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# salvation

“The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”  
Romans 6:23

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from every wrong.”  
1 John 1:9

“If you confess that Jesus is your Lord, and you believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”  
Romans 10:9

“For it is by grace you are saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.”  
Ephesians 2:8-9

“Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.”  
Romans 10:13

You were created to know and love God intimately.  
God says, “I have loved you with an everlasting love!”  
Jeremiah 31:3

“Even before the world was made, God had already chosen us to be His through our union with Christ. Because of His love, God had already decided that through Jesus Christ He would make us His children, this was God’s pleasure and purpose.”  
Ephesians 1:4-5

“Jesus said, I have come in order that you might have life - life in all its fullness!”  
John 10:10

A relationship with God produces wonderful fruit in our lives.

Clear Conscience  
Romans 8:1

Strength  
Philippians 4:13

Fulfillment  
Philippians 4:19

Security  
Romans 8:39

Purpose  
Romans 8:28

Eternal Love  
John 3:16

Life & Peace  
Romans 8:6

Help with Weakness  
Romans 8:26

Freedom  
John 8:32, 36

Hope  
Jeremiah 29:11

Sin separates us from God, causing us to try to live our lives without Him.

“All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, and each of us has turned to his own way.”  
Isaiah 53:6

“If we say that we never sin we are only fooling ourselves, and refuse to accept the truth.”  
1 John 1:8

Jesus has provided a way to eternally reconnect with God.

Jesus said, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.”  
John 14:6

“God demonstrated His love for us in that while we were still separated from God by sin, Christ died for us.”  
Romans 5:8

Jesus says “Listen! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in.”  
Rev. 3:20

A relationship with Jesus is available and can begin right now.

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# baptism

## Baptism illustrates Christ's death and resurrection.

"Christ died for our sins...He was buried...and He rose again." 1 Corinthians 5:3-4

"...for when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ." Colossians 2:12

"By our baptism then, we were buried with Him and shared His death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead...so also we may live a new life!" Romans 6:4

"When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. The old life has passed away and a new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

Baptism does not make you a believer, nor does it wash away sins - it shows the world that you already believe. Baptism is like a wedding ring - it's the outward symbol of an inward commitment to Christ.

### Who should be baptized?

1. New believers

"Those who believed and accepted His message were baptized...that day!"  
Acts 2:41

2. Those who have never been baptized by immersion

"As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water."  
Matthew 3:16

3. Those who were baptized prior to a sincere commitment to Christ

At Heritage Church we practice "believer's baptism," and faith in Jesus is a prerequisite for baptism. It is for this reason that we do not baptize infants. The custom of infant baptism began about 300 years after the Bible was completed. Heritage does offer baby dedications - a ceremony intended to emphasize a commitment between the parents and God on behalf of the child. During this ceremony, the parents promise to raise their child in the faith until the child is old enough to make his own personal confession of faith.

