

Why should I be baptized?

I should be baptized to let others know who _____
in me. It shows that I know I am part of the _____
of God. (*Galatians 2:20*)

I should be baptized to show that God has _____
me from my _____. (*Psalms 51:2*)

I should be baptized to present a picture of Jesus's
_____, his _____, and his _____.
(*Romans 6:3-5*)

I should be baptized to show that I am willing to
_____ Jesus. (*Luke 9:23*)

I should be baptized to show that I am part of one
_____ and one _____. (*1 Corinthians 12:13*)

Your Name: _____

What is your response to God's Great Plan of Salvation?

1. Have you ever put your trust in Jesus Christ for your salvation? Have you prayed to tell God that you believe in Jesus & want to confess your sin & turn to follow Him?

YES – I did before today.

NO – I have never done that, but I want to now.

NO – I am not ready yet.

2. Do you want to be baptized?

YES – I have already trusted Christ and want to be baptized.

NO – I am not ready yet.

I have already been baptized.

Remember – It's okay to not be ready yet.

Talk to someone at home about your answers. A summary of our lessons from the past few weeks are on the back of this paper. If you want to be baptized, a parent should contact Karen Douglas in the church office (karendouglas@bvbcnet.org or 302-478-4255) to schedule a time to meet with Pastor Nate.

God's Great Plan of Salvation - Summary

What we've learned so far.

- **God is one God expressed in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God created the universe & everything in it. He is eternal and perfect (without sin).** *Isaiah 40:28b The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.*
- **When we disobey God, it is sin. Sin separates us from God because God cannot dwell with sin. Every human is a sinner. Only Jesus never sinned. God made a plan for Jesus to die on the cross to wash away our sin.** *Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
- **God takes sin very seriously. In the Old Testament times, God's people had to sacrifice animals to receive forgiveness. At the "first" Passover God's rule was that a lamb must be sacrificed and the blood put on the door frame so that the angel of death would "passover" the house. The blood of the lamb did not, in and of itself, save their lives but the people's obedience to God's command did. This also foreshadowed what Jesus would do on the cross.** *Hebrews 9:22 The law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.*
- **Jesus died in our place and became the ultimate sacrifice. He died ONCE and for ALL.** *Romans 5:8 God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*
- **Our responsibility and response to God's plan of salvation is to HEAR, BELIEVE, CONFESS, REPENT, and BE BAPTIZED.** *James 1:22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves Do what it says.*
- **Baptism is a symbol of Christ cleansing us from sin. It is also a picture of his death, burial, and resurrection. Once we've trusted in Christ for salvation, we should be baptized.** *Mark 16:15-16 Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.*
- **Once we HEAR, BELIEVE, CONFESS, REPENT, and BE BAPTIZED, that is only the beginning of our walk with Christ. God gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit. We should spend time with God through prayer, attending church, reading our Bible, having our own Bible devotions, worship, and surrounding ourselves with Godly things. We can participate in the Lord's Supper and tithing and should serve God in some way.** *2 Corinthians 5:17 If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*