

Acts 16:25-34 - Story of Paul and Silas in prison vs.31 "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household."

vs.33 "Then he and everyone in his household were immediately *baptized*."

Why is baptism important **for us**?

Romans 6 - Baptism and freedom from sin **vs.4** "For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from he dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives."

vs.7-8 "For when we died with Christ we were set free from the *power* of sin. And since with died with Christ, we know we will also live with him."

Sin has no power over us! ... unless we let it.

2 Corinthians 5:17 "This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"

John 12:24-25 "I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat I planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels; a plentiful harvest of new lives. This who love their life in this world will lose it. This who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity."

Luke 17:33 "If you cling to your life, you will lose it, and if you let your life go, you will save it."

How have we allowed sin to continue having power over us?

How are we still clinging to an old life instead of embracing the new one?



READ WITH US Never too late to start! We are reading through the New Testament. Join us in the Bible App or pick up a schedule.

NEMORIZE TOGETHER 52 Verses over 52 Weeks Each week in 2021 we will be challenging each other to memorize a specific passage to fill our hearts and minds with truth for growth and transformation!

Galatians 5:22-23 NLT

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Be informed! Sign up using the connect card or look for the link on Facebook every Wednesday afternoon.

NC UGANDA Pray, Give, Go How will you support our work in Gulu? Fill out a card or complete the form online to partner with us in supporting Kayla, building a fence around our land, and work toward planting a church.

this week...

CROSS CURRENT No Service Tonight Celebrate your moms!

BREAK FREE In Your Marriage! We will be discussing desires vs. expectations, love and respect and marriage communication on Wednesday night, May 12th & 19th. Sign up through ChurchCenter. **Next month's Break Free Group will focus on Fear & Loss**.

coming up....

WATER BAPTISMS Next Sunday! One of the first acts of obedience in following Jesus in being water baptized. Sign up at the information desk or online to participate and come at 9am that morning to learn more!

NEXT STEPS Next Sunday after the service Want to learn more about our church and how to get connected. Stay after the service next Sunday for lunch with some our team. Child care is provided.

40TH ANNVERSARY June 18th-20th Mark your calendars as we celebrate our past, present, and future. Pastors Tom Wells and Don Curry will be with us as well as some other special guests. RSVP online at ntcmassena.com/40years

