



**PORTADOWN**  
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# SUNDAY INTO MONDAY

*"Sunday into Monday" is designed to help all of us take away some key points from one of the messages we have heard together as a church family. We all know that it is possible to listen to a sermon, even appreciate it, but appropriating and applying what God says in His word is crucial to our worship of Him and our Christian living.*



**SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER, 2023**

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*"So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added to them. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer" - Acts 2:41-42*



**THE MEANS OF THE CHURCH - BAPTISM**

**ACTS 2; ROMANS 6**



**T**he risen and ascended Saviour, Jesus Christ, has not left His church without instruction about its life and testimony. In His physical absence, and in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, we have everything we need to serve and honour Him. Among the specific instructions Jesus has left for us, the command to baptise is clear and crucial. In this morning's

message we witnessed the sequence that leads up to believer's baptism, and the significance of this means of grace in the life of the Christian and witness of the church. The drama of redemption, the magnitude of new life in Jesus Christ, and the decisive testimony to the world around us are all embodied in our obedience to what Jesus has ordained.



**FOR REFLECTION AND APPLICATION**

- If you are already baptised, today is a good day to revisit that initial witness that you made to God's saving grace. Take time to thank God for redeeming you, and ask Him to continue to help you to put Jesus first in your life, and speak Jesus clearly to your world.
- If you are not yet a Christian, baptism invites you to think through the profound reality of what faith in Jesus means. It is a death to our old life, and a rising to new life. Baptism cannot save you,

but the realities it depicts can. Come to Jesus today in faith and repentance. Thank Him that He died and rose for you, and ask Him to give you new life as you trust in Him for salvation.

- If you're a Christian and not yet baptised, take some time to think about the sequence depicted in Acts and the significance of baptism depicted in Romans 6. Is it time for you to take this step of faith and obedience? Talk to myself or one of the other elders today if so.

**A PRAYER**



**A**lmighty God, I thank You that salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. Thank You that nothing I can do will save me, but that when You saved me You called me to obedience. Thank

You for the command to be baptised after repentance and faith. Help me to trust You, and then help me to obey Him by doing all that He asks of me as His disciple. I pray this in His name. Amen.



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