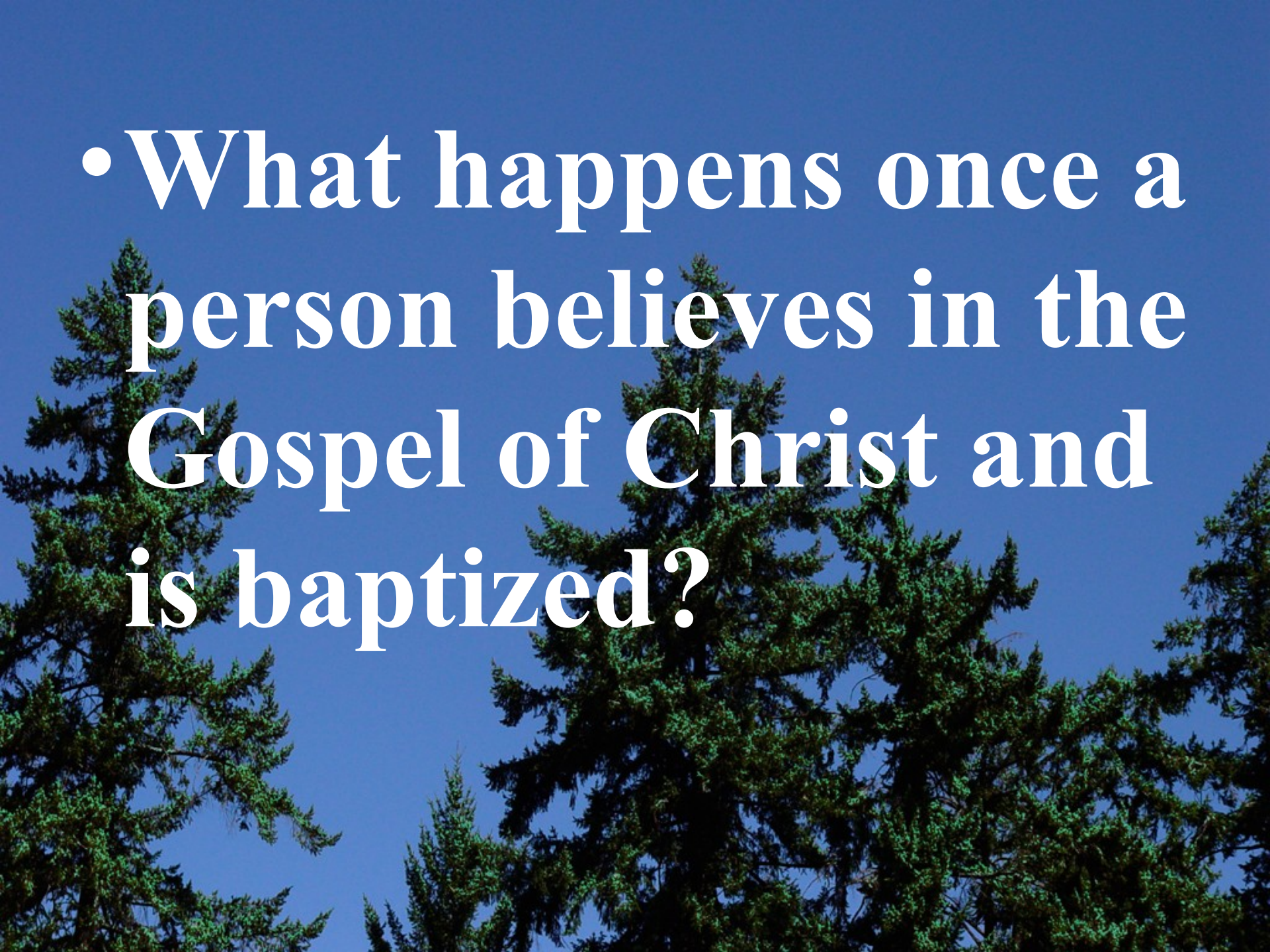


Now That I Am a Christian

*studying the basics
of Christian belief*

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- **What happens once a person believes in the Gospel of Christ and is baptized?**

- Acts 2.37

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

- Acts 2.38

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit....”

- Acts 2.39

“...The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

- Acts 2.40

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourself from this corrupt generation.”

- Acts 2.41

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Three blessings...

- ① The sins of the new Christian are forgiven by God to be remembered no more.
- ② God gives the Holy Spirit to live within the New Christian.
- ③ The new Christian is added to Christ's church.

An Important Point...

- **The life of faith cannot be lived in isolation.**
- **Healthy relationships with other believers make one's relationship with God complete.**

- Acts 2.42

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

- Acts 2.43

Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.

- Acts 2.44-45

All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.

- Acts 2.46

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts....

- Acts 2.47

...praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

The Early Church...

- In Acts 2.41-47, we see that the early church valued togetherness.
- They were added to fellowship.
- They were active participants in a dynamic fellowship.

Because I am a member...

- I must work to preserve and strengthen unity in the church.

Because I am a member...

- I must make the assembling of the church a priority.

Because I am a member...

- I must contribute my time, abilities, and resources to the labor of the church.

Because I am a member...

- I must love my brothers and sisters sincerely and deeply.

Because I am a member...

- **I must bring honor to my church family through the character and conduct I demonstrate.**

Because I am a member...

- I must desire to bring others into the fellowship I enjoy.

Because I am a member...

- **I eagerly look forward to the grand reunion that awaits the church.**

Because I am a member...

- I must know that I cannot remain faithful while being isolated.