



aptism

service

**The most important
question you've been asked
and how has it shaped you?**



**“Who do you
say I am?”
(Matthew 16:15)**

believe

1. **Luke 2:11** (NIV) *“Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”*
2. **John 4:42** (NIV) *“They said to the woman, ‘We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world.’”*
3. **Acts 4:12** (NIV) *“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”*

4. 1 Timothy 1:15 (NIV) *“Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.”*

5. Titus 2:13 (NIV) *“...while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ...”*

6. 1 John 4:14 (NIV) *“And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world.”*

**That belief must then be translated into action
& response in our lives:**

**Romans 10:9 *“If you openly declare that
Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that
God raised him from the dead, you will be
saved.”***

Why is this important? Because we are called to be disciples NOT cultural



Christians

CULTURAL CHRISTIAN

I believe in Jesus.
I pray through Jesus.
I affirm Jesus' general saving role.
I maintain a safe distance from Jesus.
I like Jesus.
I ask Jesus to fulfill my agenda.

DISCIPLE OF JESUS

I truly trust and follow Jesus.
I surrender to Jesus.
I participate in Jesus' mission.
I get as close to Jesus as I can.
I am changed by Jesus.
I am willing to throw myself into Jesus' mission.

belong

“I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.”

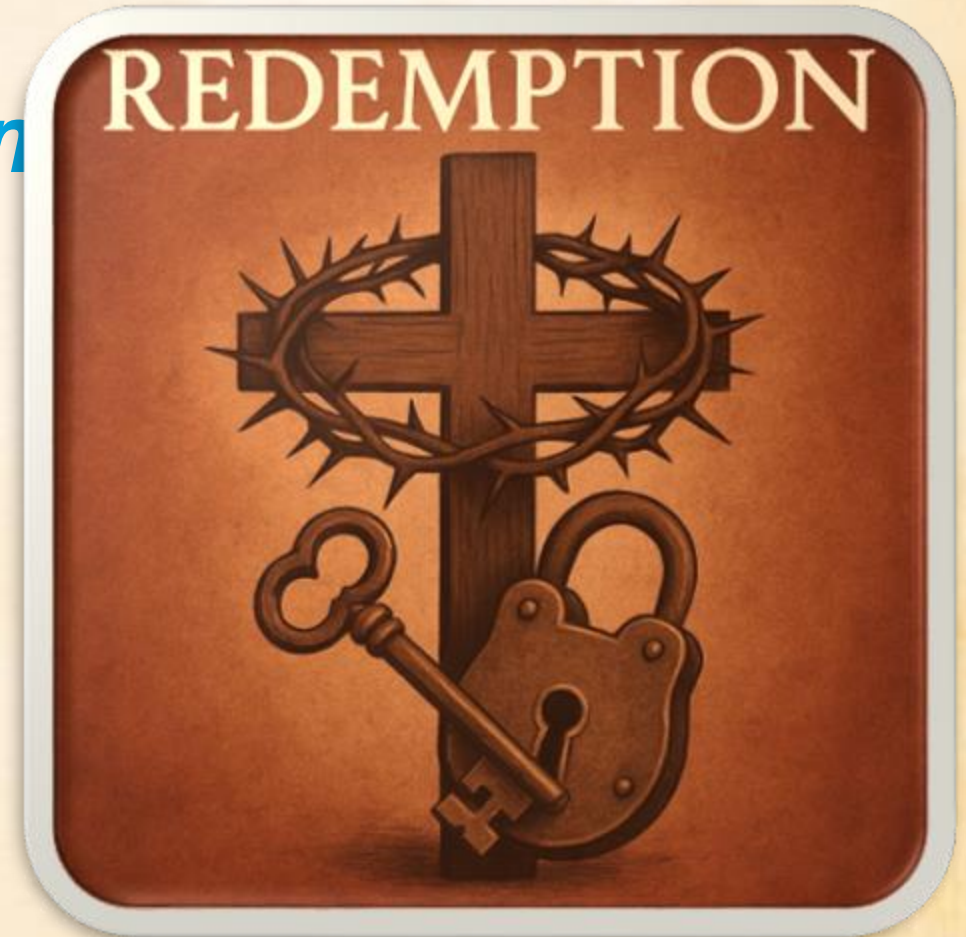
John 17:22-24

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace.”

Ephesians 1:7

REDEEM:

- *To free from captivity (reclaim)*
- *To change for the better (reform)*
- *To mend (restore)*
- *To buy back (repurchase)*



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- They are someone who delivers or rescues (Genesis 48:16; Exodus 6:6) or
- Redeems property or person (Leviticus 27:9–25, 25:47–55).

