



LAUNCHING YOUR FAITH
FAITH ALIVE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

LESSON 2
WATER BAPTISM

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**JESUS IS THE
*ONLY SAVIOR***

MATTHEW 22:12

**Friend how did you get into
the wedding *without the
wedding clothes?***

SOMEHOW with God
people think you can do
ANYTHING and “all get into
Heaven.”

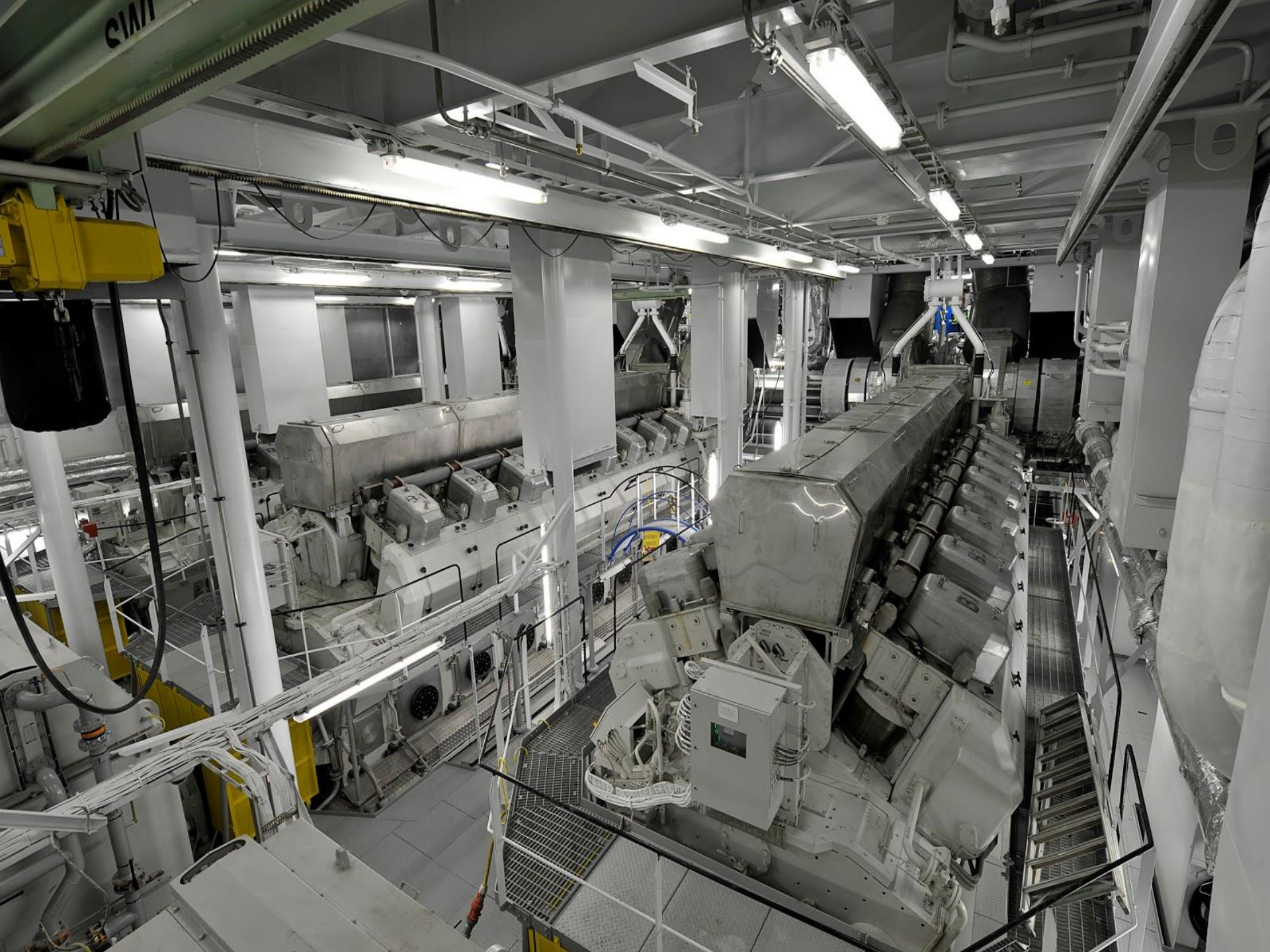
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I. GET THE FOUNDATION RIGHT



Allure of the Seas





Hull of Block Number 1 of the
"ANTHEM of the Sea"
by Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.
2014-2015

To Launch successfully

***CRUCIAL attention
must be given to
design, materials, and
construction.***

NO SHORTCUTS



Hebrews 6:1-3 NKJV

¹ Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. ³ And this we will do *if God permits*.

**You've repented...
WHAT'S NEXT?**

II. WATER BAPTISM



1. CELEBRATE THE NEXT STEP

Acts 2:37-38 (NKJV)

37 ... "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" 38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

A) ALL EXPERIENCED

1 Corinthians 10:1-4 (NKJV):

**¹ ...all passed through the sea,
² all were baptized into Moses in
the cloud and in the sea, ³ all ate
the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all
drank the same spiritual drink...of
that spiritual Rock...
and that Rock was Christ.**

B) THE POWER OF TRANSFORMATION

Romans 6:4-5 (NKJV)

4 ...we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection...

