What did God do for you, when you were baptized?

Intro:
- remember your baptism — PP Jordan River, Jesus baptized
  - illus. share my story of that day to help them think about their’s — but what happened spiritually
  - note: not have to understand all this to obey the gospel and become a Christian, but . . . grow - helpful

Acts 2:37-38, 40-41, 47 — forgiveness, saved, added to church
- vs. 37 question, still asked today
- vs. 38 baptized, forgiveness
  - baptize: dip, immerse — submergence and emergence — go all the way under the water
- vs. 40 saved
- vs. 41 because received word, obeyed, baptized
- vs. 41, 47 added to number of the saved, church

Acts 22:16 — baptized, sins washed away, call on name of Lord
- story of Paul’s conversion: Damascus, bright light, Lord spoke to, sent Ananias
- vs. 16 retelling conversion to Jews, baptized, wash away sins, call on Lord’s name — the manner of calling on the Lord’s name, appealing to God for salvation
  - Rev. 1:5; 7:14 washed in the blood of Jesus
- illus.: Naaman
  - 2 Ki. 5:1-8
  - 2 Ki. 5:8-9 Elisha called Naaman to come
  - 2 Ki. 5:10 messenger, command to wash in Jordan 7 times - dip (vs. 14)
  - 2 Ki. 5:11-12 two reasons disobey
  - 2 Ki. 5:13-14 servant reasoned with him, obeyed
- Thought questions: dipped in different river, dipped 6 times vs. 7, a different leopard dipped

Rom. 6:3-7 — baptized, die, buried, raised, crucify old man, new life, no longer slave to sin, freed from sin
- all sin, all must die — with Christ or in hell
  - Rom. 3:23; 6:23 all sinned, all must die
  - Rev. 20:14-15 second death, hell — illus.: Adam & Eve, day eat from tree, surely die (spiritual)
- Rom. 6:3-7
  - vs. 3 baptized, into (illus. walk into building), Christ — how get into Christ, baptized
    - baptize: dip, immerse — submergence and emergence — go all the way under the water
  - vs. 4 buried, death, raised, new life — illus. bury dead person: sprinkle, put under - Jesus
    - illus.: baptize person, not let come up - die / faith in baptizer, faith in God
  - vs. 5 united with Christ — relationship
    - Rom. 7:4 die, joined to Christ (married)
    - illus.: wedding, ceremony, signing of document, God joins for life according to His law, man not sep.
  - vs. 6 crucify old self (dead), body sin done away, no longer slave to sin
  - vs. 7 died, freed from sin
- Col. 2:9-13 — baptized, complete, circumcised, buried, raised, faith, made alive, forgiven
  - vs. 9-10 fullness, complete - Jesus has the authority and power
  - vs. 11 circumcision of Christ, cut around, spiritual circumcision, body of sins cut off (Rom. 6, crucified)
  - vs. 12 buried in baptism, raised with Christ, faith — our faith, God’s working (power)
  - vs. 13 made alive, forgiven — not die 2nd death in hell

- Gal. 3:26 - 4:7 baptized into Christ, adopted, heirs
  - 3:26 sons of God, faith in Christ — how, see below
  - 3:27 baptized into Christ, clothed (put on) Christ
  - 3:28 equality in Christ — all equally saved
  - 3:29 promise — salvation, eternal life in heaven
  - 4:5 adopted — God’s child
  - 4:6-7 sons, Abba Father, heir — joint heir with Christ

- 1 Pet. 3:21 Peter’s conclusion — rf. Acts 2:38, his first sermon
  - 1 Pet. 3:20-21 like Noah, “saved through water” (ASV, NKJ), we are saved today when baptized
    - not about getting wet, about obeying God
    - Heb. 5:9 and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him
    - illus.: Noah vs. us: went into ark sinful world, came out holy world / we are sinful before being baptized, come out of water holy — Noah obey, saved
  - prayer: thanks for all that God has done, sending Jesus, Jesus dying on the cross, plan of salvation that’s easy to obey, all spiritual blessings in Christ

- Summary / Inv.
  - forgiveness, saved, added to church
  - sins washed away, call on name of Lord
  - die, buried, raised, crucify old man, new life, no longer slave to sin, freed from sin
  - complete, circumcised, buried, raised, faith, made alive, forgiven
  - inv.: have opportunity to obey today - saved