



Made for Relationship

Welcome Home | Baptism

September 6 & 7, 2025

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"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." **John 13:35**
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Romans 6:4 (TPT)

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Baptism is a _____ to start a relationship with God.

Matthew 5:16 (NLT)

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2 Baptism Purposes:

- Baptism isn't just about my story, it points to _____.
- Baptism could spark someone else to start a _____ with Jesus.

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This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

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