

Purpose of Baptism, Christ and You

Baptism is a complete surrender to trust in God. A person undergoes a profound change that reorients the aim of the believer to follow Jesus. Baptism is letting Him do the work of crucifying us with Christ and then raising us into the new resurrected life of Christ. We are now equals in Christ who live our lives as instruments of righteousness. (Indeed a mystery of the faith).

- 1) Baptism demonstrates our **ACCEPTANCE** of Christ as Savior and Lord.

Romans 6:1-5

- 2) Baptism is an expression of our **FAITH**. (The act of baptism does not save).

Ephesians 2:8-9 *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast.(NIV)*

- 3) Baptism is more than a symbol, it is **A COMMAND**.

Matthew 28:19 *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,(NIV)*

Mark 16:16 *Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.(NIV)*

- 4) Baptism represents **DEATH, BURIAL & RESURRECTION** into new life in Christ.

Romans 6:1-7 *What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-- because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.(NIV)*

- 5) Baptism means **UNION** with Christ and empowerment from the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 3:27 *for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.(NIV)*

Acts 2:38 *Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.(NIV)*