

SERMON NOTES

September 5 & 6, 2026

Why Baptism?

Acts 2:1-41

1. Baptism _____

Acts 2:1-4

- The Holy Spirit of God comes into and lives permanently inside anyone who _____
_____.

2. _____ baptism

Acts 2:27

- When I am ready to _____.
- Marks the miracle of _____ in my life.
- I learn the truth so _____.
- The more reasons _____, the easier it becomes _____.

James 1:22-25

3. _____ baptism

Acts 2:29

- Symbol and seal of God's promise that _____.
- Breakthroughs in life come on the other side of _____
_____.

Life Steps

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Monday

Acts 2: 1-4

Reflect: How does the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost change the disciples' lives? How would you describe your relationship with the Holy Spirit? How have you experienced the power of the Holy Spirit in your own life?

Prayer: Spirit of the living God, shape me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Tuesday

Acts 2:5-13

Reflect: What is the significance, in this context, of Jesus' disciples speaking in different languages? The crowd asked in verse 12, "What does this mean?" What does this passage mean for you?

Prayer: Holy Spirit of God, use me to make known your love and power to those who don't know or understand who you are.

Wednesday

Acts 2:14-36

Reflect: Peter made reference to Old Testament prophecies and King David in his sermon. What does this teach us about sharing the Good News about Jesus? What are the bullet points of your own faith story?

Prayer: God of Abraham, Jacob, and David, use my story to share with others the story of your relentless effort to deliver the Good News of Jesus to the world.

Thursday

Acts 2:37-38

Reflect: Why was Peter's sermon so powerful and effective? What is your personal takeaway from Peter's overall message? Where do you need to repent? Repent means moving away from your ways and embracing the ways of God. If you have not been baptized and are ready to take that step, text "I'm Ready" to 682.777.3239

Prayer: Identify areas in your life that do not align with the ways of God, then pray, "God, I repent of my sin and ask for your forgiveness and help in living in a way that pleases you."

Friday

Acts 2:39-41

Reflect: How does your understanding of your baptism, infant or believer's, reflect your view of God's role in your spiritual growth? Why do you think Peter's sermon was so impactful to the people who heard it? What is your key takeaway from his message?

Prayer: Holy Spirit of God, help me to grow into the person you created me to be and who my family needs me to be.

Saturday

James 1:22-25

Reflect: What does James say are the consequences of being "hearer's only"? What does it mean to look in the mirror and forget what you saw? How does James 1:22 intersect with the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 7:24-27?

Prayer: Holy God, help me to see the truth about me and then the power to live into your truth.

Sunday

Deuteronomy 5:15

Reflect: Why is it important to remember what God has delivered you from? Name some of what God has delivered you from. Come to worship ready to give thanks and praise to God. Then go home and practice the Sabbath. What will that look like for you today?

Prayer: Thank you God for delivering me from _____. Today I will worship you with joyful thanksgiving!