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The Miracle of Baptism

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How is God at Work in Baptism?

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20, NIV

In baptism God puts his _____ on me. (_____)

Baptism is a sacrament of _____ into God's family.

³ At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. **Titus 3:3, NIV**

My _____ nature is also at work. The _____ of it can be seen in sinful thoughts, words and actions.

⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. **Titus 3:4-7, NIV**

In Baptism, God is at work saving me:

- He _____ me to Jesus.
- He _____ me.
- He _____ me.
- He makes me an _____ of his grace.

² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. **Romans 6:2-4, NIV**

As I remember my baptism, God is _____ at work in me.

There is a daily _____ . . . and _____.

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!" **Galatians 2:20-21, NIV**

Baptism means Christ _____ in me.

Baptism is an assurance that I am _____ with God.

MEMORY VERSE

He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Titus 3:5^b-6, NIV**

My next step: God has washed and adopted me in baptism. Every day I will remember baptism as I confess my sin and enjoy forgiveness and God's promises and a new life.

What's your next step?

Mark it on your communication card.