



## BAPTISM STATEMENTS







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- **Matthew 28:18-20 NIV**, “18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

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- How are we to make disciples?
  - Immersing them into the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus
  - Immersing them not only in water but everything the Father and Son and Holy Spirit brings to the relationship
  - Immersing them into all the authority of Jesus Christ
  - Immersing them or teaching them everything Jesus commanded and taught
  - Walking along beside them giving encouragement mixed with loving truth

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- Scripture commands that every believer in Jesus Christ is to be baptized with water – why?
  - It is a public declaration of a personal decision made
  - It is a public declaration of the direction a life will be lived
  - It is a great time of rejoicing
  - Creating a memory
  - It symbolizes or illustrates the washing of our sins away so we can stand before a holy, righteous God accepted
  - It is our personal statement of Belief illustrated



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- We see this in Jesus' baptism
  - **Matthew 3:13-16 NCV**, 13 At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River and wanted John to baptize him. 14 But John tried to stop him, saying, "Why do you come to me to be baptized? I need to be baptized by you!" 15 Jesus answered, "Let it be this way for now. We should do all things that are God's will." So John agreed to baptize Jesus.
    - 16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. Then heaven opened, and he saw God's Spirit coming down on him like a dove. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love, and I am very pleased with him."

## Baptism is my personal statement of my acceptance of my need for a Savior

- This is where I found myself, the lost sheep Jesus spoke of
  - **Romans 3:23 NIV**, “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”
  - **Romans 6:23 NIV**, “For the wages of (*my*) sin is death (*physical/eternal*)”
  - **Romans 3:10-12 NIV**, “10 There is no one righteous, not even one; 11 there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. 12 All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.” - and this included me and you
  - Just like Adam and Eve, I found myself separated from God with a large cherubim holding a flaming sword flashing back and forth guarding the way in and back to the Tree of Life
  - I don't know all the whys or hows, but I knew Heaven was not available to me in this condition

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- Jesus said
  - **John 14:6 NIV**, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” – Way past the cherubim to the tree of life, life eternal
  - **John 6:37 NIV**, “Whoever comes to me I will never drive away.”
  - **Romans 5:6-8 NIV**, “6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
  - **Romans 10:13 NCV**, as the Scripture says, “Anyone who calls on the Lord will be saved.” and I did this

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- Jesus said
  - **John 8:12 NIV**, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
  - Jesus is not just my Savior as wonderful as that is, but the Lord of my life teaching me how to apply His truth in guiding every area of my life for His glory
  - Left on my own I would continue to walk in the darkness of my old sinful nature, so I have chosen to follow closely to Jesus and live my life in His truth
  - I will choose to forgive and accept myself as Jesus has forgiven and accepted me
  - I am free, forgiven, loved – tie a knot around these and never let go

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- I understand I am still living in a dark sinful world, but Jesus has promised a future glory in heaven with Him
  - **John 6:40 NIV**, “For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.”
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:16-18 NIV**, “16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.”

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- I understand I am still living in a dark sinful world, but Jesus has promised a future glory in heaven with Him
  - Jesus even promised this to a thief crucified with Him on the cross
    - **Luke 23:42-43 NIV**, 42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” 43 Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you (*promise you*) , today you will be with me in paradise.”

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- Jesus will present me to His Heavenly Father, to stand before His righteous gaze knowing everything about me, faultless throughout the ages to come
  - **Jude 1:24-25 NIV**, 24 To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— 25 to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

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- I understand I have earned none of this and never will
  - **Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV**, “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.”



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- Kevin Shorter writing on his blog about prayer said it is good for us to write out a simple statement of beliefs and review them regularly, his follows:
  - I believe in Jesus as the only way to God
  - I believe that the Bible is awesome and I find life in it
  - I believe it's our role to help others love Jesus more
  - I believe God created us to have relationship with Him and He loves to speak to us
  - I believe God loves every person He created, and it would be wise if I did too

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  - I believe the Holy Spirit is in each believer and He reminds us and empowers us to live the abundant life
  - I believe if people don't want God (choosing not to receive Jesus) they can choose eternity without Him
  - I believe heaven is a real place and it is part of the reward for those that trust Jesus



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