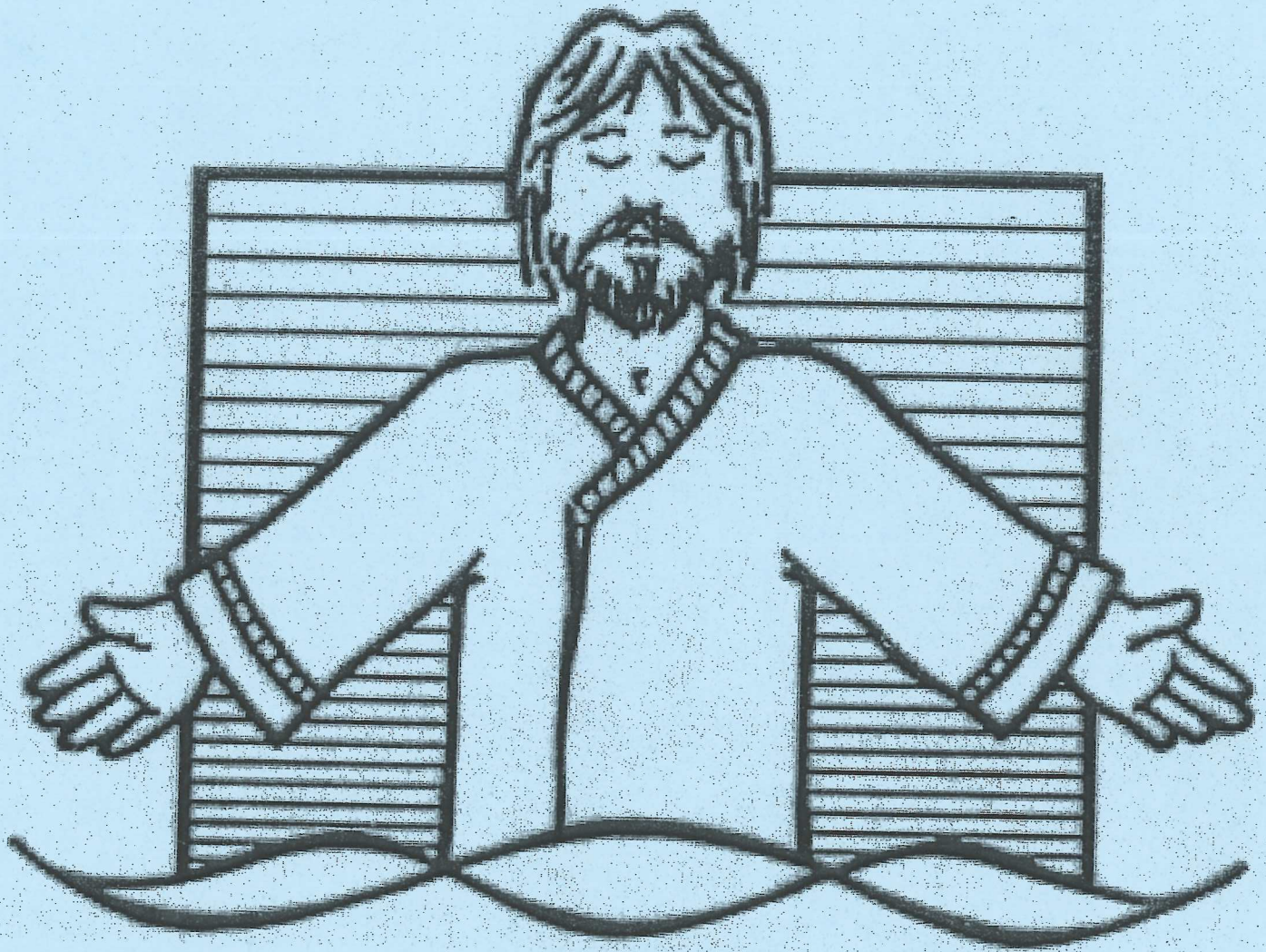


Am I Ready for Baptism?

A Workbook for children and their parents



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Before Baptism

Baptism is a big step that all Christians must consider. Grace Point is a Baptist church, which means that we believe that baptism is an important sign of our faith in Jesus Christ. We believe that we should only baptize people who have an active faith in Jesus; therefore, we do not baptize people who cannot claim that faith for themselves.

With your parents, complete this booklet about your faith. These worksheets will help us to know what you believe about God. After you have completed this booklet, read page 9 closely and pray as a family about baptism and what God wants you to do. Then follow the instructions on page 9.

What Happens When You Sin?

What does God want us to do? One time a man asked Jesus that question.

