

# 1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

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## Bible Verse

Romans 10:9

9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

## Life Skills Class

Our Youth Life Skills class with Tom is every Wednesday night at 7pm for all Youth grades 7-12.

Don't miss these great lessons that you can immediately apply to your own every day life.

## Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 4/10/15

Greetings!



This week we discussed baptism, specifically, the baptism of Jesus. We talked about baptisms we had witnessed or experienced ourselves and discussed the meaning.

We looked at what Paul had to say about baptism in **Romans 6:4** where he talked about our old sinful selves being buried with Christ and then reborn to live a new life in Christ.

We said that didn't seem to make sense as to the reason why Jesus would be baptized. So, we turned to the Old Testament where Isaiah prophesied that John the baptist would be calling people to repent of their sinful ways and turn back to God in preparation for the coming Messiah.

John was preparing the people to receive Jesus as the Messiah promised to them by God. He was making the connection between the Messiah prophesied in Isaiah and Jesus as that Messiah.

Again, it didn't seem to make sense that Jesus would need to repent and be baptized since He was completely without sin. So, why would Jesus need to be baptized? Even John thought that it was he who needed to be baptized by Jesus instead of him being the one to baptize Jesus.

But Jesus said "it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." meaning to be right with God by following God's plan, the plan of salvation that God had put in place since the fall of man in Genesis, the plan that had been prophesied all throughout the Old Testament. Jesus came to fulfill that plan.

Another reason why Jesus needed to be baptized was to show us by His example what we are to do. He also received the Holy Spirit after His baptism by John.

We said that Jesus came to save God's people from sin and in His baptism, He foreshadowed what He was coming to do while on the cross, He actually did what He came to do.

Jesus, having no sin, chose to take on the very worst of us so that we could have His righteousness before God and God would then see us as if we had never sinned so that we could have a relationship with Him in eternity.

Jesus chose to do this for us because of His great love for us. He chose to give us, EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US the gift of salvation and we did not have to do anything at all to earn it. All we need to do is to receive it.

We said that if somebody was to give you a gift of \$20 for your birthday but you did not receive it then you don't have it. Likewise, you must believe.

If you did receive that \$20 gift for your birthday but you didn't believe you had received it then again, you really don't have it.

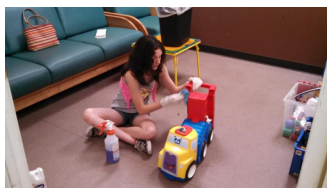
In **Romans 10:9** Paul tells us that to be saved we must not only receive the gift of salvation we must believe we have received it when we not only say that Jesus is our Lord and Savior but we must believe it in our heart.

When we receive and believe, we have received the amazing gift of everlasting life in a relationship with God, it changes everything about the way we live our lives now. We live our lives without things like worry or anger or fear and replace them with things like love and peace because we trust in Jesus and in God's plan.

Join us next time as we continue our Thread Series and learn about Jesus being tempted by Satan.

## Upcoming Events!

**THIS Saturday April 16th**  
CPS Community Service



Our monthly community service at Child Protective Services will be Saturday, April 16th. We meet at LWA at 9:30am and return after lunch.

Please call 602-684-1820 or [email us](#) with any questions.

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

Chris & Michelle Miller  
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