

Reverend Monica Jackson was recently ordained and senior pastor Rev. Clay Gosberry wasted no time putting her to work. One of the assignments she was given was Baptism Ministry Leader. She thought she would be excited to do it on baptism day here mood was more reflective. There were 12 people who were going to be baptized, including her cousin Raven whom she once ran the streets with.

As Rev. Jackson filled the pool with water, she thought about how God delivered her from recruiting young girls like Raven to be her gang, to evangelizing on the street and winning souls for Christ. As Monica put on her robe she thought about the time, on a dare, she went into a church drunk and received life-changing prayer at the altar. Once the baptisms began, she and Minister Paul Diaz took Raven's hand as she stepped into the pool. As Raven shared her testimony, Rev. Jackson remembered how God gave her the courage to sever ties with the married man she thought she couldn't live without.

“Based upon your profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, I now baptize you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,” said Rev. Gosberry as Rev. Jackson and Minister Diaz baptized Raven and the other candidates.

Once all 12 candidates were baptized, Rev. Jackson asked Rev. Gosberry if she could lead the new believer's class. “I'd like to continue to remind myself and others that God has set us free and we never have to turn back,” said Rev. Jackson.

Freedom from Sin – Romans 6:1-14

1. What does going down into the waters of baptism signify?
We are _____ with Christ.
2. What does coming up from the waters of baptism signify?
We are _____ with Christ.
3. Grace: God's _____ love and favor toward sinful humans.
4. Law: God's _____ given to show us how to live.
5. Who gives the new Christian the new nature? The _____
6. The Holy Ghost sanctifies us by separating us from the _____ of sin and restoring to us a new _____ of life.
7. Since we are crucified with Christ we should count ourselves _____ to sin and _____ to God.
8. What should happen in our new life? Sin should not reign over us, as it did before our _____.

Daily Readings

Wednesday – Romans 6:15-23

Thursday – Ezekiel 36:25-30

Friday – Romans 7:1-13

Saturday – Romans 7:14-25

Sunday – Romans 8:1-4, 10-17

Monday – John 20:19-23

Tuesday – Romans 8:18-30

