

### The following testimonies are from [steps-to-personal-revival.info](http://steps-to-personal-revival.info):

A German woman found had found the Hope Channel on TV and was impressed by what she heard, including about the Sabbath. One day when she was going to visit her mother, she had the impression that they should walk a different path. Then she saw the sign of the Adventist Church. She remembered the Adventists from the Hope Channel and attended the worship service the next Sabbath. Then she invited her husband along, and then her mother. All three have been baptized now.

Another experience relates to a Russian-German sister. She had participated in the 40-days devotional time and began to pray for her Russian-speaking neighbours. When she told a neighbour that she was praying for her, this lady was very surprised and told her that she was looking for a church that keeps the Sabbath according to the Bible. She and other neighbours came to the evangelistic meetings and two of them were baptized.

### Testimony from Dwight Nelson on [steps-to-personal-revival.info](http://steps-to-personal-revival.info):

A young man gave me the book Steps to Personal Revival (available for free from the website [steps-to-personal-revival.info](http://steps-to-personal-revival.info)). Little did I know this short book would end up dramatically changing my life—the way I pray, the way I preach, the way I relate to others—it has changed my ministry.

Nobody ever told me or taught me that the Bible teaches us to DAILY ask God for a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit. How could I have gone this far through pastoring and preaching and never learned so compelling a truth! By the time I returned home from that camp meeting I had read the book—in fact I have now read it four times. And my life is changed—you can ask the woman I live with and the people I pastor.

For years I have preached on receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit—series of sermons on this vital theme. But now I've discovered a way to meet with Jesus every morning and do just as He did every morning with the Father—ask for a fresh baptism of His Spirit. Humbly I testify that God has increased the quality of my prayer life. I used to spend much time in the Word and a comparatively short time in actual prayer. Now my practice is reversed—I spend much time on my knees in my early morning prayer closet in communion with God and then turn to His Word for His communication with me.

My preaching has gained a new freedom and intensity. My leadership with my team and my people is even better. Suddenly coincidences are multiplying—it's as if someone is arranging my days and nights, my "chance" meetings and emails and conversations. It's as if the Holy Spirit is personally directing my waking hours (even my sleeping ones). In fact, I've come to know Him as a very personal and truly dear Friend.

Why am I telling you this? I have nothing to gain from this testimony—but I am deeply convicted that you do. Jesus is coming soon. We still have a world, an entire generation, to reach with the everlasting gospel. We simply cannot accomplish that mission on our own. Our only hope is to learn what Jesus knew, to practice what Paul and the first disciples lived. We must have the DAILY baptism of the Holy Spirit upon our lives and ministry. And the only way we will have it is if we humbly daily ask for it.

I don't know who you are, but I am praying for you as I write this. The promised Gift is yours and mine for the asking. After all didn't Jesus promise us: "If you then who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who [Greek—daily, continually] ask Him" (Luke 11:13)? Won't you join me in that daily asking.

# Searching

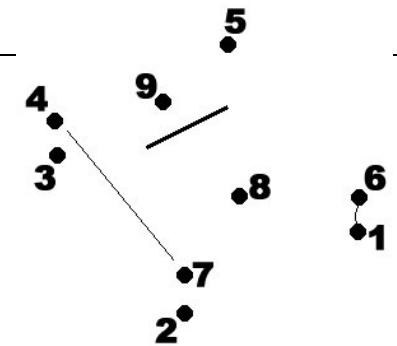
## Sabbath

Have you ever read something that didn't make sense?

There are lots of things in the Bible that are difficult to understand unless someone explains them to you.

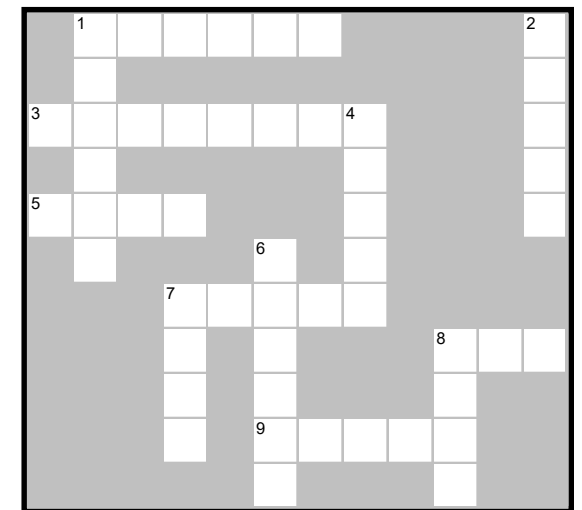
What should we do if we do not understand the Bible?

