

Sanctuary Steps

#3 The Laver

What does the Laver represent in the Sanctuary service?

THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

Matthew 3:6 NIV

“Confessing their sins, they were **baptized** by him in the Jordan River.”

Acts 2:38 NIV

“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.’”

Romans 6:3, 4 NIV

“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**.”

John 3:5 NIV

Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is **born of water** and the Spirit.””

1 Corinthians 10:1-4 NIV

“For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the **sea**. They were all **baptized** into Moses in the cloud and in the **sea**. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same **spiritual drink**; for they **drank from the spiritual rock** that accompanied them, and **that rock was Christ**.”

WASH WITH THE WATER OF THE WORD

Ephesians 5:25-27 NIV

“. . . Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, **cleansing her by the washing with water through the word**, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but **holy and blameless.**”

Notice in this verse that we see how Christ lays down His life, which is Step #2, and then washes us with the water of His Word, which is Step #3.

JESUS PROVIDES LIVING WATER!

John 4:10, 13, 14 NIV

“Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you **living water.**’ . . . ‘Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will **never thirst**. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of **water welling up to eternal life.**”

John 6:35 NIV

“Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who **believes in me will never be thirsty.**”

John 15:3 NIV

“You are already **clean because of the word** I have spoken to you.”

John 7:37, 38, 39 NIV

“. . . Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, ‘If anyone is **thirsty**, let him come to me and **drink**. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, **streams of living water** will flow from within him.’” “By this he meant the Spirit...”

Isaiah 55:1-2 NIV

““Come, all you who are **thirsty, come to the waters**; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? **Listen, listen** to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.”

Psalms 36:8-9 NIV

“They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them **drink** from your **river** of delights. For with you is the **fountain** of life; in your light we see light.”

Revelation 22:17 NIV

“The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” Whoever is **thirsty**, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the **water of life.**”

JESUS IS THE WORD

John 1:1, 14 NIV

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the **Word was God.** He was with God in the beginning. . . . The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. . . .”

Revelation 19:13 NIV

“He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his **name** is the **Word of God.**”

THE WORD CLEANSSES

Psalm 119:9, 11 NIV

“How can a young man keep his **way pure**? By living according to **your word.** . . I have **hidden your word in my heart** that **I might not sin** against you.”

John 17:17 NIV

“**Sanctify** them by the truth; your **word is truth.**”

Titus 3:5 NIV

“he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the **washing of rebirth** and renewal by the Holy Spirit,”

Psalm 1:3 NIV

“He is like a tree planted by **streams of water**, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.”

Isaiah 11:15 NIV

“The LORD will dry up the gulf of the Egyptian sea; with a scorching wind he will sweep his hand over the Euphrates River. He will break it up into seven streams so that men can cross over in sandals.”

Isaiah 12:3 NIV

“With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.”