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Last Sunday (March 19) was an amazing day. It's so fantastic to be part of people's journey with Jesus. And last Sunday was a highlight as six people got baptized. There were children, youth and adults alike who have come to faith in Jesus and wanted to declare that hope publicly.

One of the students shared how before he was introduced to Jesus and became part of the church community he felt imprisoned, but now Jesus had really set him free! It was a moving testimony of how deeply the Lord loves him — everyone!

Another young lady shared a meaningful verse from Psalm 115:1 that says,

*Not to us, O Lord, not to us,
but to Your name goes all the glory for Your
unfailing love and faithfulness.*

It's hard to compare the joy experienced when someone chooses to be baptized. It is an outward symbol of their new life in Jesus, but it is also a deeply spiritual moment in any believer's life. There is something intangibly powerful (super-natural) when people obey the Lord in baptism. Although baptism is clearly not

salvation, there is an element of saving grace only experienced when God's children obey His instruction.

We also heard the Word about compassion, and received communion together. What better illustration of God's compassion for humanity than to remember His total sacrifice in communion?

Sounds like we had a triple threat morning — baptism, the Word and communion. I'd venture to say that whether you were baptized or just a part of the congregation on Sunday, that the Holy Spirit established a new work of His grace in you. Keep your heart open and eyes peeled for the work of God taking you deeper into your journey (God sightings).

You never know what God is going to do when you choose to come together to worship and adore Him, while encouraging fellow sojourners. I sure hope you didn't miss it!

Feeling baptized in His love,
Pastor Scott