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Sermon Title: Baptism – Belonging to Jesus

Speaker: Rich Villodas – Lead Pastor

Scriptures: Galatians 3:26-29

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Sermon Summary:

In this sermon, Pastor Rich will preach through the sacrament of baptism. Whether you have already been baptized, or are considering it, this message will explore what God seeks to do for and in us through our baptism. Baptism is to impact every aspect of our lives, and our witness to Jesus.

Sermon Questions:

1. Take time to reflect on and share about your own baptism or why you have been hesitant to get baptized if you have not taken that step.
2. Pastor Rich shared that your baptism reminds you that you belong to Jesus. How does the truth that you belong to Jesus impact you? Why do you think we need that reminder?
3. Baptism is about declaring a new allegiance - our allegiance to Jesus and his Kingdom. In what ways do you struggle to keep Jesus as your primary allegiance and/or do you intentionally seek to keep Jesus as your primary allegiance?
4. Baptism forms a counter-cultural community - a new family in Jesus. The church is to be a place where all hierarchies are to be dissolved in the water of baptism. What impact do you think can be made when the church really lives this out and models it in the world?
5. Baptism is about our surrender to Jesus. Are there any areas of your life that you are struggling to surrender to Jesus? Take time to pray and confess where you need help to surrender and trust Jesus with every aspect of your life.