

Celebrating “New Life” in Jesus
My Life as a Follower of Jesus

Jesus: Why Not a Marvel Comic Book Character?

The world’s most amazing “doctor”

The world’s most unbelievable “surgeon”

The only person in life to have exercised “control over nature”

The only person ever to have “heal mental disorder”

The only person who commands “spirit influences” in people

The fulfillment of prophecies made over 2,000 years

Our Focus Since Christmas:

- **Jesus is worthy of our worship** = Daily recognition
“looking only at Jesus, the originator and perfecter of the faith”
Hebrews 12:2
- **Jesus is Our Commander in Chief-** (Mat. 28:18)
- **Jesus’ Marching Orders-** Make Disciples (Mat. 28:19-20)
And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, 1.) baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 2) teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

“Baptizing People”

Baptism represents a public declaration of our decision to embrace Jesus as Our Lord and Savior.

1. **Symbolically: Baptism represents a cleansing from all impurity in our lives that hinders relationship with God.**

Romans 6:6

Matthew 26:27-28

2. **Symbolically: Baptism represents the point in our life where God gives us His Spirit to live in us.**

John 3:5-8

John 4:23-24

John 6:63

John 14:17

3. **Symbolically: Baptism represents the surgical work of Jesus within our “innermost being”.**

Colossians 2:9-12

4. **Symbolically: Baptism represents our immersion into the Body of Christ and the point when we become members of the family of God.**

I Corinthians 12:12-18

Baptizing is “Healing People Forever”

- **Physical healings are good, but baptizing people into Jesus alters the totality of their being forever.**

*The one who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I am going to the Father. **John 14:12***

- **Our Commitment to loving people (ministry) needs to prioritize encouragement to be baptized into Jesus.**

*So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. **Acts 2:41***