Baptism: Step into the Waters

*Acts 10:44-48*

*Categories: Baptism*

*NAS* ***Acts 10:44-48*** *While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message. 45 And all the circumcised believers who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out upon the Gentiles also. 46 For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God. Then Peter answered, 47 "Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we did, can he?" 48 And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days.*

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Intro:

* ***Preaching Point:*** ***God commands that you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord through baptism.***

1. **Are You Saved?** v44-46.
   1. ***You believe the gospel.*** “was still speaking these words . . . who were listening to the message. (Objective, External Evidence), FAITH, v. 44a, c
   2. ***You’ve been born again.*** (Subjective, Internal Evidence), REGENERATION, v44b.
   3. ***You have a Godward life.*** (Subjective, Internal which shows forth externally) SANCTIFICATION, v45-46.
2. **Are You Clear?** v47.
   1. Aspects:
      1. ***Baptism is indiscriminate.*** “surely no one can refuse” v48a
      2. ***Baptism is a picture.*** “the water”, v48a
      3. ***Baptism is exclusive.*** “for these to be baptized who have receive the Holy Spirit,” v47.
      4. ***Baptism is a reminder,*** “just as we did, can he?”, v47
   2. Definition: **Baptism is the responsibility and privilege of every Christian to publicly identify Christ as Lord and Savior of his and her life by water immersion to symbolize their conversion from dead sins to newness of life. Baptism also serves as accountability to this new life and to encourage the church.**
3. **Are You Willing?** v48.
   1. **To Obey Jesus,** “and he ordered them”, v48a
   2. **To Own Jesus,** “to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.”, v48b

Conclusion: