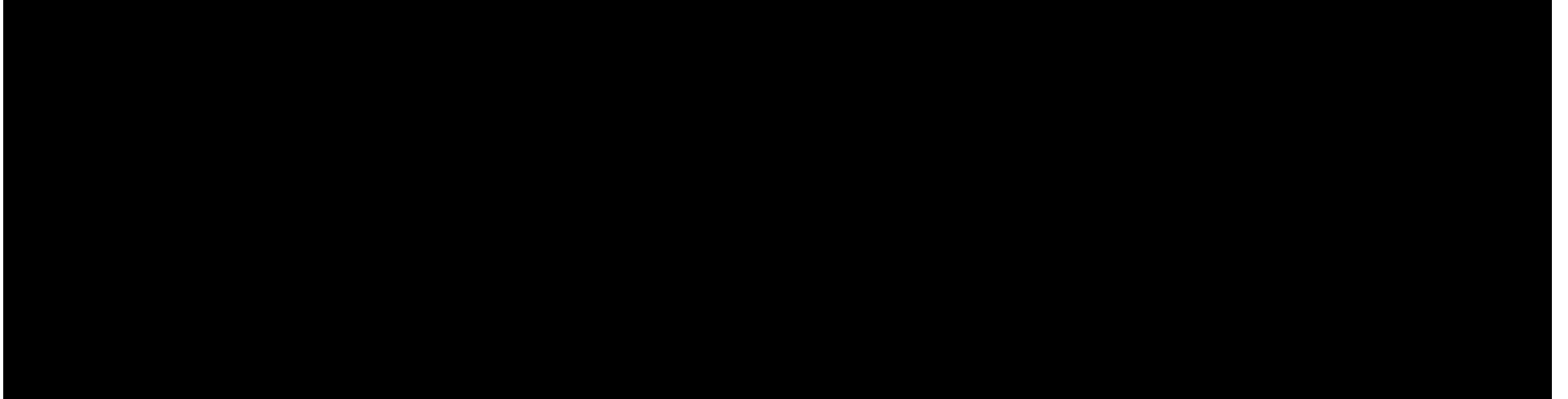


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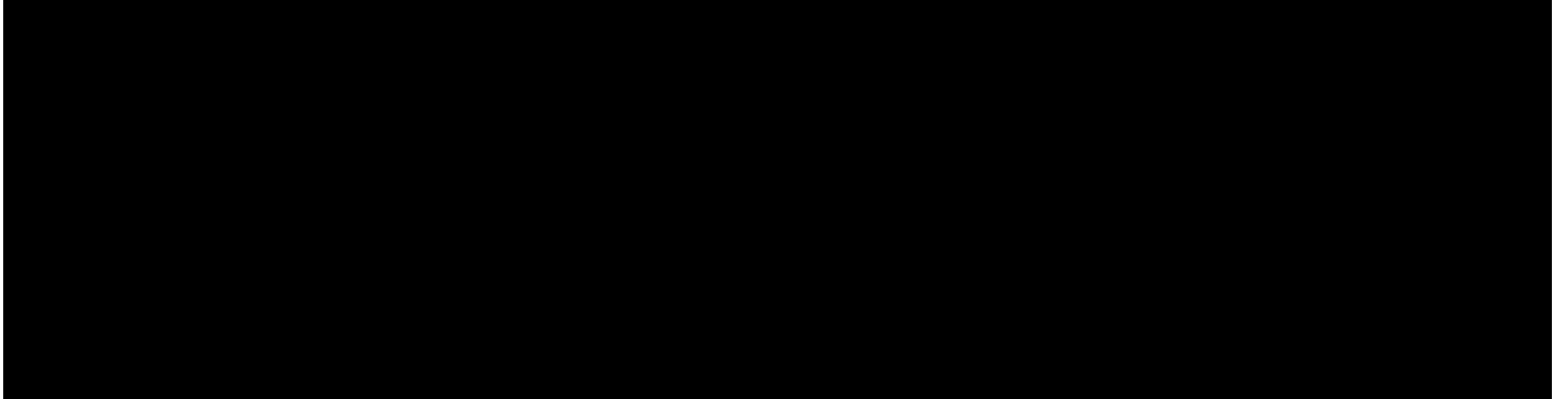
















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- **IDENTIFY** with Jesus in His Death, Burial and Resurrection
- want to be known as His **DISCIPLE**

Baptism is NOT...
...something we do to
RECEIVE Salvation

**Baptism IS a PUBLIC
testimony...**

...that we have **ACCEPTED
Jesus as Savior and that we
want to live in Obedience
to Him**

Three Questions

- 1. Do you Acknowledge that Jesus Christ is your Savior?**
- 2. Are you Trusting Completely in His Grace to Save You?**
- 3. Will you seek to Serve and Honor Him as the Lord of Your life?**

Everyone who has...

- **ADMITTED** that they have sinned and need a Savior

Romans 3:23 (NIV) for all have sinned and **FALL SHORT** of the glory of God,

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Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV) For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is **NOT your own doing; it is the GIFT of God,** [9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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- Seeking to **ALLOW** God to have every area of their life (daily surrender)

Romans 6:13 (NIV) Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather **offer yourselves to God**, as those who have been brought from death to life; and **offer the parts of your body to HIM as instruments of righteousness.**