

GRAMMAR

The present simple tense is used:

- To state truths or facts - E.g. Jesus lives in Heaven
- For actions which are repeated. In this case, it often occurs with adverbs like always, never, often, sometimes etc. E.g. A Christian's face sometimes appears sad.

The present continuous tense is used:

- For uncompleted actions which are happening at the time you are speaking
E.g. He's reading this book
- For temporary situations which are happening right now
E.g. I am living in the city of Riga at the moment
- To describe changes which are happening now. Often it is used with the phrase "more and more" -
E.g. Bible reading is becoming more and more popular.

4 Look again at verses 3,11,15,24,27 and 37.

Underline the examples of the present simple and present continuous.

E.g. "I baptise you" (Verse 8) and "You are my son" (Verse 11) = present simple.

5 Underline the correct tense in these examples:

- I usually go / am usually going to church on Sundays.
- I use / am using this book at the moment.
- Living the Christian life in this world is getting / get more and more difficult.
- In the photo, Jonno is baptizing / baptizes Dave.
- Everyone is looking / looks for you!

6 With a partner, a) make up questions using the words provided.

B) Match each question with the correct answer. C) Then ask and answer the questions in pairs.

Example: What / reading / now?

What are you reading now?

I'm reading this book.

Questions

1. When / your / baptism anniversary?

2. Where / you / living / at the moment?

3. What / you / do / in your spare time?

4. Which church / you / go to / now?

5. Have / you / brothers?

Answers

A. I'm living in Moscow at the moment.

B. I go to the movies.

C. I'm not going to any church at the moment.

D. I've not got any brothers in my family, but many in my church!

E. My baptism anniversary is on the 6th of June