1 Corinthians 15:1-8](#))

- Repentance brings sin into the light instead of hiding it beneath religious language or self-justification. ([Mark 1:4-5](#))
- The blood of Jesus paid the price so guilty people could be forgiven, reconciled, and brought near to God. ([Colossians 1:19-22](#))

“The Gospel is only good news to a sinner.”

STUDY [1 Corinthians 15:1-8](#); [Mark 1:4-5](#); [Colossians 1:19-22](#)

03 Water baptism belongs at the beginning of discipleship as a public act of repentance, faith, obedience, and covenant.

- John prepared hearts for the kingdom by calling people to repent, confess their sins, and be baptized. ([Mark 1:4-8](#))
- Jesus commanded His followers to make disciples, baptize them, and teach them to obey everything He commanded. ([Matthew 28:19-20](#))
- Baptism is not an empty religious ritual; it declares allegiance to Jesus and identifies the believer with Him. ([Acts 2:38-41](#))

“This is your burial with Christ Jesus.”

STUDY [Mark 1:4-8](#); [Matthew 28:19-20](#); [Acts 2:38-41](#)

04 In baptism, the believer identifies with Christ’s death and burial and rises to walk in the reality of a new life.

- The old person ruled by sin is crucified with Christ so the believer no longer has to live as sin’s slave. ([Romans 6:3-7](#))
- Coming out of the water pictures resurrection with Christ and a deliberate walk in newness of life. ([Romans 6:8-11](#))
- A grain that falls into the ground and dies does not remain alone; surrendered death makes room for fruitful life. ([John 12:24](#))

“When you go in that water to be baptized into Christ, He’s in there waiting for you.”

STUDY [Romans 6:3-11](#); [John 12:24](#); [Galatians 2:20](#)

05 Jesus must reign as Lord with full authority over the life that grace has redeemed.

- Grace does not give permission to continue under sin’s dominion; grace establishes a new rule of righteousness and life. ([Romans 5:20-21](#); [Romans 6:1-2](#))

- Present yourself to God as alive from the dead and yield every part of your life as an instrument of righteousness. ([Romans 6:12-14](#))
- Following Jesus means giving Him decision-making authority rather than asking Him merely to advise plans you still control. ([Luke 6:46](#))

“Am I your Lord or am I just your advisor?”

STUDY [Romans 5:20-21](#); [Romans 6:1-2](#); [Romans 6:12-14](#); [Luke 6:46](#)

06 Because Christ conquered death, believers can live steadfastly, serve boldly, and look forward to resurrection victory.

- Christ is the firstfruits of resurrection, guaranteeing that those who belong to Him will also be raised. ([1 Corinthians 15:20-23](#))
- Death’s sting is defeated through Jesus Christ, who tasted death for everyone and gives His people victory. ([Hebrews 2:9](#); [1 Corinthians 15:54-57](#))
- Abound in the work of the Lord because labor done in Him is never empty or wasted. ([1 Corinthians 15:58](#))

“Jesus is the antidote.”

STUDY [1 Corinthians 15:20-23](#); [Hebrews 2:9](#); [1 Corinthians 15:54-58](#)

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Will you bury the old life and follow Jesus?

Have you personally repented, trusted in Jesus' death and resurrection, and confessed Him as Lord?

What part of your old life must be buried so you can walk fully in the new life Christ has given you?

Is Jesus truly Lord over your decisions, or have you treated Him as an adviser to plans you still control?

What step of public obedience or service will you take because your labor in the Lord is not in vain?
