

You Decided!

A Letter from Pastor Damon Davis

Congratulations!

You have just made the most important and life-changing decision possible: to follow Jesus Christ wholeheartedly. Heaven rejoices with you, and so do we at Collective Community Church.

This letter confirms that something very real and eternal has taken place. When you believed in your heart and confessed with your mouth that Jesus died for your sins, rose from the dead, and now reigns as Lord, God performed a miracle in you. Your sins have been forgiven; your spirit has been made new; and your name is written in the Book of Life.

Romans 10:9-10 (NKJV)

If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

You Are Born Again

Salvation is not just a decision; it is a divine transformation. Jesus told Nicodemus that a person must be *born again* to enter God's kingdom.

John 3:3 (NKJV)

Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

When you placed your faith in Christ, the Holy Spirit gave birth to a new spirit within you. The old life of sin and separation has been replaced by a new life of grace and fellowship with God.

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 (NKJV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ.

You are now a child of God, completely accepted, deeply loved, and empowered to grow in faith and purpose.

John 1:12 (NKJV)

As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.

Understanding What Just Happened

Through Jesus' sacrifice, you have been saved from the power of sin and from the penalty of eternal separation.

You are now reconciled to God. The same Spirit who raised Christ from the dead lives in you, strengthening you to live a life that honors Him.

Salvation is not the end of a moment; it's the beginning of a relationship. God invites you to walk with Him daily, learn His Word, and grow in character as His Spirit works in you.

Why Water Baptism Matters

Now that you have believed, your next step is to express that faith publicly through water baptism. Baptism does not save you; Jesus already did that. But baptism declares to the world that you belong to Him and have chosen to follow Him without reservation.

The Apostle Paul explains it this way:

Romans 6:3-4 (NKJV)

Do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore 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.

When you are baptized, you are identifying with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. You are saying, "The old me is gone; I now live for Christ."

We celebrate baptisms monthly at Collective Community Church in what we call **All In Water Baptism**.

You can register today through the **C3 App** or on our **Your Next** Move page on the website **(collectivecommunity.church)**.

If you've believed in Jesus, there's nothing standing in your way, just as the Ethiopian man once said to Philip,

"See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" — Acts 8:36 (NKJV)

How to Grow in Your New Life

Your salvation marks the beginning of a lifelong journey of spiritual growth. At C3, we use a simple guide called **STACK** to help you make the next move. You've already begun the first layer—**S = Start with Jesus**. From here, you'll learn to thrive together with other believers and continue building your faith.

Here are a few essential practices to help you mature in your walk with God:

1. **Pray Daily.** Talk to God from your heart, thanking Him and inviting His guidance. (Matthew 6:6–15, Mark 11:24)

- 2. Read the Bible. Feed your spirit with truth each day. (Luke 4:4; 1 Peter 2:2)
- 3. **Be Planted in Church.** Faith grows best in community. (Acts 2:46; Hebrews 10:25)
- 4. **Go All In Through Water Baptism.** Declare your faith publicly and live out your new life in Christ. (Matthew 28:18-19, Romans 6:3-4)
- 5. **Receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.** Ask God to empower you with His presence for higher service. (Acts 1:8; Acts 8:15-17)
- 6. **Trust God's Work in You.** As you yield to Him, He will shape your desires and transform your heart. (Proverbs 3:5–6; Isaiah 64:8)

Remember This

You are forgiven.

You are loved.

You are a new creation in Christ.

God has begun a good work in you, and He will bring it to completion. (Philippians 1:6)

We are honored to walk with you on this journey. For more guidance, visit the **Your Next Move** page on our website (**collectivecommunity.church**) or the **C3 App** to learn about **All In Water Baptism**, **Party with the Pastor**, and your next opportunities to grow in faith.

Looking forward with hope,

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