





Trusting Christ Alone

REVIEW

We covered quite a lot of information in the past two lessons. We learned that no matter how hard we try, we will never be good enough to get to Heaven on our own. Yet, it is a **free gift**. We also learned that sin gets heavy. Sin will keep us from having a relationship with God in Heaven, and God is **just**. He must punish sin, which is eternal death. However, God is also **merciful**. He loves us and does not want to punish us.

In order to save us, He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus to die for us. Jesus was completely without sin. He got what He did not deserve, to keep us from getting what we do deserve, death.

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Write on the Board: (Write the acrostic shown to the right on the board.) . When we put our **faith** and **trust** in Jesus, we can take hold of the Grace of God, and receive eternal life. “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not of your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV

Object Lesson—Linking Paperclips

Key Thought: Invisible faith is what saves us.

- * Fold a dollar bill (or piece of paper) into thirds, accordion-style.
- * Attach one paperclip to the top layer and middle layer of one end of the folded bill.
- * Attach the second paperclip to the bottom layer and the middle layer of the opposite end of the folded bill. (The two paperclips should not be touch and should be clipped on opposite ends of the bill.
- * Now, hold each end of the bill and quickly pull it flat. The paperclips will fly into the air and link together as they come off the bill.

Followers of Jesus are saved by our faith in Jesus (an invisible force).



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Power Point

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MEMORY VERSE

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Year 4—Lesson 4



Water Baptism Object Lesson

TOPICS:

Baptism, Forgiveness, Obedience, Sin

MATERIALS:

Roll of toilet paper
Large bowl or bucket of water
Paper towel for drying hand



DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

You need one volunteer for this little experiment. First, you will take toilet paper and wrap it around the fingers of one hand about ten times, so the fingers cannot be spread apart. Then you will have the volunteer submerge his or her wrapped hand into the bowl of water. After about 20 seconds, he or she will be able to spread his or her fingers apart and remove the hand from the water free from the toilet paper. The toilet paper represents being bound by sin, and the water shows how baptism expresses how we are free to walk a new life in Jesus, forgiven of our sins.

WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

I need a volunteer. Great! Now hold out your hand. I'm going to wrap a lot of sin around it. (Take the roll of toilet paper and tightly wrap it about ten times around the fingers of one hand. Make sure it is snug so the volunteer cannot spread his or her fingers apart.)

Your hand now represents how each of us are bound by our sin. Can you spread your fingers apart? (*The answer should be No.*)

Because of our sin, we are separated from God. We are spiritually dead. But Jesus forgives our sins. He cleanses us from all unrighteousness, so we can receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and live a new life in Jesus. This truth is expressed by baptism. Let's see how it works. I want you to submerge your hand in this bowl of water. Keep it in there. Everyone else, let's count to 20.

(After counting to 20) Now can you spread your fingers apart? Go ahead and spread your fingers, and remove your hand leaving all the sin behind. Great job, you can now dry off.

We are baptized out of obedience to the Word of God for the forgiveness of our sins. (Acts 2: 38) When you are baptized for real, you may hear something like the following: "Because of your confession of faith, and in obedience to Christ, you are now baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, for the forgiveness of your sins, and for the gift of eternal life or the Holy Spirit."

Discussion Questions:

1. What should someone do before they are baptized? (*One must first accept and trust in Jesus.*)
2. Why should someone be baptized (*Out of obedience, because Jesus commands it.*)
3. When should someone be baptized? (*As soon as they can after accepting Jesus into their heart.*)