**3) Be Water Baptized: The Foundational Step Of Obedience In Christ**

Matthew 28:18-20 MEV ***18****Then Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.****19****Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,****20****teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.*

Mark 16:16 KJVER***16****He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believes not shall be damned.*

I John 5:1-3 MEV ***5****Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves the one born of the Father.****2****By this we know that we love the children of God: when we love God and keep His commandments.****3****For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome,*

Acts 2:37-42 MEV ***37****When they heard this, they were stung in the heart and said to Peter and to the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”* ***38****Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.****39****For the promise is to you, and to your children, and to all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call.”* ***40****With many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.”****41****Then those who gladly received his word were baptized, and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. 42They continued steadfastly in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers.*

Acts 8:35-38 MEV ***35****Then Philip spoke, beginning with the same Scripture, and preached Jesus to him.* ***36****As they went on their way, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?”****37****Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” He answered, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”****38****And he commanded the chariot to halt. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.*

John 15:10-14 MEV ***10****If you keep My commandments, you will remain in My love, even as I have kept My Father’s commandments and remain in His love.****11****I have spoken these things to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.****12****This is My commandment: that you love one another, as I have loved you.****13****Greater love has no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends.****14****You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.*

#### Psalm 119:9-16 MEV **9**How shall a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word. **10**With my whole heart I seek You; do not allow me to wander from Your commandments. **11**Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You. **12**Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes. **13**With my lips I declare all the decrees of Your mouth. **14**I rejoice in the way of Your testimonies, as much as in all riches. **15**I will meditate on Your precepts and keep my eyes on Your ways. **16**I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.