



BAPTIZED

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INTRODUCTION

Pastor Chip finishes the sermon series *Baptized* with his message, "Raised." Baptism symbolizes resurrected life in Christ, and we are saved, raised, seated and sanctified now and eternally by God. Through baptism, we are reminded of who we are in Christ and how God continually wants to work in and through us.

DISCUSSION

1. **Read Ephesians 2:1-10** out loud as a group. Discuss any points Pastor Chip made that were particularly important or illuminating to you. Is there any part of these verses you don't understand? Discuss it with your group.
2. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-20.** How do these verses connect to baptism? According to this passage, how does baptism help us reconcile our old self with our new self?
3. Take one of the words Pastor Chip used in his message - saved, raised, seated, sanctified - and draw a picture or symbol that represents that word as it is used for baptism. Share your drawing/symbol with the group and discuss similarities and differences in your interpretations.

THINK ABOUT IT

We are God's poem:

*For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb
I praise you because I am fearfully and wondrously made;
your works are wonderful, I know that full well...
Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.
Psalm 139:13-14, 16*

We were made **by** God **for** God!

DO SOMETHING

1. If you are still struggling with the step of baptism, pray about clarity and peace in this decision. If you are still confused, or unsure about this step, watch the *Baptized* series online at prairielakeschurch.org or find a trusted friend to talk to.
2. Some resources to use to dig deeper in this series are:
 - *Devoted to God: Blueprints for Sanctification* by Sinclair Ferguson
 - *To Live is Christ, to Die is Gain* by Matt Chandler
 - "God Made You Alive for God" [a sermon by John Piper]