"Jesus answered, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind.' This is the first and most important command. And the second command is like the first. 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'" (Matthew 22:37-39, ICB)

The Most Important Thing Is _____.

The Next Most Important Thing Is _____.

Even though we try our best to be loving, we all fail at times. That's why the Bible says:

"There is no one without sin.... All people have sinned and are not good enough for God's glory." (Romans 3:10, 23, ICB)

PROBLEM #1. You Are Guilty Of Breaking God's Law.

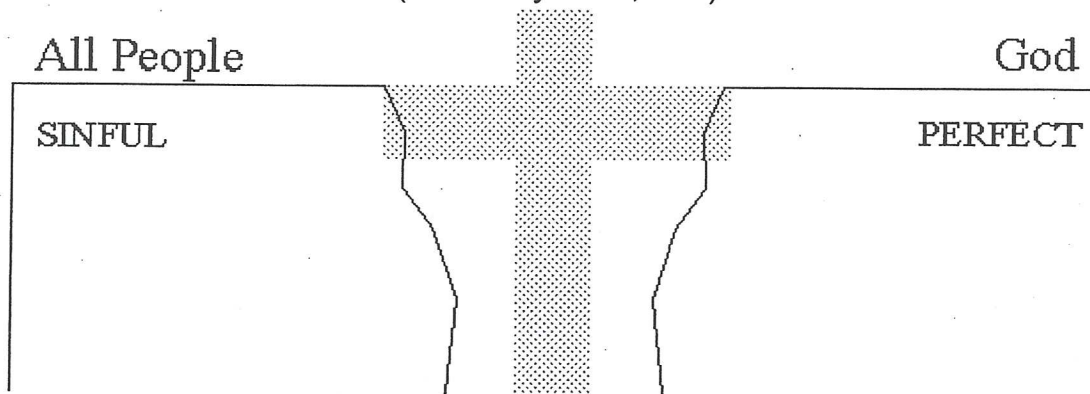
What would happen if you were arrested for breaking several laws? You would receive a punishment, wouldn't you? They say crime doesn't pay, but the Bible says sin pays! Here's what it says:

*"When someone sins, he earns what sin pays – death."
(Romans 6:23, ICB)*

Sin causes us to die physically and spiritually. One day our bodies will die and we will be separated from this life. Because of sin, we will also be separated from God and His love forever. That's spiritual death. If you disconnected a sick person from an oxygen machine, he would die in a matter of minutes. When you are cut off from God because of sin, you are cut off from your source of life.

What God Did For You!

[God wants everyone] "to be saved and to understand this truth: That God is on one side and all the people on the other side, and Christ Jesus ... is between them to bring them together by giving his life for all mankind"
(1 Timothy 2:4-6, TLB)



"For God sent Christ Jesus to take the punishment for our sins and to end all God's anger against us"
(Romans 3:25, TLB)

Jesus died in your place!

Jesus willingly took your punishment upon himself so you could be free to live with Him forever. Why did God do that for you? He did it because He loves you!

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

We were separated from God because of something we have done, but we are brought together with God because of something Jesus did! *"But God gives us a free gift-life forever in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 6:23 ICB). Since eternal life is a gift, it cannot be earned. It can only be received. When you receive Jesus Christ and trust Him as your Lord and Savior, you become part of God's family and receive eternal life!

"But to all who received him, he gave the right to become children of God. All they needed to do was to trust him to save them." (John 1:12, TLB)

What is the price that must be paid in order for you to reach God?

Who do you think can pay that price? _____

**Second, let God work *through you*:
to Help Others Join God's Family.**

"You are to go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere"
(Mark 16:15, TLB).

God wants each member of His family to share the message of Christ so others can join God's family too!

Pretend that everyone in the world was infected with cancer. Within a few years everyone will die. In your room, you work to develop a cure for the disease. What will you do with the cure once you've found it?

You can help others know about Jesus by

- **inviting friends and relatives to church.**
- **praying for those who are not yet Christians.**
- **supporting missionaries with prayers and money.**
- **telling others how Jesus has made you happy.**

Our mission is to let everyone know about Jesus! Who is someone you could share the gospel with or invite to church?

One of the greatest witnesses you can ever have is to be baptized when you are ready.

Common Questions about Baptism:

1. Why don't we baptize babies?
2. Why do we use so much water?
3. Does baptism make a person a Christian?
4. How old do I need to be to be baptized?

If you are not yet ready to be baptized, put this booklet someplace where you will remember it. Look through it on your birthday (each year), and reconsider if you are ready. Pray, think and talk about what you think God wants you to do.

