




“THIS IS MY  
BELOVED  
SON”

*Matthew 3: 17*

A priest in ornate vestments is performing a baptism on a baby. The priest is wearing a white cassock, a white surplice, and a purple stole with gold embroidery. He is holding a small, ornate golden cross over the baby's head. The baby is lying on its back, and the priest is pouring water over its head. The background is a wooden wall.

# CELEBRATING THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

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“Behold, I will do a new thing” *Isaiah 43:19*



## HIGHLIGHTS

1. What do we celebrate today?
2. God; the Author of renewal.
3. What is my role?

# I. WHAT DO WE CELEBRATE TODAY? <sup>(1)</sup>

1. The gift of being born again as an adopted children to God:

- “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body”

*1 Cor. 12:13*

- “but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” *Romans 8:15*

- “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God” *Ephesians 2:19*





## I. WHAT DO WE CELEBRATE TODAY? (2)

2. Becoming the dwelling place of God's Spirit:
  - “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?”  
*1 Cor. 3:16*
3. The heaven was opened to us once more.
4. The potential for the rich new life in Christ  
“Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new” *2 Cor. 5: 17*

# Walking in Newness of Life

# I. WHAT DO WE CELEBRATE TODAY? (3)

5. The ability to change and transform to be Christ like “Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him”

**Colossians 3: 9 - 10**

inking with the mind  
Of Christ



**...I will put my law  
within them,  
and I will  
write it on  
their hearts.**



**Jeremiah  
31:33**

## **II. GOD; THE AUTHOR OF RENEWAL <sup>(1)</sup>**

1. The maker of a New Covenant:
  - “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel... I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people”

*Jeremiah 31: 31, 34*



## II. GOD; THE AUTHOR OF RENEWAL (2)

2. The guarantor of the new beginnings:
  - The acceptance of the Lost son  
“Bring out the best robe and put it on him” *Luke 15: 22*
  - The Sacrament of Confession:  
The story of St. Moses the Strong.

## II. GOD; THE AUTHOR OF RENEWAL (3)

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### 3. The giver of a new heart:

- “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me” *Psalms 51: 10*
- “So it was, when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, that God gave him another heart”

*1 Samuel 10: 9*



*Create in me a clean heart,  
O God; and renew  
a right spirit within me.*

## II. GOD; THE AUTHOR OF RENEWAL (4)

### 4. The Bestower of the New Name:

- “To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.” *Revelation 2: 17*



## II. GOD; THE AUTHOR OF RENEWAL <sup>(5)</sup>

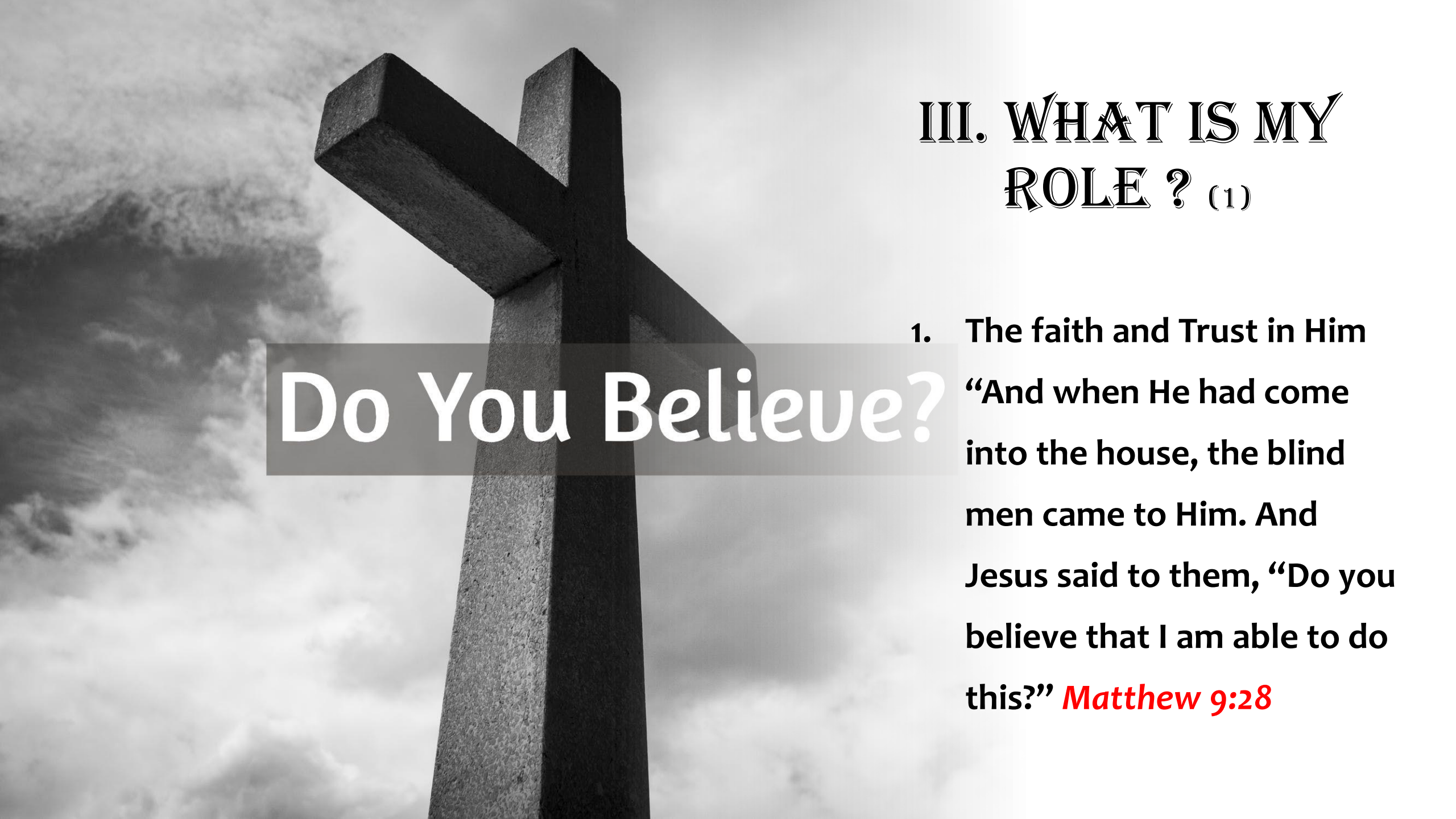
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### 5. The Founder of the New Heaven and New Earth:

- “Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away”

*Revelation 21: 1*





### III. WHAT IS MY ROLE ? <sup>(1)</sup>

**Do You Believe?**

1. The faith and Trust in Him  
“And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” *Matthew 9:28*

### III. WHAT IS MY ROLE ? (2)

#### 2. The acceptance of death daily with Christ:

- “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me” *Galatians 2:20*
- “Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry”  
*Colossians 3: 5*

Christ IN ME





### III. WHAT IS MY ROLE ? <sup>(3)</sup>

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3. The separation from what is evil:
  - “For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols?” **2 Cor. 6: 14 - 16**

### III. WHAT IS MY ROLE ? <sup>(4)</sup>

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4. The continuous renewal of the mind:
  - “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”

***Romans 12: 2***



### III. WHAT IS MY ROLE ? <sup>(5)</sup>

5. Fleeing the temptation of patching life instead of its total renewal:
  - “No one puts a piece from a new garment on an old one”

*Luke 5: 36*