



***This is God's Word for my life  
in this place and at this time.***

***Today, I am a new creation in Christ,  
I am God's very own, and  
I believe He has a purpose for my life.***



Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”





Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

“How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.



The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,  
and as a lamb before the shearer is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.”



The eunuch asked Philip, *“Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?”*

Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.





As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. Why shouldn’t I be baptized?” And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.

*Acts 8:26-39*



*Transformed through*

*Baptism*





# Baptism begins with Divine intervention

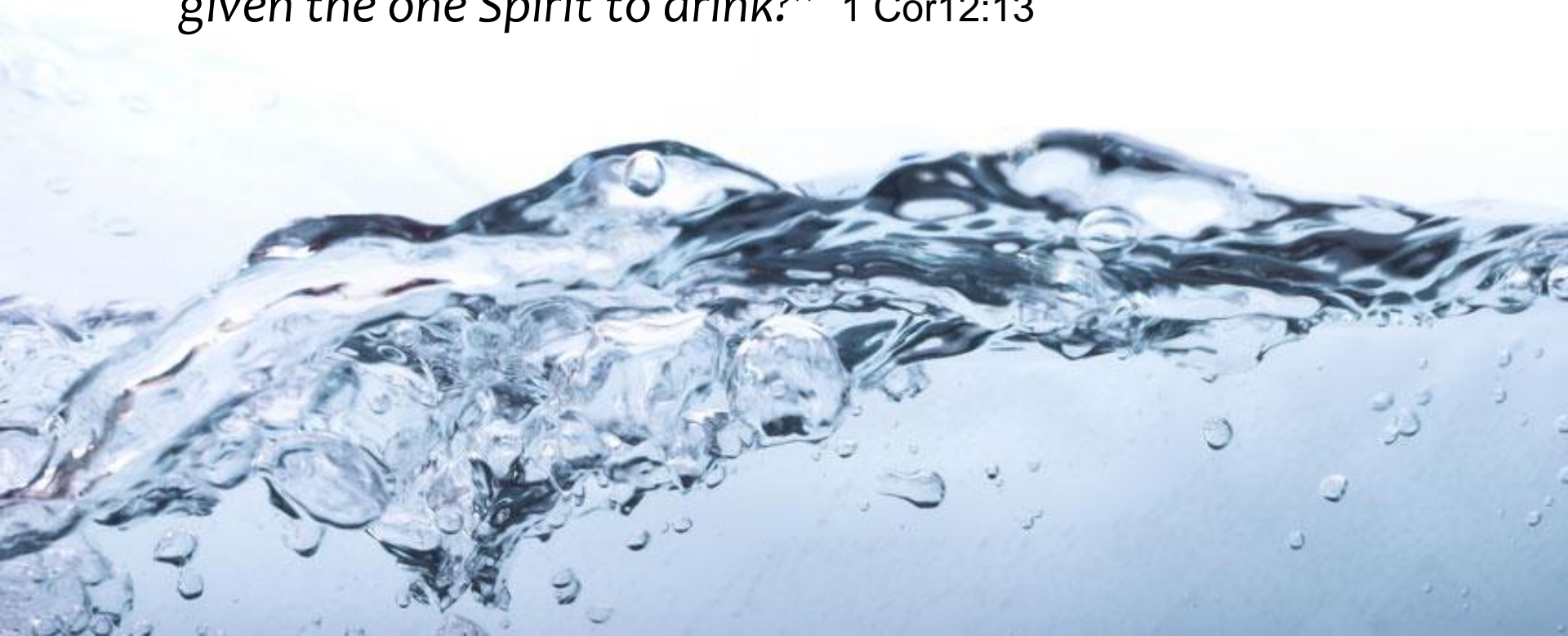
*“I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.”*

1 Cor 3:6



# Baptism unites what the culture divides

*“We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—  
whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all  
given the one Spirit to drink?” 1 Cor12:13*



Baptism is the initial step of a faithful life

*“Look, here is water. Why shouldn’t I be baptized?” v37*





# Baptism separates the Tire-kickers from the Car-buyers

“Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.”

John 3:3



# *Remember Your Baptism*

- 1. Recognize God's movement throughout your life.*
- 2. Listen to what God is saying to you Today.*
- 3. Make Baptism the beginning of your journey not the end.*

