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## 7 MARKS of a DISCIPLE

# THE FIRST MARK OF A DISCIPLE

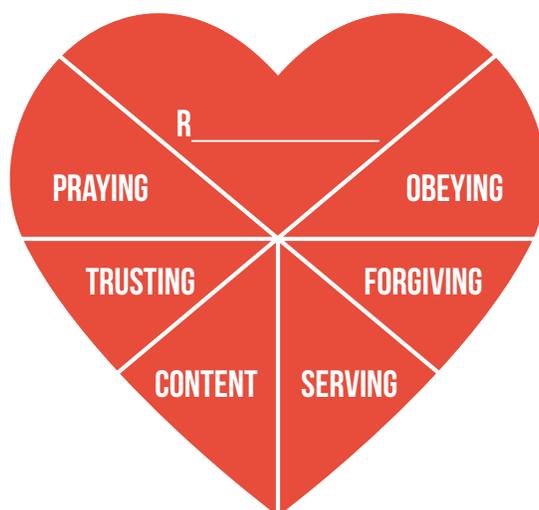
MATTHEW 28:19-20

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**Introduction:** Today as we conclude our series *7 Marks Of A Disciple*, we are going to focus on the first mark of every true follower of Christ.

### A TRANSFORMED HEART



Ephesians 2:1-10 <sup>1</sup> “And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. <sup>3</sup> Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. <sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; <sup>9</sup> not as a result of works, that no one should boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Matthew 28:19-20 <sup>19</sup> “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”



## I. The Model Of Baptism (Acts 8:26-37)

Acts 8:26-37 <sup>26</sup> “But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, ‘Arise and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ (This is a desert road.) <sup>27</sup> And he arose and went; and behold, there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure; and he had come to Jerusalem to worship. <sup>28</sup> And he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> And the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go up and join this chariot.’ <sup>30</sup> And when Philip had run up, he heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ <sup>31</sup> And he said, ‘Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?’ And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this: ‘HE WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO SLAUGHTER; AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT, SO HE DOES NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH. <sup>33</sup> IN HUMILIATION HIS JUDGMENT WAS TAKEN AWAY; WHO SHALL RELATE HIS GENERATION? FOR HIS LIFE IS REMOVED FROM THE EARTH.’ <sup>34</sup> And the eunuch answered Philip and said, ‘Please tell me, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself, or of someone else?’ <sup>35</sup> And Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. <sup>36</sup> And as they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?’ <sup>37</sup> And Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may.’ And he answered and said, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’”

Acts 2:38 “And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”

Acts 2:41 “So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and there were added that day about three thousand souls.”

Acts 9:18 “And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he arose and was baptized;”

Acts 10:47-48 Then Peter answered, <sup>47</sup> “‘Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we did, can he?’ <sup>48</sup> And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days.”

Acts 16:15 “And when she and her household had been baptized, she urged us, saying, ‘If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay.’ And she prevailed upon us.”



Acts 16:33-34 <sup>33</sup> “And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his household. <sup>34</sup> And he brought them into his house and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, having believed in God with his whole household.”

Matthew 28:19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,”

## II. The Mode Of Baptism (Acts 8:37-39)

Acts 8:37-39 <sup>37</sup> “And Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may.’ And he answered and said, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’ <sup>38</sup> And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch; and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch saw him no more, but went on his way rejoicing.”

## III. The Meaning Of Baptism (Romans 6:1-4)

Romans 6:1-3 <sup>1</sup> “What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase? <sup>2</sup> May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?”

1 Corinthians 12:13 “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”

Romans 6:4 “Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.”

Conclusion