

A Comment on 1 Peter 3:21

Introduction. The verse reads: "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." Notice that the verse is basically comprised of an affirmative and a negative statement.

The affirmative statement. The affirmative declaration is "...baptism doth also now save us..." Peter has just discussed the physical salvation of Noah and his family (vs. 20). In verse 21, he turns his attention to the spiritual salvation of those to whom he wrote. In both instances, water played an important role. "The like figure" simply means there is a true comparison, or "after a true likeness" (ASV). Water transported Noah from the old world to the new and water is the element God has chosen to use in the new birth (Rom. 6: 1-14; John 3: 3-5). Baptism is "the answer of a good conscience toward God" because God has required baptism (Mk. 16: 16). When one submits, one can have a good conscience in that he is doing what is right.



The negative statement. Peter said baptism is "... not the putting away of the filth of the flesh..." Water baptism is not designed for physical purposes such as washing away sweat and dirt. Baptism washes away sin, not the filth on our bodies (Acts 2: 38; 22: 16). If it were not for Jesus' resurrection, baptism would have no spiritual consequences. Hence, the verse concludes with "by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Conclusion. 1 Peter 3: 21 must not be understood to say that the water by its own virtue saves (a.k.a. the doctrine of "holy water"). It is Jesus' blood which saves (Matt. 26: 28). However, it is in baptism (when preceded by faith, repentance, and confession) that spiritual contact it made with Jesus' death and His sin-remitting blood (Rom. 6: 1-18; Matt. 26: 28; cf. Acts 2: 38).



Order of Worship

Song Leader
Eric Cimuchowski

Welcome & Announcements
Opening Prayer

Song # 744 -
God's Family

Song # 508 -
A Wonderful Savior

Lord's Supper
Contribution

Kids 4 Kids
Bible Hour

Prayer Requests

Song # 560 -
Living By Faith

Scripture Reading
Act 2:36-39 (NKJV)

Sermon by:
Darryl Darden
"Peter Principles"

Song of Invitation:

Song # 679 -
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Song # 472 -
A Shelter in Time of Storm

Closing Prayer

This Week's Schedule of Events

** (In person & Zoom)

Building Lock Up: Jon Lee

****9:00 a.m. - Bible Class**

Study of 2 Timothy

****10:00 a.m.**

Sunday Worship

****10:00 a.m. - En Linea Servicio de Adoracion (via Facebook Live)**

**3:30 p.m. Apple Valley Acute Care
Worship with Johnny Latham.**

**Celebration of
Family Potluck**



TODAY following the morning service.



Mon., Apr. 13th

**7 p.m. - Spanish Night
of Prayer (Zoom)**

7 p.m. - En Linea Noche de Oración

Tues., Apr. 14th

**10 a.m. Tuesday Ladies'
Bible Study**

**"Trust in God in the
Midst of Adversity"**



Wed., Apr. 15th



**7 p.m.
Bible Study
on Zoom.**

Fri., Apr. 17th

7- 8:30 p.m.

**Men's Bible Study
"Biblical Men's Roles"**



Sat., Apr. 18th

Community Clean-Up @ 9 a.m.

Our Adopt-A-Street (Cobalt)

All ages are welcome.

**Bring your friends, family,
and neighbors.**



2026 VVCOC Scholarship

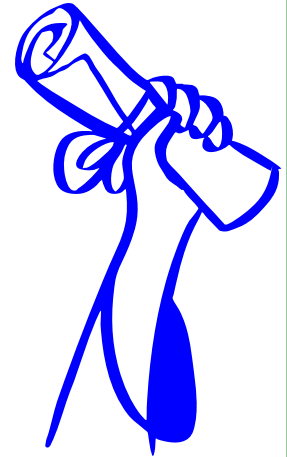


Graduating Seniors
and those continuing their education,
have an opportunity to earn
a Scholarship from the VVCOC.

Applications available
in the lobby and on
the SubSplash App.

All applications are
due on or before,

May 3rd.



Any questions, please see Tony Rose.



Graduation Info
Needed

We would like to put your
graduation picture and
your plans for
your future
into our June 7th bulletin.
High School and College
graduates are welcome.

The deadline for submitting the
information is 5/17/26.
Please email graduation info.
and clear pictures to
office@vvchurchofchrist.org.



Victor Valley Church of Christ

CRAFTS

SHINING A LIGHT ON
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

VBS!

