

Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Water Baptism

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

MESSAGE THEME & PRAYER FOCUS

"The Cloud, the Blood, and the Sea"

"Father God, remind me that you want so much more for me than what I can accomplish or imagine. You pursue me so well, please continue to encourage me in the desire to pursue you back. Move in my heart and open my eyes to your goodness, grace, and abundant forgiveness. Amen."

KEY TRUTHS & APPLICATIONS

When truth is in our heart, it changes the way we live. We think all we need is knowledge, but just because we know of something doesn't mean that it's changing the way we live. What we know about God should be reflected in the way that we live. We apply Jesus' blood in our lives, through the words we speak, remembering and retelling the testimonies of what the Lord has done for us.

Colossians 1 tells us that God is the one who qualifies us. He has already delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into His Kingdom. We are citizens of His Kingdom. We need to actively choose the Kingdom life, especially when we face difficult situations because the devil doesn't give up.

One way we take a next step toward living in the Kingdom is by getting baptized, dying to our old self. We bury who we were in the past and live now as a new creation in Christ. According to Romans 6:4 - It's a declaration that we will walk and live in newness of life.

We can try to live right and follow every law in scripture, but it isn't the 10 commandments or anything else that makes us righteous, it is Christ. God gave the law to point that fact out—we will always fall short without Him. We can't rightly live life on our own, or be made right, experience growth or anything beneficial, purely by our own works. It takes Jesus' presence and ministry in our lives to affect the kind of change that is necessary to step into our calling.

Jesus' ministry today has three parts:

1. He lives to make intercession for us—praying for us.
2. He is building the church.
3. He is the baptizer in the Holy Spirit.

Testimonies are records of what God has done in our lives. The word literally means “to do again”. When we look at what God has done, it's a sign to us of what He wants to do again. If we don't continue to remember what He has done, we will end up limiting what He is able to do in our lives. We'll miss it because we aren't looking for it. What things has God done in your life that you can begin to remember regularly, and look for more to take place? Write them down, big or small, read them every day, and thank God that He is continuing to move in your life.

Key Verses:

- Hebrews 4:2, 9:11-12
- 1 Corinthians 10:1-5
- Colossians 1:12-13
- Revelation 1:5-6, 19:10
- Luke 4:13-14
- Romans 3:20, 3:28, 4:6, 5:20, 6:4
- Matthew 3:11
- Exodus 15:22-25
- Psalms 78:40-44, 103:2-6
- 1 Kings 11:9

DECLARATIONS

“I remember the things, big and small, that God has already done in my life and look forward to the future with anticipation of what He is going to do. I am excited for my present and future in Christ. He has called me out of darkness and brought me into His family and His Kingdom. He has already won the battle for me and now I walk forward in the victory He purchased with His blood. I plead the blood of Jesus over my mind, body, family, relationships, and my home. Devil, I resist you, and you must flee from me. Jesus, I accept your testimonies in my life and I actively look for more of what you're doing—to partner with it and bring glory to you.”

WHAT'S NEXT?

Now it's time to write down anything that the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

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1 Corinthians 10:1 NKJV

Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea...

Revelation 12:11 NKJV

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony...

Hebrews 9: 11 NKJV

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

Colossians 1:12-13 NKJV

..giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love...

Revelation 1: 5-6 NKJV

..and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father...

Luke 4:13-14 NKJV

Now when the devil had ended every [a]temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

Exodus 14:15-16 NKJV

And the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. **16** But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry *ground* through the midst of the sea.

Exodus 14:13 NKJV

... see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever.

Romans 6:4 NKJV

..that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

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Romans 5:20 NKJV

Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more...

Romans 3:20 NKJV

Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:28 NKJV

Therefore we conclude that a man is [a]justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

Romans 4:6 NKJV

..just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works...

Ephesians 2: 6 NKJV

and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus...

Matthew 3:11 NKJV

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Exodus 15:22-25 NKJV

So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur.

Acts 2: 38-39 NKJV

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.

Exodus 15: 22-25 NKJV

So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah. And the people complained against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" So he cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet.

Psalms 78:40-41 NKJV

How often they provoked Him in the wilderness, And grieved Him in the desert! Yes, again and again they tempted God, And limited the Holy One of Israel.

Revelation 19:10 NKJV

For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

1 Kings 11:9 NKJV

So the Lord became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the Lord God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice...

Psalms 103: 1-5 NKJV

Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases...Who satisfies your mouth with good *things*, So *that* your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Exodus 15:25-26 NKJV

So he cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree. When he cast *it* into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them, and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I *am* the Lord who heals you."