

Our vision at GFC is that God would raise up a generation of Christians who have the **COURAGE** to stand, the **CONFIDENCE** to speak up, and the **HEART TO SACRIFICE** because they're committed to the **TRUTH** of God's Word, the **MISSION** of God's church, and the **MERCY** of God's Son – Jesus Christ.



Baptism Sunday

Acts 8:26-40

Pastor Peter LaRuffa

November 18, 2018



Special Offering for Our Growing Church
 We invite you to give to the needs of our expanding church to help reach new people. This offering will directly support our Independence & Fort Thomas Campuses. More at graceky.org/specialoffering.



Grace Kids
 • Family Christmas Movie •
THIS Saturday, Nov 24, bring your family for a Family Christmas Movie, *The Star!*
 Holiday treats will be served!
6 – 8:30pm | graceky.org/events



Student Ministry
 • Winter Retreat •
 Winter Retreat registration is open! It's January 18-20 @ Hocking Hills. All 6th-12th graders invited!
 More info @ graceky.org/events.



IND Prayer and Worship Night
 We invite everyone to join us for a night of worship & prayer for our upcoming Independence Campus! We'll spend time praying for this new campus & for the people in the Independence community. No childcare, but kids are welcome!

1. Baptism **DOES NOT SAVE** us from our sins.

Eph. 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

Titus 3:5 "He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit..."

2. Baptism **DOES SYMBOLIZE** our salvation.

Rom. 6:3-4 "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

3. Baptism IS NOT NECESSARY for salvation.

Luke 23:42-43 "And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'"

4. Baptism IS NORMATIVE in the New Testament.

Acts 8:36 "And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, 'See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?'"

Acts 9:18 "And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; and taking food, he was strengthened."

5. Baptism is NOT FOR BABIES.

There are no biblical examples of anyone being baptized apart from belief in Christ (not even babies).

6. Baptism IS FOR BELIEVERS, just like you and me.

Acts 8:12 "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."

7. Baptism makes us MORE LIKE JESUS (since He was baptized).

Matt. 3:16 "And when Jesus was baptized..."

8. Baptism grows us in our OBEDIENCE TO JESUS.

Matt. 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."

Questions for Personal Reflection and/or Community Group discussion:

- A. Did you learn anything new or review something helpful concerning baptism? If so, what?
- B. Call to mind and/or share about your baptism experience.
- C. How are you encouraged or blessed by observing other people being baptized?
- D. What reasons do you have for not having been baptized?
- E. If you haven't been baptized, what steps of repentance should you take in order to be obedient to Christ in this way?

Today's Baptisms

1st Service
Chris Glasgow

2nd Service
Jessica Forbes
