



# February 11 – 17

Saints and Sinners | Can Baptism Save You?

**Icebreaker:** When were you baptized, and why did you make that decision?

## Read 1 Peter 3:21

- The verse begins with a statement that baptism corresponds to “this,” referring to Noah and his family (see verse 20). What saved Noah and his family?
- What does verse 18 tell us about what Jesus has done to save us?
- What are the statements of what baptism IS NOT and what baptism IS in verse 21?
  - Based on this, what can we say about the act or rite of water baptism practiced in the church today? Does the act of baptism save someone?
  - Baptism does represent “an appeal to God for a good conscience.” What does it mean to have a clear conscience? How do we make an appeal to God that makes it possible for us to have a clear conscience?
- What is so important about the resurrection of Jesus Christ for our salvation?

## Read Titus 3:5, Ephesians 2:8-9, and Romans 5:1-2, Luke 23:39-43

- In your own words, what do each of these passages tell us about salvation?
- What insight do these passages give us that helps us understand the role of baptism in salvation?

## Read 1 Corinthians 1:14-17, Matthew 28:19, Acts 2:37-38, and Romans 6:3-4

- Based on the truth of these passages, how would you describe the nature of Baptism?
- How might you explain the importance of baptism to someone else?
- What would it tell us about a person who is unwilling to be baptized?
- What are the barriers to baptism? How should we help people through those barriers?

We make our appeal to God to cleanse us by placing our faith in Jesus. God saves us based on this profession of faith. Baptism then becomes an outward demonstration of what has happened to us. The act of baptism does not save a person, but a person who has been saved is baptized.

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