Use the missing words from Matthew 7:7, 8 NIV to solve the crossword.



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door will be \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ 1d."



## Sunday

A great wave of persecution began after Stephen's death. Many believers fled from Jerusalem, but everywhere they went they told the good news about Jesus.



Philip preached in Samaria and many people believed. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard, they sent Peter and John who prayed for the new believers, then they laid their hands on the new believers, and they received the Holy Spirit.



There was a sorcerer there named Simon, when he saw that the Holy Spirit was given when the apostles laid their hands on people, he offered them money to buy this power. But Peter replied, "God's gift cannot be bought! Repent of your wickedness and pray to the Lord, for I can see that you are full of bitter jealousy and a slave to sin."



Now an angel said to Philip, "Go south down the desert road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaza."

Philip started down the road and met the treasurer of Ethiopia, a eunuch, who had been to Jerusalem to worship. He was sitting in his carriage, reading aloud from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

The man replied, "How can I, unless someone teaches me? Please come and join me."

So Philip told him the Good News about Jesus, using the book of Isaiah and other Bible verses.

When they came to some water, the eunuch said, "Look! There is water here; why can't I be baptised?" So Philip baptised him.

When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord took Philip away and the eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing.



## Friday

Do you have any question about baptism? Talk to your pastor.

### What if I'm not baptised yet, can I still go to heaven?

You can. Do you remember what happened when Jesus was hanging on the cross? - One of the thieves who was crucified next to Jesus believed Jesus and asked to be "remembered" by Him. Jesus promised the thief he would see Him in paradise.

### When should I be baptised?

When your parents and pastor decided you are old enough to understand what it means, and you want to commit your life fully to Jesus and show everyone that you are doing this, and that you have asked Jesus to take away your sins and give you a new life with Him.

### Will things be different?

Yes and No. Being baptised can be really exciting, but once the excitement is over you might feel tired. Satan may try to come and discourage you, just like he tempted Jesus after His baptism. Read Matthew 3:13 - 4:11

### What happens if I stuff up?

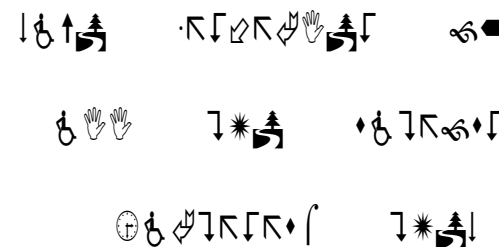
Being baptised will not stop you from stuffing up. Even the great apostle Paul wrote "I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate." Romans 7:15<sup>NLT</sup>. We still need to ask God to forgive us and to help us do what is right. It is important to spend time with God each day.

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### Do I have to be baptised?

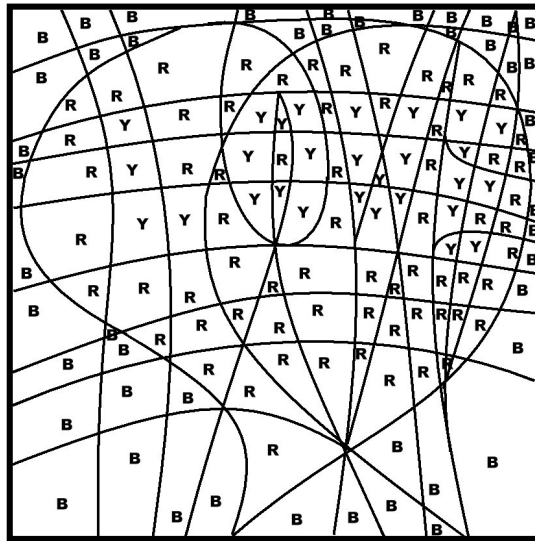
If you want to commit your life to Jesus and your parents and pastor agree you are old enough then, you should be baptised. Use the code to see what Jesus commanded His disciples to do in Matthew 28:19<sup>NLT</sup>



## Thursday

The Bible says that man looks at the outside, but God knows what a person is thinking. God knew that Simon the Sorcerer wanted power just for himself. God knew that the Ethiopian really wanted to learn about Him.

