



## I. OPEN

- A. From dedication to baptism
- B. A family church, teaching people, to reach their world
- C. The two greatest days in a person's life
  - The day you were born and the day you discover why

**Psalm 139:13-18 (NLT)** You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!

- D. Three Dedications

**Ecclesiastes 4:12b (NLT)** ... Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

- Dedication to God because He gives this lif

**Job 33:4 (NLT)** For the Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

- Dedication of the parents because they give direction to this life

**Proverbs 22:6 (NLT)** Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.

- Dedication of Joy because our job is to help strengthen this life

**Luke 18:15-16 (NLT)** One day some parents brought their little children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But when the disciples saw this, they scolded the parents for bothering him. Then Jesus called for the children and said to the disciples, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children."

## II. BAPTISM

- A. From dedication to a declaration of faith
  - Dedication is the direction you set
  - Baptism is the decision you make
  - Baptism isn't a ritual or a tradition, it's a response

**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. Put on Christ

**Galatians 3:26-28 (NLT)** For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

**Romans 6:3-5 (NLT)** Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was.

**Romans 6:6-8 (NLT)** We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him.

**Romans 6:9-11 (NLT)** We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

## C. Baptism ...

- Baptism isn't a condition of salvation it's the evidence of salvation
- Baptism is a personal declaration of a new association
- Baptism is a public declaration of a new association.