

**Date:** October 9-10, 2021

**Title:** "Baptism Weekend Fall 2021"

### Have Fun Together - Ice Breakers:

1. What show did you binge watch embarrassingly fast?
2. What's something about you that people would be surprised to know?

### Message Summary:

**Believing** leads to **belonging**  
**Belonging** leads to **baptism**  
**Baptism** leads to **behaving**

### Read The Bible Together - Key Verses:

Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ.

Galatians 3:2

<https://www.bible.com/bible/116/GAL.3.2.NLT>

Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith. And now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian.

Galatians 3:24-25

<https://www.bible.com/bible/116/GAL.3.24.NLT>

For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:26

<https://www.bible.com/bible/116/GAL.3.26.NLT>

And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.

Galatians 3:27-29

<https://www.bible.com/bible/116/GAL.3.27.NLT>

## Take Next Steps Together - Discussion Questions:

- Have you ever been in a situation where you felt like you didn't belong?
- Have you ever felt like you needed to behave a certain way to belong with God?
- What was the point of God giving the Law to the Israelites in the Old Testament?
- How do we become children of God?
- How can we be sure that we belong to God?
- How do we balance a genuine desire to please God, with a solid understanding that faith in Jesus plus nothing makes us right with him?
- What does taking the step of baptism mean? Why is it important?

## Pray Together - Prayer Focus Points:

- Pray about your members relationships with God, that they are sure they belong and are wanted.
- Pray for the people who got baptized this past weekend and their next steps in their faith.