GAMES

ILLUMINATION STATION

BIBLE
LESSONS

JOHN 8:12

REGISTER NOW!



SNACKS

SINGING

Victor Valley Church of Christ

VBS!

If you're not able to
be here during VBS,
here are
3 ways you can
support the event.

SEE
RENEE GRUWELL
FOR DETAILS.

DONATIONS



1. Pray
2. Small Water Bottles
3. Glow Sticks



Coming soon,
the Baby Boy of
Jeremiah & Ga'Brielle Darden.
Please pray for the family.
If you would like to
bless them, they are registered
at Amazon.com.

<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/gabrielle-patton-darden-may-2026-applevalley/27KWWI2AZ2KWY>

April

This Week's Birthdays

13th - Eliseo Castrejon

14th - Levi Agnew

14th - Sophia Hernandez

16th - Trevor Whitman

17th - Erica Love

17th - Jacob Tess

17th - Mookie Wilderson



Anniversaries

16th - Charles & Christina Hamilton



Prayer Requests

Please pray for our church leaders;
our congregation; the homeless,
and the veterans. Also for our country's
leaders, our troops; and the future of
our country.

Shut-Ins

Barbara Tidwell; Hank Pritchard;
and Sandy Wooten.

Continual Prayers

The Ahumada family; Anthony Avalos;
Antonia Bell; Christina Wityczak; Dudley
Brewster & family; Gennie Lorenz;
Hosia Ford; Ida Crawford; Kathy Najera;
LaVonne Powell; Marie Guess; Melanie
Gammage; Pablo Aguayo; Pauletta
Hobson; Teresa Patton;
and Vicki Brown.

General

Aurora Streal-Medina; Barbara &
Cydney Holliday; Barbara Tidwell;
Dolorea & Dorinda; Marilyn Owens;
Orvella Stallings; and Teddy Jordan.

Health

Barbara & Cydney Holliday;
Christopher Landry; Darinda Green;
Dolores & Dorinda; Edward Morris; Eva
Wityczak; John Tynan; Kelly Tynan;
Mark McClellan; Raltheil's mother;
Teresa Patton; Tim Gramling; Tim
Kuka; and Virgie & family.

Thanksgiving

Aurora Streal-Medina;
Eva Wityczak; and the McClellan's.

Travels

Jordan Rose

For Their Losses

Carolyn Steward and her family with
loss of her cousin Charles Williams.
The Gruwell's friend, Danielle Smith,
with the loss of her husband. Sidney
Everly's friends and family, Kevin Davis
with the passing of his father, and Karin
Gasper with the passing of her son.



PANTRY NEEDS

Restock the Pantry

Strawberry Jelly
Grape jelly
Peanut Butter
Mashed Potatoes
Mac & Cheese

Additional supplies for the homeless bags

Cup of Noodles
Vienna Sausage
Tuna/Chicken Pouches
Mac & Cheese Cup
Oatmeal Cups
Chips/Snack Crackers



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Elders - elders@vvchurchofchrist.org

Darryl Darden Tony Rose Jake Tess

Ministers

Eric Cimuchowski - Involvement Minister

Darryl Darden - Pulpit Minister

Carlos Orrala - Spanish Minister

Deacons

Benjamin Lopez - Spanish Ministry

Chris Schow - Interior Bldg. Maint.

Craig Beck - Security

Mark Gruwell - Teens

Staff
Bernadett Gramling - Office Manager Andrea Gómez - Janitorial
Erica Lee - Bookkeeper Billy Caldwell - Auditorium Seating

How to Make Contributions

Online:

- **Download the Sub Splash App.**
 - **Set up an account**
- **Use the Sub Splash App for online giving.**
 - **Scan the QR code.**



Offline:

- **Cash or check**
- **Mail to P.O. Box**
 - **P.O. Box 3447 Victorville, CA 92393**

Last Week's Statistics

Financial

Contribution 03/29/26	\$ 3,143.95	Teen Fund	\$ 5031.86
Contribution 03/22/26	\$ 3,873.65	Mission Fund	\$ 3,120.00
Special Contributions	\$ 277.00	Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,380.00
Y.T.D. Contribution	\$ 128,500.93	Kids 4 Kids	\$ 97.00

Attendance

A.M. Worship

In Person 113 Via Zoom 15