



Coffeeville First Baptist Church
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The transformation that takes place in one's heart when they receive salvation through faith in Jesus is the single greatest thing that we get to be a part of as the Church. Not surprisingly, the Apostle Paul had a lot to say about the transformation that takes place in the life of a believer. Almost every letter he wrote speaks of this transformation. To the church at Rome the Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 12:1-2, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." To the church at Corinth he wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in

Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." To the church at Galatia he wrote in Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." To the church at Ephesus he wrote in Ephesians 4:22-24, "Put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness." To the Church at Philippi he wrote in Philippians 3:13-14, "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press to-

ward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." To the church at Colossae he wrote in Colossians 2:11-12, "In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead."

There are many other verses that speak about the transformation that takes place in our lives when we accept Jesus as our Savior. In fact, over 170 times in his writings the Apostle Paul used the words, "In Christ" to describe who we are as believers. These verses speak about the change that takes place in our hearts, but the problem is most of us are visual. We want to see evidence of the change. Show us something that is proof of your transformation in Christ. That is why the Apostle Paul and other New Testament authors also wrote a lot about living a life worthy of the calling of Christ. In other words, if you say you believe in Jesus, the way you live your life should prove your faith. I also believe part of the reason that Jesus left us with the command for believers to be baptized is because baptism is a wonderful public profession and demonstration of the transformation we have experienced as believers. Baptism is proclaiming that all the Apostle Paul wrote about being transformed through faith in Jesus is true about us. Baptism shouts louder than any voice, proclaiming that the old you has passed away, and the things of your past have been forgiven and forgotten. You are a new creation, no longer conformed to this world but transformed by Jesus Christ. Baptism is a definitive proclamation to the world that, "From this day forward, I stand with Jesus." The question is, "Where do you stand?"



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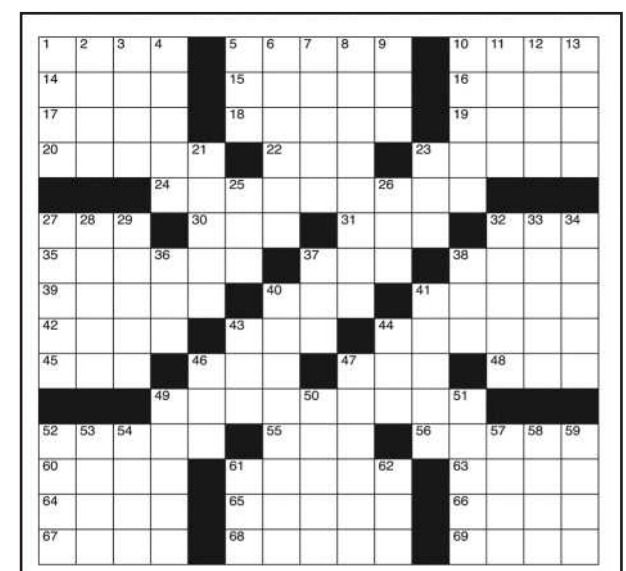
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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Greek goddess of marriage
 - 5. Tropical American blue jay-like bird
 - 10. Abba __, Israeli politician
 - 14. Dark olive black
 - 15. Light, crinkled fabric
 - 16. Notre Dame has a golden one
 - 17. Leaked blood
 - 18. Confronted
 - 19. Negligible amount
 - 20. Facilitated
 - 22. Hill or rocky peak
 - 23. Minneapolis suburb
 - 24. Songs to one's beloved
 - 27. Brake horsepower
 - 30. Angry
 - 31. Children's game
 - 32. Spelling is a type of one
 - 35. Obtained in return for labor
 - 37. Indicates center
 - 38. Chinese dynasty
 - 39. Old World buffaloes
 - 40. Slang for time off
 - 41. Fabric
 - 42. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
 - 43. Defunct regional economic organization
 - 44. Philly footballers
 - 45. Female sibling
 - 46. Peter Griffin's daughter
 - 47. Digital audiotape
 - 48. Insecticide
 - 49. Scientific instrument
 - 52. Pages may be dog-__
 - 55. Israeli city __ Aviv
 - 56. Type of sword
 - 60. Middle Eastern military title
 - 61. Wise individuals
 - 63. French Polynesian island Bora __
 - 64. Popular shoe type
 - 65. One of 50
 - 66. Divulge a secret
 - 67. Dish of cooked meat mixed with potatoes
 - 68. Actress Zellweger
 - 69. Romanian city

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Greek cupbearer of the Gods
 - 2. Ancient Syrian city
 - 3. Small Eurasian deer (pl.)
 - 4. Range of mountains
 - 5. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
 - 6. Spoke
 - 7. City in Georgia
 - 8. Theatrical
 - 9. CNN's founder
 - 10. Icelandic poems
 - 11. Bjorn __, tennis player
 - 12. Bowfin genus
 - 13. One point north of northeast
 - 21. Political divisions in ancient Greece
 - 23. Electroencephalograph
 - 25. Cool!
 - 26. Male parent
 - 27. Where some gymnasts work
 - 28. Capital of Vietnam
 - 29. Sailboats
 - 32. Shelter (Scottish)
 - 33. Completed
 - 34. Discharge
 - 36. Arrest
 - 37. Partner to cheese
 - 38. Coffee receptacle
 - 40. Stagnate
 - 41. Satisfies
 - 43. Snake-like fish
 - 44. Consume food
 - 46. Type of school
 - 47. Erase
 - 49. Inform
 - 50. Girl's given name
 - 51. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
 - 52. Every one of two or more things
 - 53. Northern India city
 - 54. Seventeenth stars in a constellation
 - 57. Weapon
 - 58. Amounts of time
 - 59. Isodor __, American Nobel physicist
 - 61. Soviet Socialist Republic
 - 62. Witness

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SUDOKU

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8		5		6			7	
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	4				3			
9	1			7				
7					4	5		9
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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

3	1	6	2	8	7	4	5	6
9	1	6	5	4	8	7	2	3
4	9	1	3	6	8	5	7	2
2	8	7	4	5	6	3	9	1
9	6	5	2	1	4	8	7	3
8	4	3	6	7	5	2	9	1
7	8	3	2	1	4	5	6	9
6	9	5	2	1	4	8	7	3
5	4	6	8	9	3	1	2	7
4	6	9	1	2	7	8	3	5
8	2	5	3	6	9	4	7	1
1	3	7	4	5	8	2	9	6

ANSWER: