

Russell Brand Gets Baptized, is 'Grateful' to be in Christ

Comedian Russell Brand is sharing his gratitude and the weight he feels lifted off of him following his baptism.

"Yesterday, I got baptized, and it was an incredible, profound experience," Brand says in a video posted to Facebook. "Many aspects of it were very intimate and personal."

Brand noted that throughout his life he's tried all kinds of different substances in hopes of feeling some type of transcendental experience. He's wanted desperately to connect to something in a spiritual manner, but all other things have failed him. However, becoming a new creation in Christ has made all the difference. Now, Brand feels the peace that surpasses all understanding that only God can give.

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"Something occurred in the process of baptism that was incredible, overwhelming," Brand says. "I felt changed, transitioned."

While acknowledging the fact that he still lives in the world and must actively engage with work, family and other elements of life, he knows that there is a greater power at work within him now. While some may see him as just another celebrity doing something for attention, Brand says this isn't the case. Instead, he says he knows what it's like to be poor, to be an addict and to be famous. In all of these scenarios what he actually needed was God.

"This is new for me. I'm learning, and I will make mistakes. But this is my path now. And I already feel incredibly blessed, relieved, nourished, held. It's been an incredible

experience,” Brand says.

Brand believes sharing his baptismal experience is part of his ministry and his mission.

“I’m so grateful to be surrendered in Christ,” Brand says.

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Brand’s baptism comes after his announcement on Friday that he was going to be taking the plunge into the water to commit himself to God.

“This Sunday, I’m taking the plunge. I’m getting baptized,” Brand says in the announcement video posted to X.

“What’s been explained to me is that it’s an opportunity to die and be reborn. An opportunity to leave the past behind and be reborn in Christ’s name like it says in Galatians,” Brand says.

As Russell Brand embarks on this new journey of life with Jesus, let us, as the body of Christ, pray for him to continue to grow in his faith, that he would build his life on the firm foundation of Christ as his cornerstone.

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