God knows what is in your \_\_\_\_\_ as well. R = Pink, Y = Pink, B = Blue









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Use the code to solve Jeremiah 29:13<sub>NIV</sub>

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## Monday

As soon as he believed, the Ethiopian treasurer wanted to be baptized. But what does baptism really mean?

One way of looking at baptism is like a wedding. Two people meet, spend time together, fall in love and get married to show everyone that they are fully committed to each other and planning to spend the rest of their lives together. When a person is baptised they are fully committed to God and planning to spend the rest of their life with Him

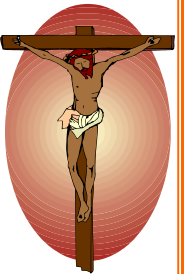


The way the ceremony of baptism is performed also has significance. Many churches today say they 'baptise' babies by sprinkling water over them, but this is not how the Bible talks of baptism.

Matthew 3:13-17 tells us about Jesus being baptised by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. Verse 16 says "As soon as Jesus was baptised, He went up out of the water." Since He comes 'up and out' He must have gone 'down and in' to the water before.

Going down into the water can be a symbol for being dead and buried. When we are baptised, we say that our old sinful self has died, like Jesus died on the cross. When we come up out of the water, we say we are being resurrected or raised to a new life with Jesus.

Read Romans 6:4.



Being washed or cleaned is also a symbol for having sins removed. Psalm 15:7<sub>NLT</sub> says "Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow."

So why did Jesus get baptised? He did not have any sin to remove; He did not have an old sinful self to die to. He did it to show He was fully committed to God, and most of all, He did it as an example for us.

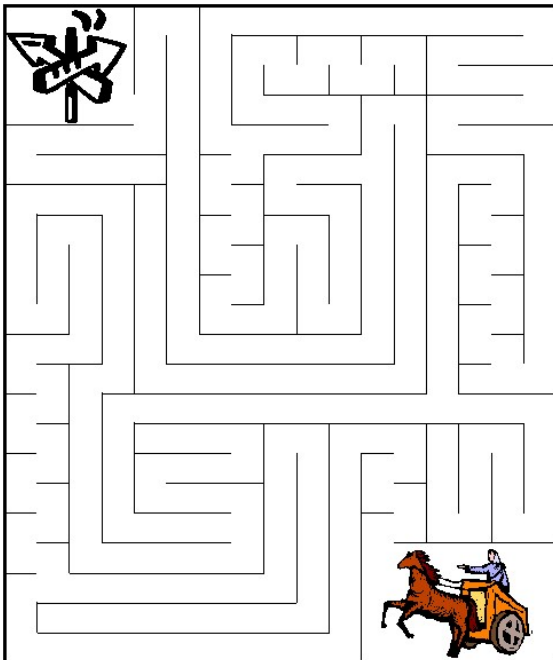
## Tuesday

Find these two important things from Sunday's story in the grid.

- **Everywhere the believers went, they spread the good news about Jesus.**
- **The Holy Spirit can not be bought; it is a gift from God.**

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When the Ethiopian wanted to know about God, God sent someone to teach him. Find a way to the Ethiopian.



## Wednesday

Here are some key points about Baptism in the Bible. Fit the underlined words into the grid.

Baptism in the Bible involved going down into and up out of the water. It was a symbol for dying and being resurrected.

In Matthew 28:19<sub>NLT</sub> Jesus commands His followers to baptise "in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

Baptism was not done to babies. Jesus was about 1 — — — — years old. See Luke 3:21, 22

Being washed by the water in baptism symbolises being cleansed from sin.

