

DAY FOUR

How do I become a part of the church?

PRAYER – Father, help me to become a vital part of my church. I want to be faithful and helpful and encouraging. I don't want to just be a number. I want to be someone who makes a difference in my world through my local church. In Jesus Name, Amen.

WORD – Read Acts 2:41-42. *“Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”*

Those who received Christ into their lives in the New Testament were baptized. When they were baptized they became a part of that body of believers. Note it says they were added to their number. Baptism is your first step in your growth as a Christian. You are identifying with Christ's death and burial and resurrection. You are identifying with the other believers because they have been baptized too. When Jesus was baptized it was the beginning of His public ministry. I believe the same is true for you. Your ministry begins when you are baptized. You are now a vital part of your church as you minister in Jesus name.

CHALLENGE – If you have not followed Jesus in believer's baptism you need to do that soon. Tell your teacher or pastor that you have received Christ and now want to be baptized. Invite your friends and family to your baptism. It is a great way to start out your ministry for the Lord. Others will see that you really are serious about following Jesus.