GRACE CHURCH LANCASTER BAPTISM SUNDAY

May 5, 2019 Pastor Scott Becker

Grace Church Lancaster Mission Statement

"Grace Church exists to honor and worship God, by multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ, through leading, learning, living and loving."

We accomplish this mission through two "greats".

- The Great COMMISSION Matthew 28:18-20
- Great COMMANDMENT Matthew 22:37-39
- The "Discipleship Cycle" begins and ends with "leading" people to a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28:19

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

We are commanded to...

- 1. MAKE disciples
- 2. BAPTIZE them

B.A.P.T.I.S.M.

- B = BELIEVERS only
 - Acts 2:41a, Acts 8:35-38
- A = AFTER Salvation
 - Acts 16:30-33
- P = PICTURE of cleansing
 - Titus 3:5-6
- T = TRINE immersion
 - The Greek word for "baptism" is transliterated "baptizo". Its root word (bapto) means "to DIP or PLUNGE underwater"
 - 3x
- I = IDENTIFIES with the Trinity, (The Father, Son and Holy Spirit.)
- S = SYMBOLIZES dying to sin and being raised to new life.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17
- M = MANDATE to obey
 - Matthew 28:19, John 14:15

Love = OBEDIENCE

What about us?

- 1. Have you given your LIFE to Christ?
- 2. Have you been baptized as a BELIEVER?
- 3. Are you LIVING as if you have new life in Christ?
- 4. If you say you love Jesus, do you really OBEY Him?

OTHER NOTES: