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Dedicate yourself to Jehovah . . .

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(Acts 3:19; 17:30) Such works will show that you are choosing life.

DEDICATION AND BAPTISM

⁴ What should move you to choose life by doing God's will? Appreciation should. Just think: Jehovah has made possible for you relief from all sickness, suffering, and even death! By the precious gift of his Son he has opened up to you the way to endless life in a paradise earth. (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20; 7:23; John 3:16) When Jehovah's love moves you to love him in return, what should you do? (1 John 4:9, 10; 5:2, 3) You should approach God in Jesus' name and tell him in prayer that you want to be his servant, that you want to belong to him. In this way you dedicate yourself to God. This is a personal, private matter. No one else can do it for you.

and get baptized

⁵ After you have made your dedication to God, he will expect you to live up to it. So prove that you are a person of your word by sticking to this

decision, or dedication, as long as you live. (Psalm 50:14) If you keep close to God's visible organization, you can be helped by fellow Christians who will gladly give you loving encouragement and support.—1 Thessalonians 5:11.

⁶ However, you must do more than privately tell Jehovah that you want to belong to him. You need to show before others that

4. (a) What should move you to do God's will? (b) When you decide you want to serve God, what is it proper to do?
5. (a) After you make your dedication to God, what does he expect you to do? (b) What help is available to you in living up to your dedication?
6. (a) When you dedicate your life to God, what step then is necessary? (b) What is the meaning of baptism?

