



## I Have Decided

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Part 2



### I. BAPTISM SUNDAY

- A. I have decided

**Mark 16:15-16 (NLT)** And then he told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.

- B. All Christians baptize in response to the words of Jesus

**Hebrews 6:1-2 (NKJV)** Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

- C. The ceremonial washing
- “Washing” was part of the ceremony for non-Jews who wanted to convert to Judaism

### II. IDENTIFYING WITH A NEW WAY

- A. You should be teaching others but...

- B. A new identification

**Acts 19:3-5 (NLT)** “Then what baptism did you experience?” he asked. And they replied, “The baptism of John.” Paul said, “John’s baptism called for repentance from sin. But John himself told the people to believe in the one who would come later, meaning Jesus.” As soon as they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

- Being baptized in the Name of Jesus means you’re identifying with Him

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### III. I HAVE DECIDED

- A. Baptism isn’t a condition of salvation, it’s the evidence of salvation

- B. Baptism is a personal declaration of a new associating

- C. Baptism is a public declaration of a new association

- The Jordan river was an intersection of public life
- Sunday morning is an intersection of life at Joy