




Middle School Camp
June 18-21

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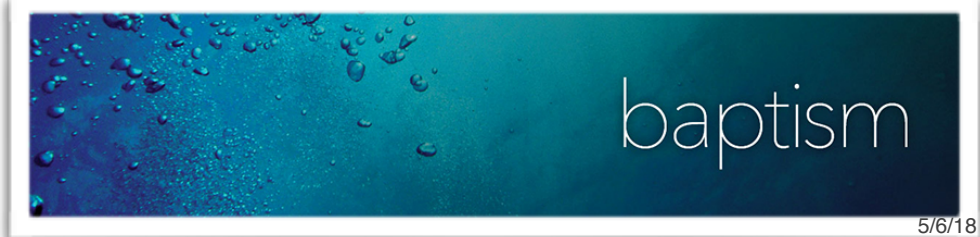
GRACE SINGLES

Contentment Class

May 20 - June 17

11:15am

Florence Campus

A poster for a family-child celebration. The text reads: "GIVE Thanks FAMILY-CHILD CELEBRATION Mother's Day, May 13 Both Campuses • All Services Register at graceky.org/events". The background is orange with silhouettes of a family celebrating. The logo "GRACE SINGLES" is in the bottom left corner.

Baptism Sunday
Acts 8:26-40
Pastor Peter LaRuffa

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.

June 30
11am

Save the date! GFC Family
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3. Baptism IS NOT NECESSARILY 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 Small 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?
