

7 | One Baptism

TITUS 3:4-7

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God's grace and mercy—not our **MERIT**— (v. 4-5a)

when the Son appeared John 1:14; Titus 2:11; 1 John 4:9

 **not earned, but given** Eph 2:8-9; Rom 4:4-5; Rom 11:6; Gal 2:16

washes and **RENEWS** us through his Spirit (v. 5b-6)

washed and made new John 3:5; Ezek 36:25-26; 2 Cor 5:17; 1 Cor 6:11

 **why we are baptized** Matt 28:19; Acts 2:38; Col 2:11-12; 1 Pet 3:21

and gives us **ETERNAL LIFE**. (v. 7)

justified by grace Rom 3:23-24; Rom 5:1; 2 Cor 5:21; Phil 3:9

heirs of eternal life Rom 8:17; Gal 3:29; Gal 4:7; John 17:3

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;

who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets;

and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;

we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;

and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Learn More
Read Chapter 7 of
"The Nicene Creed"
by Kevin DeYoung.



Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Groups!




Each week we'll spend part of our time getting to know more about one another.

Share with the Group:

Think of a time someone showed up for you when they had absolutely no obligation to. What happened, and what made it stick with you?

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

-  **Read Titus 3:4-7.**  **Then read this line from the Nicene Creed:** "We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins." Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
- Look at the list in **verse 3** — foolish, disobedient, enslaved, passing our days in malice and envy, hating one another. Paul says that's *us*. As you look at that list, is there a word or phrase that you most recognize in your own life?
 - When you look next at **verse 4**, how does it strike you that God's kindness appeared for people on that list not after they cleaned themselves up, but while they were still on it?
-  **Read Ezekiel 36:25-27.** Hundreds of years before Paul wrote to Titus, God promised to wash us clean and give us a new heart. As you read the passage, notice that every verb in those verses belongs to God — "I will sprinkle... I will give... I will remove... I will put..." God does it *all*. Have you ever tried to change your own heart through sheer effort or willpower? How did that go?
 - What else in those verses catches your attention?

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At Wawasee, each of us is growing to increasingly live out these four roles as we follow Jesus together.



Secure Son/Daughter

I live each day increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval.



Courageous Connector

I cultivate honest relationships that cross barriers and create belonging—even before belief.



Ready Storyteller

I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.



Legacy Builder

Because of Jesus, I multiply what has been given to me by spiritually investing in others for kingdom impact.

Word Find in the **Word**

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for Titus 3:4-7 (NIRV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

4 But the **kindness** and **love** of God our **Savior appeared**. He **saved** us. It wasn't **because** of the **good things** we had **done**. It was **because** of his **mercy**.⁵ He **saved** us by **washing away** our **sins**. We were **born again**. The **Holy Spirit gave** us new **life**.⁶ God **poured** out the **Spirit** on us **freely** **because** of what **Jesus Christ** our **Savior** has **done**.⁷ His **grace** made us **right** with God. So now we have **received** the **hope** of **eternal life** as God's **children**.

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- Similarly to **Ezekiel 36:25-27**, every verb in **Titus 3:4-7** belongs to God — *he appeared, he saved, he washed, he poured out, he justified, he made us heirs*. Not one of them is something you did. Is there something in your life right now that you're still trying to do for yourself that God has already done for you? How could you let that go and rest in what Christ has already done for you this week?
- Pastor Josh noted that baptism is visible picture of an invisible reality. It's an outward symbol of something the Spirit already did on the inside. If someone in your life asked what baptism is and why Christians do it, how would you explain it?
- Read Matthew 28:19 and Acts 2:38**. From the very first days of the Church, the pattern was believe, repent, be baptized—publicly, in front of others. Why do you think Jesus made baptism the first step of obedience rather than something kept between you and God alone?
 - Have you been baptized? If so, what was it like to make that declaration in front of others? If not, what has held you back

Taking It Home

- Whether your baptism is already behind you or still ahead, it's part of the story God is telling through your life. Who in your life needs to hear what God has done for you—and what's one step you could take this week toward telling them?
 - A **Ready Storyteller** "lives each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story." How will you live into that role this week?
 - One way is to get baptized on Sunday, June 28 in Syracuse Lake!** We're having our service at Lakeside Park that morning at 10a, followed by baptisms in the lake. If you'd like to get baptized, let us know and sign up in the **Church Center App!**

As you close, take time to pray for each other.



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