



GOD & me God washes me

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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. 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. ⁸ This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone. Titus 3:3-8, NIV

³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." . . . ⁵ Jesus answered, "**Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.** John 3:3,5 NIV

Baptism is a washing of _____.

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We are all in the same boat together. It is _____.

⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, Titus 3:4, NIV

God's starts his relationship with us with _____.

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, Titus 3:5-6, NIV

²¹ **and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 1 Peter 3:21, NIV**

God _____ us.

_____ saves us.

_____ saves us.

The _____ of baptism is Jesus' _____.

⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. ⁸ This is a trustworthy saying. Titus 3:7-8^a, NIV

The win in baptism is _____.

The promise of God is _____ of _____.

And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone. Titus 3:8^b, NIV

Baptism is the _____ of a life set apart for God.

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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.** Titus 3:5, NIV

Bottom line: I need baptism. In baptism God washes away my sin and empowers me to live a life of faith. I use my baptism every day when I confess my sin, receive his forgiveness and live for him.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.