



## SAY YES TO JESUS | BAPTISM WEEKEND

April 25 & 26, 2026

Baptism is a public “\_\_\_\_\_” to Jesus –

A declaration that I have been connected to Him by grace, and now I’m choosing to remain \_\_\_\_\_ to Him by faith and through obedience.

### Four Ways I Say Yes:



I say yes to God’s \_\_\_\_\_ by believing Jesus died for me.

#### **Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)**

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#### **Romans 5:8 (NLT)**

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

### Truth:

\_\_\_\_\_ connects me to Jesus

– I don’t earn that connection by doing anything.

2

I say yes to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus through daily surrender.

**Luke 9:23** (NLT)

Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me."

**John 15:4-5** (NLT)

"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing."

**Truth 1:**

Grace \_\_\_\_\_ me forever, but surrender keeps me experiencing that connection.

**Truth 2:**

Connection grows when I \_\_\_\_\_, not when I try to control.

3

I say yes \_\_\_\_\_ through water baptism and declare my connection to God.

**Matthew 10:32** (NLT)

"Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven."

**Colossians 2:12** (NLT)

For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

**Truth:**

Baptism is my public \_\_\_\_\_ that I am eternally connected to Christ.

**Challenge:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ keeping my faith private.
- \_\_\_\_\_ to identify with Jesus publicly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ to the water and be baptized.

**Acts 22:16a** (GW)

"What are you waiting for? Get up! Be baptized..."

I say yes to a brand-new \_\_\_\_\_ in life.

### 2 Corinthians 5:17 (GW)

Whoever is a believer in Christ is a new creation. The old way of living has disappeared. A new way of living has come into existence.

### Romans 6:4 (GW)

When we were baptized into his death, we were placed into the tomb with him. As Christ was brought back from death to life by the glorious power of the Father, so we, too, should live a new kind of life.

Remember – \_\_\_\_\_ changes direction.

### Final Truth:

Because I'm connected to Jesus, I \_\_\_\_\_ not to live the same way.

### Psalm 1:1-3 (NLT)

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

### Summing It Up

I say "YES" to Jesus and thrive in connection when I:

- Receive His grace – I accept the connection He offers.
- Follow His lead – I stay connected through surrender.
- Declare my faith publicly – I show my connection through baptism.
- Choose a new direction – I live my connection daily.

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