Romans 6:4-5 NLT

...now we also may live new lives. ⁵ Since we have been united with Him in his death, we will also be raised to life as He was.



1) THE ACTION

immersed, submerged under water, separating you from the old life and IDENTIFYING you WITH JESUS AND HIS NEW LIFE.

2) FULL IMMERSION

**Gk. word BAPTIZO—
“to make whelmed, fully wet.”**

**Root “BAPTO”—
“to whelm, to cover over with
a fluid, to stain with die.”**

John 3:23 (NKJV) : ²³ Now John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there. And they came and were baptized.

Mark 1:9-10 (NKJV): ⁹ ... Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove.

3) SIN NATURE IS DESTROYED

Romans 6:6 (KJV): ⁶ Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin *might be destroyed*, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

(NKJV) ⁶ ... our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be *done away with*, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

Romans 6:6-7 (NLT)

⁶ ...so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. ⁷ For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin.

DESTROYED

render powerless.” (*render*)
entirely idle (useless)-
become (make) of no effect

4) CIRCUMCISION OF HEART

Colossians 2:11-12 AMP

In Him you were circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, but in a (spiritual) circumcision (performed by) Christ by stripping off the body of the flesh (the whole corrupt, carnal nature with its passions and lusts. (Thus you were circumcised when) you were buried with Him in your baptism...

**DON'T PUMP NEW LIFE
*INTO AN OLD HEART***

Ezekiel 36:26-27

“I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh, I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes...

Deut 30:6

...the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

2. WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

All who gladly receive the GOOD NEWS, repent and believe.

Acts 2:41 (NKJV)

41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.



Infant Christening or Dedication

Is a dedication of *the parents* to raise the child in the way of the Lord. This is a commitment of the **PARENT's faith.**

**3. SAVED BY GRACE, THEN
EXPERIENCE BAPTISM**

NOT baptismal regeneration

**We get baptized BECAUSE
we ARE saved.**

Acts 8: 35-37 NKJV

35 Then Philip...preached Jesus to him. 36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" 37 Then 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 8: 38-39 NKJV

38 So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.

39 Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.

SALVATION

Justification (deals with PENALTY)

Sanctification (with POWER)

Glorification (with PRESENCE)

I *was* saved

I *am being* saved

I *shall be* saved

Mark 16:16 NKJV

16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Baptism is your first step of obedience and cooperation with Jesus and releases the grace and strength for sanctification in your life.

4. HOW ARE WE TO BAPTIZE?

**After He ascended, were the
disciples obedient or
disobedient to Jesus?**

OBEDIENT!

Matthew 28:19 (NKJV)

**19 Go therefore and make
disciples of all the nations,
baptizing them in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit.**

The Disciples OBEYED Him

Acts 2:38 (NKJV): ³⁸ Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit

Acts 8:12 (NKJV): ¹² But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.

Acts 8:14-16 (NKJV):

¹⁴ Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, ¹⁵ who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶ For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 19:3-6 (NKJV):

³ And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" ... they said, "Into John's baptism." ⁴ Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." ⁵ When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

**The most complete NAME by
which God is known in the NT,
and for Baptism, is the
LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

1. FATHER: LORD, used 8000x

**Isaiah 42:8a (NKJV) ⁸ I am the LORD,
that is My name...**

**Jeremiah 16:21 (NKJV) ²¹ "Therefore
behold... I will cause them to know My
hand and My might; And they shall
know that My name is the LORD.**

2. SON: JESUS

Matthew 1:21 (NKJV) ²¹ And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

3. HOLY SPIRIT

CHRIST

(GK.: Christos)

(Heb: Messiah or Mashiach

The ANOINTED ONE

Luke 3:22 (NKJV) ²² And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

Acts 2:36 (NKJV) ³⁶ "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Acts 10:38 (NKJV)

38...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

5. WATER BAPTISM OFFERS GREAT BENEFITS.

***JESUS DECLARES YOU BEFORE HIS
FATHER***

**Matthew 10:32 (NKJV) ³² "Therefore
whoever confesses Me before men,
him I will also confess before My
Father who is in heaven..."**

5. WATER BAPTISM OFFERS GREAT BENEFITS.

***CELEBRATE The REMISSION OF Your
SINS.***

**Acts 2:38 (NKJV) ³⁸ "Repent, and ... be
baptized in the name of Jesus Christ
for the remission of sins..."**

5. WATER BAPTISM OFFERS GREAT BENEFITS.

***You are PART of THE BODY OF
CHRIST.***

**1 Corinthians 12:13 (NKJV) ¹³ For by
one Spirit we were all baptized into
one body--whether Jews or Greeks,
whether slaves or free--and have all
been made to drink into one Spirit.**

WHAT NOW?

**SO much power, such great
news and new beginnings—
THAT'S WATER BAPTISM!**

Ask yourself

- **Am I hungry or needy for MORE?**
- **Have I received this?**
- **Do I have needs in my walk with Jesus?**
- **Could I use MORE STRENGTH and POWER in my daily walk with God?**

***New understanding leads to a
new and fresh experience
in Jesus.***

- **Acts 19:5-6 (NKJV) ⁵ When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.**

**Not RE-baptism, but a *more complete baptism experience*,
in response to a more
complete understanding**

**GOD HONORS your hunger
for HIM.**



We're sailing on in
Launching Your Faith

**Jump into the River. If you
haven't already, JUMP into the
Fresh Waters of Baptism!**