Boaz was Ruth & Naomi's redeemer because he:

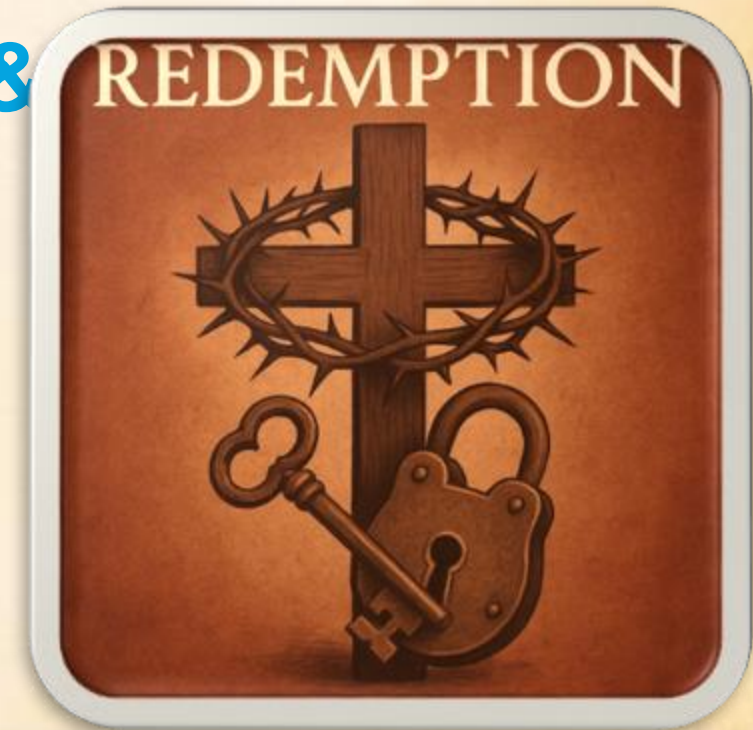
- ***Reclaimed their position and purpose***
- ***Reformed their mistakes and regrets***
- ***Restored their identity and standing***
- ***Repurchased their land and property***

“May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.” Ruth 2:12



Jesus is our redeemer because He:

- **Reclaimed us as truly belonging to God**
- **Reformed the gap made by Adam & Eve**
- **Restored our closeness and relationship with God**
- **Repurchased our freedom**



“How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn’t let me.”

Matthew 23:37



***“You are royal priests,
a holy nation, God’s
very own possession.
As a result, you can
show others the
goodness of God, for
he called you out of
the darkness into his
wonderful light.”***

1Peter 2:9



BELONGING IN MEMBERSHIP



“Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.” Heb 13:17

Key Teaching Points:

OPEN & RESPONSIVE TO PERSUASION

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1. LEADERSHIP IS SPIRITUAL, NOT HIERARCHICAL:

- *Church leaders are not corporate managers; they are spiritual shepherds, overseers*
- *Leadership is relational, not authoritarian.*
- *Biblical leadership is about responsibility, care, and service—not about control or being a boss.*

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2. SUBMISSION MEANS TRUST, NOT BLIND OBEDIENCE:

- *Choosing to support and walk with your leaders - not about suppressing your voice or questions.*
- *The submission mentioned is based on trust.*
- *NOT about mindless obedience, but rather a recognition of the spiritual responsibility leaders carry.*

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3. MUTUAL JOY AND GROWTH:

- *Leaders leading with humility and members respond with open, responsive trust,*
- *The result is joyful ministry and a flourishing church.*
- *The goal is mutual benefit - believers cooperate with their leaders, and leads to spiritual health for the whole community.*

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Spiritual leadership should be rooted in love and servanthood, not hierarchy.

This verse is not a power play, but as a blueprint for harmony within the body of Christ.

BELONGING IN MEMBERSHIP



A large, stylized blue graphic of a baptism, consisting of a large, flowing 'b' shape followed by the word 'aptism' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The background is a light beige, textured surface with a white, cloud-like shape in the upper right. A blue, wavy line at the bottom represents water.

baptism

ROMANS 6:1-4



- **GRACE IS NOT A LICENSE TO SIN:**
- **BELIEVERS HAVE DIED TO SIN:** *When someone becomes a disciple, it's as if their old, sinful self has died—spiritually no longer ruled by sin.*
- **BAPTISM SYMBOLIZES THIS TRANSFORMATION:** *Baptism represents being united with Christ in His death and resurrection—dying to sin, rising to a new life.*
- **NEW LIFE:** *Just as Christ was raised from the dead, believers are called to live a transformed life—a life that reflects God's holiness, not sin.*

Water baptism is mentioned about 9 times in the Book of Acts, 30 times in the New Testament.



1. **Acts 2:38–41** Peter calls people to repent and be baptized; about 3,000 are baptized.
2. **Acts 8:12** – Philip baptizes men and women in Samaria after they believe the gospel.
3. **Acts 8:13** – Simon the sorcerer himself believes and is baptized.
4. **Acts 8:36–38** – The Ethiopian eunuch is baptized by Philip in water.
5. **Acts 9:18** – Paul (Saul) is baptized after his conversion.
6. **Acts 10:47–48** – Peter commands Cornelius & his household to be baptized with water.
7. **Acts 16:15** – Lydia and her household are baptized.
8. **Acts 16:33** – The Philippian jailer and his household are baptized immediately.

BAPTISM OF JESUS - MATT 3:13-17



- A sign of obedience - to fulfil all righteousness (Matt 3:15)
- A sign of commitment - pledge of a good conscience to follow God (1 Pet 3:21), its not just a ritual, its not outward washing, a sincere response to God, symbolic yet powerful, a commitment to live
- “I want to live with a clean conscience before God”



CONCLUSION:

Consecrate yourself (Joshua 3:5)

“If not now, when?”