

Just as marriage is a sacred vow celebrating the union of two people, baptism is a sacred vow celebrating the union of a sinner with the Savior. Let's take a closer look at baptism this week.

Read: Matthew 3:13-17; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:26-27;

Who do these verses say should be baptized?

From these verses, what prerequisites are there to baptism?

What purpose(s) does baptism serve?

Why do you think Jesus himself was baptized?

Take it deeper:

Read: Romans 6:1-4

If you have been baptized into Christ:

What has died in your life that needed to die?

What has been brought to life that needed to be brought to life?

Tell a friend, or your small group, the story of what God has done in your life since your baptism to share the love of Jesus and encourage them!

If you have not yet been baptized into Christ:

What is holding you back?

Is there anything you're carrying that you're afraid to release into the care of Jesus?

What questions do you have about baptism?

Ask these questions of a mature Christian friend, or your small group. You are also welcome to contact the church office at 920-730-8383 to speak with one of our pastors.

Prayer:

Father, thank you for sending your Son to die for us, thank you for the opportunity to be buried with Him in baptism, thank you for saving us, and thank you for giving us your Spirit to walk with us and guide us as we die to ourselves and follow you daily. Amen.

If you have not yet been baptized into the body of Christ, we invite you to seek God and His heart for you in prayer, and in reading His word. For more information about baptism, visit: <http://www.christtherock.org/baptism>.

Whether you have been newly baptized, or are already a growing disciple of Jesus and would like to continue to grow in your faith, we would love for you to join a Discipleship group where you can grow in community with other believers. For more information about joining or starting a group, contact Cortney Ascher at cascher@christtherock.org.