This is My Story (6) Baptism

Not about a religious ritual or a formality…

Powerful Statement to God and to People about your Faith in Jesus…And What He Did for You

* Forgiven
	+ **Decision is Not About Being Perfect…**

**Acts 2:38**

And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ **for the forgiveness of your sins**…

* + **Cleansing**

**Acts 22:16**

Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and **wash away your sins,**calling on His name.’

**Isaiah 1:16, 18**

“Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean… “Though your sins are as scarlet,
They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool.

* Enveloped & Protected By Jesus
	+ **Enveloped, Shielded, Covered by Jesus…**

**Galatians 3:27**

For all of you who were baptized into Christ have **clothed yourselves with Christ.**

* + **Protection in Trouble**
		- **The Great Flood**

**1 Peter 3:21**

**21**Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, **but an appeal to God for a good conscience**—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ

* + - **Lost in the Wilderness**

**1 Cor. 10:1-4**

For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that **our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; 2**and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; **3**and all ate the same spiritual food; **4**and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.

* A Move From Death to New Life
	+ **Dying to the Old Way of Life…**

**Colossians 2:12-14 (MSG)**

“Going under the water was a burial of your old life; coming up out of it was a resurrection, God raising you from the dead as he did Christ. When you were stuck in your old sin-dead life, you were incapable of responding to God. God brought you alive—right along with Christ! Think of it! All sins forgiven, the slate wiped clean, that old arrest warrant canceled and nailed to Christ’s cross.”

* + **Reborn Into A New Life…A New Way of Living**

**2 Cor. 5:17**

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; **the old has gone, the new has come!”**

**Acts 2:38**

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.**

Powerful Statement of What God Has Done in Your Life

**Matthew 28:18-20**

**18**And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20**teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

* + **“In the name of…” by the authority of…God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) Says:**
		- I have been Forgiven
		- I am His Protected Child
		- I have Overcome Death and Live a New Life of Power and Victory

**Acts 8:34-38**  **34**The eunuch answered Philip and said, “Please *tell me*, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself or of someone else?” **35**Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. **36**As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch \*said, **“Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?” 37[And Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.”** And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”] **38**And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him.