

Actor Denzel Washington Gets Baptized, Rededicating Life to Jesus

Actor Denzel Washington took a major step in his walk with the Lord over the weekend, getting baptized and receiving his minister's license.

The "Gladiator II" star participated in a water baptism at the Kelly Temple Church of God in Christ in Harlem, New York City, on Saturday, conducted by Archbishop Christopher Bryant.

Bryant shared that Washington attended the church as a young child and was "filled with the Holy Spirit after visiting another church with actor Robert Townsend in the 80's."

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The First Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ Eastern New York livestreamed the special moment on Facebook.

The Academy Award-winning actor received a certificate of baptism and his minister's license, which will allow him to become ordained in the future, TODAY reports.

"We celebrate the addition of Minister Denzel Washington into the clergy, having received his minister's license in the Church of God in Christ today, in a truly uplifting moment," read a Facebook post by Bryant.

Washington took a moment during the service to reflect on the milestone.

"In one week I turn 70," he said. "It took a while, but I'm here."

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Washington later shared how his baptism fulfilled a "prophecy." He recalled the words of a woman named Ruth Green, whom he met at his mom's beauty parlor when he was 20 years old.

"She said, 'Boy, you are going to travel the world and preach to millions of people,'" he said. "She wouldn't even spell the word prophecy. My mother wrote the word 'prophecy'...50 years later, look at God. If He can do this for me, there's nothing He can't do for you. The sky literally is the limit and there's no limit to the sky."



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He also thanked his "loving, faithful wife" of 41 years, Pauletta Washington, who was in the congregation supporting him.

"To God be the glory. Hallelujah!" he told the congregation. "Anything I can do, I will do for this church, the Almighty. I just want to be in that number when the saints go marching in."

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