

**January 9th, Baptism**  
**Part 2 in the series 'New Beginnings'**

What were some things from last Sunday's message that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

What is the difference between a sacrament and an ordinance?

**Luke 23:39 - 43**

39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

40 But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.[d]"

43 Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Is baptism a sacrament or an ordinance?

**Romans 6:3-4**

3 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.

What is baptism a symbol of?

In what way does a christian experience death and resurrection?

**Matthew 28:18-20 NIV**

18Then Jesus came to them and said,

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

**Acts 2:37-38, 40**

37When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

38Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.

According to these passages, when should someone get baptized?

What are some bad reasons to get baptized?

What are some bad reasons to avoid getting baptized?

What are some good reasons to get baptized?

Why are people’s stories such a powerful form of preaching the gospel?

What is your story?