

# **Greatest Show on Earth 2013**

## *Dive In*

### **5 Reasons People Don't Dive In**

#### **1. They think their relationship with God is private**

Matthew 28:19-20 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (NIV)

Matthew 10:32-33 "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." (NKJV)

#### **2. People get confused about baptism**

Ephesians 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God (NIV)

Romans 6:3-4 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (NIV)

Matthew 3:16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. (NIV)

#### **3. People struggle with pride**

Matthew 3:13-15 Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to talk him out of it. "I am the one who needs to be baptized by you," he said, "so why are you coming to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires." So John agreed to baptize him. (NLT)

#### **4. People don't understand the benefits of baptisms**

Matthew 3:16 After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. (NLT)

Matthew 3:17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." (NIV)

## 5. People don't think baptism is that big of a deal

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Acts 2:41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. (NIV)

Acts 8:12-13 But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. <sup>13</sup> Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw. (NIV)

Acts 9:18 Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized. (NIV)

Acts 16:31-33 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved — you and your household." <sup>32</sup> Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. <sup>33</sup> At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. (NIV)

Acts 18:8 Crispus, the synagogue ruler, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard him believed and were baptized. (NIV)