



SAMPLE BAPTISM MESSAGE OUTLINE

Baptism is a BIG deal! It's you saying to the world "I BELONG TO JESUS!"

^[26] Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ^[27] And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ^[28] and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. (Acts 8:26-28)

^[29] And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ^[30] So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ^[31] And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ^[32] Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. ^[33] In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ^[34] And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" (Acts 8:29-34)

^[35] Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. (Acts 8:35)

For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

^[36] And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" (Acts 8:36)

This may impact people in 2 different ways:

Impact #1: those who were baptized as babies or children.

Baptism always takes place AFTER a person receives Jesus.

Impact #2: People who were baptized before they believed.

^[38] And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ^[39] And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. (Acts 8:38-39)

1st we believe, THEN we're baptized. **Baptism is an outward expression of an inward transformation**

I am not saved by baptism, I am saved BY Jesus.



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^[19:1] And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. ^[2] And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

^[3] And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John’s baptism.” (Acts 19:1-3)

^[4] And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.” (Acts 19:4)

^[19] You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! (James 2:19 ESV)

^[3] Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ^[4] Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ^[5] Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. (John 3:3-5 ESV)

Bad news statement #1: We are all sinners

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23

Bad news statement #2: The penalty for sin is death

“For the wages of sin is death.” Romans 6:23

Good news statement #1: Christ died for you

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

Good news statement #2: You can be saved through faith in Christ.

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

^[5] On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (Acts 19:5)

Jesus isn’t looking for perfect people - Jesus is looking for people who will pursue Him.