

PURPLE FOR LIFE

Today we are celebrating water baptism and the milestone in the life of these believers. Water baptism is a statement of faith, a statement of purpose and a declaration of intent to live all your days for Jesus.

Baptism is called in the Scripture: our first public witness

What if we when we were water baptized we came out purple....would there still be a celebration?

Galatians 3:27 - For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (NKJV)

BAPTISM IS FOR BELIEVERS

Right of Baptism

- As a believer you have something that belongs to you

Mark 16:15-16- "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. ¹⁶**Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.** (NIV)

In water baptism we are saying – “I believe!”

BAPTISM IS WHERE HIS LIFE BEGINS

Q... what happens now that I've gone down under

Matthew 28:19-20 ...**go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ...** (NIV)

Look for one!!

- Baptism is a part of the discipleship mandate of Jesus... **go and make disciples**

In water baptism I declare I am learning not only a believer... I am a follower of Jesus

BAPTISM REVEALS CITIZENSHIP

Acts 2:41 – Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. (NIV)

Citizenship... **added to their number**

- **Added to their number**...Become a part of the Body of Christ...Family member kingdom

Ephesians 4:3 - Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

In water baptism I declare I am a believer... I am a follower, I am a citizen.

BAPTISM IS IDENTIFICATION

Romans 6:3-4 ... all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore **buried** with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was **raised** from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (NIV)

Q How does this happen?

Colossians 2:12 ...having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God (NIV)

I believe Jesus is the only way to eternal life for the whole world...
Therefore I am giving my whole strength, future, reputation to this ...
I am a follower of Jesus...
I belong to the Body of Christ...
and I forever am raised to new life with Jesus.

I'm purple for life!!