

## **Family Worship Center Water Baptism Information Sheet**

### **WE ALL NEED JESUS**

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

Every person on the earth has sinned. We have done wrong, missed the mark, rebelled against what God's Word says. Sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2) Why? God is holy. He is perfect in every way, good in every way. In the beginning when Adam and Eve disobeyed God and committed sin, sin entered the world. They were driven from the presence of God which means spiritual death. Paul wrote the wages of sin is death (spiritual death) in Romans 6:23. Spiritual death is separation from God. Until you accept Jesus you are separated from God.

### **BELIEVE AND CONFESS**

*'But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.'*

*Romans 10:8-10 NASB*

When we look at this scripture, the word confess means we are agreeing. The moment someone believes in their heart on Jesus and confesses Him as their Lord and Savior, they are born again. You are no longer separated from God, but now you are in His family.

*'See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.'*  
*1 John 3:1*

"God in Heaven, I believe that you raised Jesus from the dead and I confess Him as my Savior and Lord. Thank you for saving me and accepting me into the family of God. Amen!"

### **SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH**

There is a mixture of God's grace (his unmerited favor and power) with our will and faith. It is not just all up to God, and certainly it is not just all up to us. It takes both GOD'S ABILITY and OUR WILLINGNESS to bring about the new birth.

*'For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. '*

*Ephesians 2:8-9*

We could never be saved except by the pure grace of God. It is God's power working through His Word and Spirit that brings about the new birth. We can never earn our salvation, it is the gift of God.

What does new birth mean? It means just like when someone is born they are new, we are new because our sins have been washed away and we are now in God's kingdom.

## **A NEW CREATION**

*'Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.'*

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

The new birth makes us a brand new creation. We are created after the image of Jesus Christ (Colossians 3:10). In our hearts we are made to be like Christ. In order to live like Christ, we must: *"and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him," (Colossians 3:10)*. This is done by RENEWING THE MIND WITH GOD'S WORD, and submitting our bodies to the authority of that word (Romans 12:2, Ephesians 4:23, 24). To renew our mind means changing what we think and believe to line up with what the Word says.

## **INTO GOD'S KINGDOM**

*'Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. '*

*Colossians 1:12-14*

When we are born again, we are taken out of Satan's kingdom of darkness, and we are placed into the kingdom of Jesus, the kingdom of light. It is a fact. The child of God does not have to be lorded over by Satan ever again, we have authority over him.! (1 John 4:4, Luke 10:19).

## **WATER BAPTISM**

It is clear from the Scriptures that water baptism is important to the believer. In the Great Commission Jesus told his disciples, *'And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned. '*

*Mark 16:15-16*

Matthew records these words of Jesus in the 28th chapter and the 19th verse. 'Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.'

Jesus himself was baptized by John in the Jordan River (Matthew 3:13-17).

At the close of his message on the day of Pentecost, Peter told the Jews, *"Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. "* Acts 2:38

Luke records. *'So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. '* (Acts 2:41) Paul was baptized after his conversion (Acts 9:18). He later baptized the believers at Ephesus (Acts 19:1-6). Those of Cornelius house were baptized after they had received the Holy Ghost (Acts 10:44-48), The Philippian jailer and his household were baptized after they had believed on Jesus (Acts 16:31-33).

## **WHAT NOW**

You have made the decision, dedicated your life to Jesus. Now what do you do?

**Pray-** spend time with God. Prayer is a two way communication which means you both talking and listening to what God has to say. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Mark 11:14, Philippians 4:6, Colossians 4:2, 1 John 5:14-16, Matthew 5:44, Psalm 145:18, Matthew 6:9-13)

*'Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; '*  
*Colossians 4:2*

**Filled with Holy Spirit-** 'Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ' Acts 1:4-5. The disciples along with others in Acts 2 were filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. They then went out and preached the gospel with signs and wonders following. (John 14:26, John 14:16-17, Acts 1:8, Romans 8:26, Ephesians 6:18)

*'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth. ' ' "*  
*Acts 1:8*

**Read the Word-** The Word of God is absolute truth.

*2 Timothy 3:16-17, "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."*

The Word will lead you to know God, follow His ways, grow in your character, recognize deception, and follow His will.

### **Apply the Word of God to your life-**

*"Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous."*

*1 John 3:7*

*"If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him."*

*1 John 2:29*

*"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."*

*Matthew 6:33*

*"To do righteousness and justice is desired by the Lord more than sacrifice."*

*Proverbs 21:3*

**Repent-** Be quick to repent. God loves you and hates sin because it hurts you and others. Each time the Holy Spirit shows you something you need to repent of, don't wait. Humbly submit to God and choose His ways and not your own. (Acts 3:19)

*'If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.'*

*1 John 1:8-10*

**Go to church-** Church is where you can build godly friendships, grow, and worship together.

*'Not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near. '*

*Hebrews 10:25*

### **PREPARE FOR BAPTISM DAY**

-Send your full name to the baptism coordinator for your certificate

-Arrive at 9:30 on the date of your baptism for a meeting with the staff member.

- Bring an extra change of clothes and a towel, one will be provided if needed.
- Invite your friends and family to witness and celebrate God's goodness.