

Celebrating “New Life” in Jesus **Living Life for Jesus**

Embracing Jesus as Our Messiah

Most of us who come to church know that Jesus is the Promised Messiah (“Anointed King”) who died to cover our sins and who will establish the Kingdom of God on earth one day in the future.”

BUT

What difference does He make in “My Life” now?”

Last Two Weeks: Worship and Matthew 28:16-20

- **Worship:** Matthew 9:9-13; 28:9; John 9:35-38; Romans 12:1-2

“Worship” is the direct acknowledgement to God, of His nature, attributes, ways and claims, whether by outgoing expression of the heart in words, (praise and thanksgiving), or by deeds done (expressions of our acknowledgement).”

- **The Great Commission:** Our King’s Marching Orders

“all authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth” (Mat. 28:18, Psalm 2)

- Baptizing in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Teaching them to obey everything I commanded

The Importance of Baptism (Matthew 28:16-20)

1. **Baptism represents our decision to receive everything God has provided to secure our eternal well-being.**

Acts 2:32-42 Baptism reflects our response to the gospel.

Ephesians 1:3-14 Baptism is surrender to the work of the Godhead working together to secure our eternal life.

2. **Baptism symbolizes the work to cleanse us and liberate us from the power of evil within us.**

Romans 6:1-7 Death to Our Life without Jesus- vs.3

Newness of Life in Our Journey with Him- vs 4-5

Confidence in Resurrection- vs. 5

Liberation from slavery to sin- vs. 6-7

3. **Being cleansed by God is followed by receiving the Holy Spirit to work within us to transform us over time.**

Matthew 3:15-17 The path to righteousness

The Spirit of God settled on Jesus

This is my Beloved Son in whom I am well-pleased.

The Privilege Entrusted to Us by Our King

- **Our greatest privilege we enjoy as children of God is leading people to the cleansing work of Jesus.**

John 20:19-23 Receive the Spirit... forgive

Matthew 16:19 Keys of the Kingdom: binding / loosing

Matthew 18:18 Authority to bind and loose

- **Our discouragement today is diminished by our focus upon what matters most into eternity.**

Jesus working in the hearts of people we choose to love.

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided to you. “So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

Matthew 6:33-34