

# BEYOND G-O-O-D INTENTIONS

## PART 3: BAPTIZED

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*Repent and be baptized into the name of Jesus.... and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children.... everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.*  
-Acts 2:38-39 (ESV)

**The Acts Church didn't place their faith in \_\_\_\_\_**

**If the Acts Church prioritized \_\_\_\_\_, why wouldn't we?**

- The very first "Christian sermon" ended with an invitation to repent and be baptized (Acts 2:37-38)
- Baptism in the name of Jesus is difference-maker (Acts 18:24-28; Acts 19:2-6)
- Households were transformed (Acts 2:38-39; Acts 16:15; Acts 16:31-34)
- Other water baptism references in Acts include Acts 1:5; Acts 1:22; Acts 2:41; Acts 8:12-18; Acts 8:36-38; Acts 9:18; Acts 10:37-48; Acts 11:16; Acts 13:24; Acts 18:8; and Acts 22:16

**In \_\_\_\_\_, baptism is linked with some pretty amazing things!**

Water baptism is connected to **God's covenant promises** (Col 2:8-12), with **inward cleansing and the washing away of sin** (Acts 2:38-39; Ephesians 5:25-27; Acts 22:16; Titus 3:5; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Hebrews 10:22; 2 Peter 2:22), with **union in Christ** (Gal 3:27; Colossians 2:11-12; Romans 6:3-7), with the **gift of the Holy Spirit** (Acts 2:38), and with **becoming part of the Church** (1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Ephesians 4:4-5).

**\_\_\_\_\_ is highlighted alongside one Lord and one faith as a defining mark of Christ's Church (Ephesians 4:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:13)**

**What if we approached baptism like the \_\_\_\_\_ did?**

**If you (or your household) have never been \_\_\_\_\_, let's set a date (or have a conversation)!**



Have you ever made a promise that you didn't keep? Sincere, heartfelt commitments that you made but failed to follow through? At the start of this New Year, we want to equip you to go beyond good intentions in the areas that matter most.

Join us as we look to the example of those through whom the Jesus movement overcame impossible odds!

January 10	"On Fire"
January 17	"Filled"
January 24	"Baptized"
January 31	"Praying"
February 7	"Converting"
February 14	"Covenanting"

## Recommended Resources

*Acts for Everyone (Part 1 & 2)* by NT Wright

If you'd like an easy to read, devotional-like resource that offers short portions from the Acts followed by stories, illustrations, and insights that help you apply the Verses to your life, start here.

*The ESV Study Bible*

Designed for serious readers, students, and teachers

*The NLT Study Bible*

Easy to read with helpful and insightful study notes

*The IVP Bible Background Commentary (New Testament)*

Exceptional resource for cultural/historical context

*Empowered Evangelicals* by Rich Nathan & Ken Wilson

Casts a vision for Christians who bring together the best of the evangelical and charismatic worlds

*Rediscovering the Holy Spirit* by Michael Horton

Follows the Holy Spirit from Genesis to Revelation