

# BAPTISM

## 5-DAY DEVOTIONAL

### WATCH THE VIDEO

- This 5-Day Devotional is based on a sermon about Baptism. It would be helpful to first watch the sermon and then begin the Devotional.
- You will notice timestamps which correspond to certain times in the video.
- Watch Video here: <https://youtu.be/QkCFYAiGVQY>

### DAY 1: Baptism: Our Spiritual Rebirth

Baptism stands as a profound declaration of one's faith, a spiritual milestone that marks the believer's cleansing from sin and entrance into a new life with Christ. It is not a mere formality but a deeply spiritual act that signifies the washing away of our sins and our rebirth into a new life. As believers submerge in the waters of baptism, they identify with Christ's death and resurrection, symbolically dying to their old selves and rising to walk in the newness of life that He offers. This act of faith is a powerful testimony to the transformative work of Christ and a celebration of the grace that has been bestowed upon us. [15:58]

*"For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." - Galatians 3:27 ESV*

- Reflection: How does your baptism reflect your personal journey of faith and transformation in Christ?

### Day 2: Personal Commitment in Baptism

Baptism should be a conscious decision made by individuals who have chosen to follow Jesus, reflecting a personal commitment to Him. While traditions such as infant baptism may have cultural or familial significance, they do not capture the essence of believer's baptism—an outward expression of an inward transformation. The Bible consistently illustrates that baptism follows an individual's decision to embrace faith in Christ, serving as a public declaration of that life-changing choice. [08:11]

*"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, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'" - Acts 2:38 ESV*

- Reflection: In what ways does your baptism—or your decision to be baptized—reflect your personal choice to follow Christ?

### Day 3: Obedience Over Perfection in Baptism

Baptism is not about attaining perfection or possessing all the answers; it is about obedience to Christ and bearing witness to His grace in our lives. Accepting Jesus into one's heart is the first step, and baptism follows as a natural response, not contingent on a certain level of spiritual maturity or knowledge. It is a humble act of obedience, demonstrating a willingness to follow Jesus' example and command, regardless of where one is on their spiritual journey. [29:08]

*"But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." - Acts 8:12 ESV*

- Reflection: What hesitations, if any, have you faced regarding baptism, and how can you overcome them to obey Christ's call?

## **Day 4: Baptism as a Courageous Witness**

The act of baptism is a personal and vulnerable step that requires courage and can profoundly impact others in their faith journey. It is a moment between the believer and God, yet it also serves as a powerful witness to the church community. The decision to be baptized, regardless of one's role or tenure in the church, can inspire and encourage others, as seen in the story of the pastor's wife whose baptism sparked a revival. [36:12]

*"And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him." - Acts 8:38 ESV*

- Reflection: How might your baptism, or the act of witnessing a baptism, inspire courage and faith in others within your community?

## **Day 5: Baptism as a Community Celebration**

Baptism is not only a personal milestone but also a celebration for the entire church community. It is a unifying experience that strengthens the bonds within the body of Christ, as each baptism serves as a reminder of our own commitment to Jesus and the transformative power of His love. The church comes together to support and rejoice with those taking this significant step, affirming the collective journey of faith we share. [32:58]

*"There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call — one Lord, one faith, one baptism." - Ephesians 4:4-5 ESV*

- Reflection: How can you actively participate in the celebration of baptism within the Arrows Church community, and what does this unity mean to you personally?

