



Baptism and Eternal Life

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1 John 4 ⁷ Those who are loved by God, let his love continually pour from you to one another, because God is love. Everyone who loves is fathered by God and experiences an intimate knowledge of him. ⁸ The one who doesn't love has yet to know God, for God is love. TPT

John 3 ¹⁵ so that those who truly believe in him will not perish but be given eternal life. ¹⁶ For here is the way God loved the world—he gave his only, unique Son as a gift. So now everyone who believes in him will never perish but experience everlasting life. ¹⁷ “God did not send his Son into the world to judge and condemn the world, but to be its Savior and rescue it! ¹⁸ So now there is no longer any condemnation for those who believe in him, but the unbeliever already lives under condemnation because they do not believe in the name of the only Son of God. TPT

Ephesians 2 ⁸ For by grace you have been saved by faith. Nothing you did could ever earn this salvation, for it was the love gift from God that brought us to Christ! ⁹ So no one will ever be able to boast, for salvation is never a reward for good works or human striving. TPT

Mark 16 ¹⁵ And he said to them, “As you go into all the world, preach openly the wonderful news of the gospel to the entire human race! ¹⁶ Whoever believes the good news and is baptized will be saved, and whoever does not believe the good news will be condemned. TPT

Saved, sozo (sode-zoe); (Greek) Strong's #4982: To save, heal, cure, preserve, keep safe and sound, rescue from danger or destruction, deliver. Sozo saves from physical death by healing, and from spiritual death by forgiving sin and its effects. Sozo in primitive cultures is translated simply, “to give new life” and “to cause to have a new heart.”

Romans 10 ⁹ And what is God's “living message”? It is the revelation of faith for salvation, which is the message that we preach. For if you publicly declare with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will experience salvation. ¹⁰ The heart that believes in him receives the gift of the righteousness of God—and then the mouth confesses, resulting in salvation. TPT

1 John 5 ⁵ So who are the world conquerors, *defeating its power*? Those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God. ... ¹⁰ Those who believe in the Son of God have the *living* testimony in their hearts. Those who don't believe have made God out to be a liar by not believing the testimony God has confirmed about his Son. ¹¹ This is the true testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life has its source in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has *eternal* life; whoever does not have the Son does not possess *eternal* life. ¹³ I've written this letter to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you will be assured and know without a doubt that you have eternal life. TPT

Acts 2 ³² “Can't you see it? God has resurrected Jesus, and we all have seen him!” ³⁶ “Now everyone in Israel can know for certain that Jesus, whom you crucified, is the one God has made both Lord and the Messiah.” ³⁷ When they heard this they were crushed and realized what they had done to Jesus. Deeply moved, they said to Peter and the other apostles, “What do we need to do, brothers?” ³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and return to God, and each one of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus, the Anointed One, to have your sins removed. Then you may take

hold of the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For God's promise of the Holy Spirit is for you and your families, for those yet to be born and for everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." TPT

Acts 16 ²³ After they were severely beaten, they were thrown into prison and the jailer was commanded to guard them securely. ²⁴ So the jailer placed them in the innermost cell of the prison and had their feet bound and chained. ²⁵ **Paul and Silas, undaunted, prayed in the middle of the night and sang songs of praise to God, while all the other prisoners listened to their worship.** ²⁶ Suddenly, a great earthquake shook the foundations of the prison. All at once every prison door flung open and the chains of all the prisoners came loose. ²⁷ Startled, the jailer awoke and saw every cell door standing open. Assuming that all the prisoners had escaped, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself ²⁸ when Paul shouted in the darkness, "Stop! Don't hurt yourself. We're all still here." ²⁹ The jailer called for a light. When he saw that they were still in their cells, he rushed in and fell trembling at their feet. ³⁰ **Then he led Paul and Silas outside and asked, "What must I do to be saved?"** ³¹ **They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved—you and all your family."** ³² Then they prophesied the word of the Lord over him and all his family. ³³ Even though the hour was late, he washed their wounds. **Then he and all his family were baptized.** He took Paul and Silas into his home and set them at his table and fed them. ³⁴ The jailer and all his family were filled with joy in their newfound faith in God. TPT

Luke 3 ¹⁶ But John made it clear by telling them, "There is one coming who is mightier than I. He is supreme. In fact, I'm not worthy of even being his slave. **I can only baptize you in this river, but he will baptize you into the Spirit of holiness and into his raging fire.** ... ²¹⁻²² **One day, Jesus came to be baptized along with all the others.** As he was consumed with the spirit of prayer, the heavenly realm ripped open above him and the Holy Spirit descended from heaven in the form of a dove and landed on him. **Then God's audible voice was heard, saying, "My Son, you are my beloved one. Through you I am fulfilled."** TPT

Romans 6 ¹ So what do we do, then? Do we persist in sin so that God's kindness and grace will increase? ² What a terrible thought! We have died to sin once and for all, as a dead man passes away from this life. So how could we live under sin's rule a moment longer? ³ **Or have you forgotten that all of us who were immersed into union with Jesus, the Anointed One, were immersed into union with his death?** ⁴ **Sharing in his death by our baptism means that we were co-buried with him, so that when the Father's glory raised Christ from the dead, we were also raised with him. We have been co-resurrected with him so that we could be empowered to walk in the freshness of new life.** ⁵ For since we are permanently grafted into him to experience a death like his, then we are permanently grafted into him to experience a resurrection like his and the new life that it imparts. ... ¹¹ So let it be the same way with you! Since you are now joined with him, you must continually view yourselves as dead and unresponsive to sin's appeal while living daily for God's pleasure in union with Jesus, the Anointed One. ... ¹⁶ Don't you realize that grace frees you to choose your own master? But choose carefully, for you surrender yourself to become a servant—bound to the one you choose to obey. If you choose to love sin, it will become your master, and it will own you and reward you with death. **But if you choose to love and obey God, he will lead you into perfect righteousness.** ... ²¹ So tell me, what benefit ensued from doing those things that you're now ashamed of? It left you with nothing but a legacy of shame and death. ²² But now, as God's loving servants, you live in joyous freedom from the power of sin. So consider the benefits you now enjoy—you are brought deeper into the experience of true holiness that ends with eternal life! TPT

Isaiah 9 ⁷ **Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end,** Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. NKJV