



# What's Next?

## Baptism and Beyond

### Key Scripture

Revelation 4:1 Message

Then I looked, and, oh! — a door open into Heaven. The trumpet-voice, the first voice in my vision, called out, "**Ascend and enter. I'll show you what happens next.**"

### Don't Forget The Basics

1 Corinthians 10:1-2 NLT

1 I don't want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters, about our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. All of them were guided by a cloud that moved ahead of them, and all of them walked through the sea on dry ground.

2 **In the cloud and in the sea, all of them were baptized as followers of Moses.**

### Water Baptism...

✓ **Symbolizes the death of your old life.**

Romans 6:11 NLT

So you also should **consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin** and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

✓ **Is an act of obedience.**

Matthew 3:13-15 NLT

13 Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John.

14 But John tried to talk him out of it. "I am the one who needs to be baptized by you," he said, "so why are you coming to me?"

15 But Jesus said, "**It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires.**"

So John agreed to baptize him.

✓ **Is identification and a public declaration.**

Colossians 2:12 NLT

For **you were buried with Christ when you were baptized.** And **with Him you were raised to new life** because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

### Baptism...The Bridge To God's Plan

Luke 7:30 NLT

But the Pharisees and experts in religious law **rejected God's plan for them,** for they had **refused John's baptism.**

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### What's Next? ...

1. **Cut-off sin.**

Colossians 2:11 NLT

When you came to Christ, you were "circumcised," but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision—**the cutting away of your sinful nature.**

2. **Clean Conscience Comebacks.**

1 Peter 3:20-21 NLT

20 Only eight people were saved from drowning in that terrible flood.

21 And *that water is a picture of baptism,* which now saves you, not by removing dirt from your body, but **as a response to God from a clean conscience.**

It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

3. **Crush and Take Command.**

Ephesians 4:27 NIV

*do not give the devil a foothold.*

Luke 10:19 NLT

Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and **crush them.** Nothing will injure you.

4. **Celebrate Christ.**

Exodus 15:21 NIV

Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for **He is highly exalted.**

The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea."

Luke 10:20 Message

All the same, the great triumph is not in your authority over evil, but in God's authority over you and presence with you. Not what you do for God but **what God does for you — that's the agenda for rejoicing.**"

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