Are We Being Baptized?

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1. Baptism is expected. It is an act of obedience.

2. Obeying the commands of Jesus is not Christianity 2.0,

 it’s the original version, only version, invented by Jesus version.

3. A clean cut from what was to what is new.

4. Every act of obedience is a baptism into the new, life-giving promises of God.

5. Are we being baptized? Are we becoming more and more obedient?

Questions for Mini-Church: ミニチャーチでの質問 Hope Chapel

Head 1. What does it say? 頭 1. これは何と言っているか？ ホープチャペル

 2. What does it mean? 2. それは何を意味しているか？ Real Solutions

Heart 3. What does it mean to me? 心 3. 私にとってはどんな意味があるか？ for Real People in the Real World

Hands 4. What am I going to do about it? 手 4. それについて何をすべきか？ 　 この世界の人々への確かな答え

**Matthew 28:18–20 NET**

18 Then Jesus came up and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,20 teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

**Acts 2:37–41 NET**

37 Now when they heard this, they were acutely distressed and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “What should we do, brothers?” 38 Peter said to them, “Repent, and each one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.39 For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call to himself.” 40 With many other words he testified and exhorted them saying, “Save yourselves from this perverse generation!” 41 So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added.

**John 14:15 NET**

15 “If you love me, you will obey my commandments.

**John 15:10 NET**

10 If you obey my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.

**Luke 11:28 NET**

28 But he replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!”

**1 Peter 3:18–21 NET**

18 Because Christ also suffered once for sins, *the just for the unjust*, to bring you to God, by being put to death in the flesh but by being made alive in the spirit. 19 In it he went and preached to the spirits in prison, 20 after they were disobedient long ago when God patiently waited in the days of Noah as an ark was being constructed. In the ark a few, that is eight souls, were delivered through water. 21 And this prefigured baptism, which now saves you—not the washing off of physical dirt but the pledge of a good conscience to God—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**2 Corinthians 5:17 NET**

17 So then, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; what is old has passed away—look, what is new has come!