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# **SERMON SERIES STUDY GUIDE**

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## **BAPTISM**

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# ***BAPTISM***

***READ:*** Romans 6:1-7; Matthew 28:16-20

Every morning as I step into the shower, I try to remember my baptismal promises, that by Jesus' death and resurrection and his precious blood, I have been washed clean and forgiven. It is a great way to start my day!

When someone is baptized, the preacher will mark the sign of the cross on their head and say, "Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the Cross of Christ forever." These are powerful words of identity and promise. In baptism, you are adopted into God's family and you become a child of God! By water and God's Word you receive the promise of God's Holy Spirit which will guide you and lead you by faith. God is saying to you, "You are mine! You are loved! You are no longer bound by sin, death and the devil but have been freed by the work of my Son on the cross!"

## ***QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION***

1. As you read these texts, what speaks to you?
2. Tell the story of your baptism. If you were a baby or a child, what have you been told about it? Who was there? Where was it?
3. What does "baptism" mean to you?

4. Describe what "happens" in baptism?

5. What part of a baptism at church is powerful to you?

6. What does it mean to be a child of God?

7. What promises does God make in baptism?

## ***PRAYER***

Father, thank you that you took ordinary water and made it Holy by your Word. Help us to remember our baptisms daily. Your gift of love and grace in Jesus is more than we deserve. Thank you for this gift. We praise you for your goodness and kindness. In Jesus' name. Amen.