

**Sermon Date:** Sunday, 26 January 2020

**Speaker:** Pastor Benjamin Moyowambuya

**Sermon Title:** The Church of God: The 3 Cs of Baptism

**Key Scripture:** Colossians 2:12

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Greetings,

Welcome to the Connection Group meeting! The purpose of Connection group is to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful Christian relationships and the study of God's word. This is achieved by:

**GATHERING with God's people. Hebrews 10:24-25**

Connection Group meetings create an environment characterized by grace, truth, authenticity, and transparency so that group members enter into relationships where they are known, loved, accepted, and challenged.

**GROWING to be like Christ. Colossians 1:28**

We grow together in mutual accountability, submission, and in the application of scriptural truth, so that each group member becomes more like Jesus in attitude and behavior

**GIVING our lives for God's purpose. Romans 12:1**

Supporting one another in prayer and worship so that group members glorify and honor God through their lives as they live out His purposes for their lives.

**GOING into the world. Matthew 28:19**

Intentionally reaching out to lost people with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and creating opportunities to show and share the love of Christ.

Pastor Benjamin took the fourth part of the series "**The Church of God**" as he preached a sermon titled '**The 3 Cs of Baptism**'. In his sermon, he pointed out what Biblical baptism is by highlighting what it's not! So let's get into the study and find out what baptism really is!

School for Life invites you to the **Biblical Foundations** class on Saturday, 8 February from 08:00 hours to 12:00 hours in the Altar Care room. This course will give you an opportunity to learn the foundational teachings of the Bible as you walk with the Lord. Sign up at the School for Life table in the Foyer after the service.

For more information call the Church office on 260 979 888555 or email:

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God bless you!

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## **THIS WEEK'S STUDY- THE CHURCH OF GOD: THE 3 Cs of BAPTISM**

### **A Getting to Know Each Other**

One purpose of Connection Groups is to promote personal growth. Share with the group how you experienced growth, as a result of Connection Group, in 2019

### **B Digging Deeper and Application**

**Key Text:** Colossians 2:12 NLT, Matthew 3:16, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Acts 8:26-40

1. In your own words, explain what biblical baptism is.
2. Why is it important for you as a believer to be baptized?
3. The early church clearly modeled how baptism should be conducted. From the account in **Acts 8:26-40**, list down the steps to be taken for baptism.
4. Discuss, with scriptural reference, why the following statements are incorrect:
  - (i) Being baptized is equal to being saved.
  - (ii) I was sprinkled with water on my baptism so I qualify as a baptized Christian.
  - (iii) My parents baptized me as an infant so I don't need to be baptized again.
  - (iv) Baptism washes away my sins.
5. What are the benefits of being baptized? If possible, give examples from your own life?

### **C Take Home**

Baptism, like Communion is an ordinance that was given to the Church by the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, as a born again Christian it is necessary that you be water baptized. This week encourage fellow believers who are not yet water baptized to take the step and be baptized.