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Hello, my name is Joshua Chen. I am twelve years old. Many of you here have known me since I was a baby. I was raised in a Christian family. My parents Justin and Ling served at this church. As you may know, I have an older brother Daniel who is in tenth grade and baptized. I had the idea of being baptized after my father told me that the relationship with God was private and only between God and me. I wouldn't be saved just because I grew up in a Christian family. I wouldn't automatically inherit this relationship from my parents. Therefore, I am here to declare that I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord.

Here is one experience I had with God's love. When I was about four years old, I did not like going to school. Every day, I was unwilling to leave my parents. After being forced to stay at school for a couple of days, I prayed to God so that I could be successful and change my attitude. One day, after getting off the school bus, my attitude toward going to school changed because I felt God's love upon me. I was willing to go to school and have a good school year throughout the early stages of school. 1st John 4:15-18 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world, we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

Another point is that God's word gave me the strength to be able to accept the challenge. In 2019, I started to learn braille music to be able to read music notes. I was confused because there were thousands of combinations and definitions; the code was completely different from the regular braille that I'd learned. I prayed to God to give me perseverance and the ability to solve the puzzle and to be able to continue learning. After about eight months of learning, I finally understood all the basic concepts. And now I can read music notes through braille in music code. Matthew 7:7-8 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

The biggest thing that made me decide to baptize was when I read the book of Revelation. I felt scared due to the judgment that would be coming in the

future. The different colored horses and the doom that come with the judgment are too heavy for me to bear. I realized that no one can ever get away from God's judgment; the only way to be saved must be through Jesus Christ. God is justice and righteousness. Now I accept Jesus Christ as my savior and be the Lord to manage my life. Therefore, I am here to be baptized and to enter God's Kingdom to be saved. Praise the Lord! Glory to God, Amen!