



**MESSAGE TO THE WORLD
APRIL 22 & 23, 2023**

Your Baptism is a Sermon to the World

3 BAPTISMS OF THE PAST:

- **Noah's baptism was a message about God's gracious deliverance — from His judgement.**

Genesis 6:8-9 (NIV)

But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.

Hebrews 11:7 (NLT)

...it was by faith that Noah built a larger boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith.

- **Moses' baptism was a message of salvation — through the sea.**

Hebrews 3:5-6 (NLT)

Moses was certainly faithful in God's house as a servant. His work was illustration of the truths God would reveal later. But Christ, as the Son, is in charge of God's entire house. And we are God's house, if we keep our courage and remain confident in our hope in Christ.

- **Jonah's baptism was a message of resurrection — to a new life of obedience.**

Matthew 12:40-41 (NIV)

For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now something greater than Jonah is here.

TODAY'S BAPTISMS TEACH US:

1 Obedience to Christ starts in the water.

Titus 3:5 (NIV)

...he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit...

Galatians 3:27 (NIV)

...for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

1 Peter 3:21 (GW)

Baptism, which is like that water, now saves you. Baptism doesn't save by removing dirt from the body. Rather, baptism is a request to God for a clear conscience. It saves you through Jesus Christ, who came back from death to life.

2 Ownership of God is represented by the water.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.

1 Corinthians 12:13 (NIV)

For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

3 Open devotion to God begins out of the water.

Romans 6:4 (NIV)

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.

Galatians 2:20 (NIV)

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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