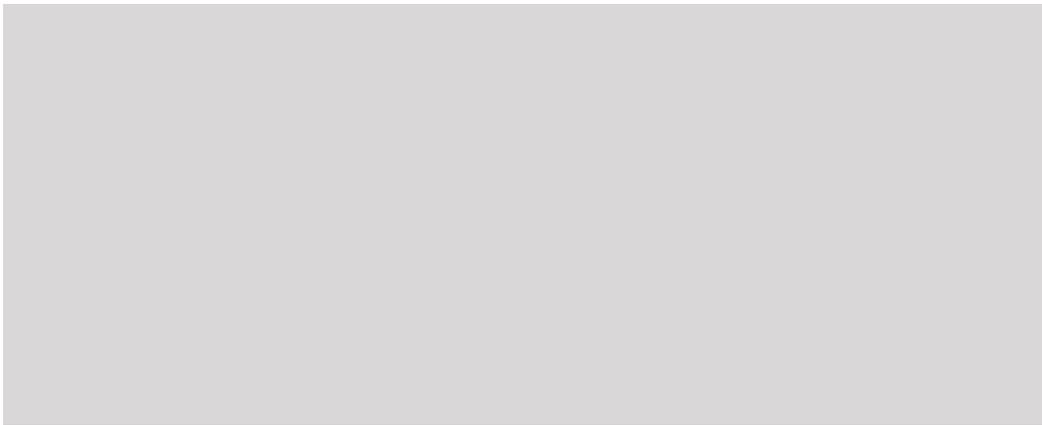


A Good Start



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Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

- **Four keys** to a normal Christian birth...

Key 1. Conviction:

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- Message was communicated in a way they understood.
- Holy Spirit brought conviction.

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2. Change

- Changed thinking
- Changed attitude
- Changed feelings
- Change of values
- Changed lifestyle



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- “Baptizo” = to dip; to immerse or submerge.
- You are acting out a story



3. Confirm

Acts 22:16 *And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.'*

Romans 6:3-4 *Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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.*

Galatians 3:26-28 *So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

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4. Continue

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The Normal Christian birth:

- *Response (conviction)*
- *Repentance (change)*
- *Baptism in Water (confirm)*
- *Baptism and ongoing filling of Holy Spirit (continue)*

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