

Baptism

- Heb 6:1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a **foundation** of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of instruction about **baptisms** and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.

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- Matt 3:16 After being **baptized, Jesus** came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, 17 and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”

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- Matt 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
19"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, **baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit**, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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- Act 2:38 Peter said to them, "**Repent**, and each of you be **baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Acts 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were **baptized**; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

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- Baptism = dip, immersed, submerge or plunge into a liquid
- Dying a garment or sinking a ship
- Acts 10:48 And he ordered (commanded) them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.
- It is not an optional extra but an essential foundation

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- Matt 28:19 .. baptizing them **in the name** of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit
- Transfer of title or ownership e.g. house, car or a life
- 1 Cor 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that **you are not your own**? 20 For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

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- Romans 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been **baptized into Christ Jesus** have been baptized into **His death**? 4 Therefore we have been **buried with Him** through baptism **into death**, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in **newness of life**.

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- Rom 6:1-2 If we've left the country where sin is sovereign, how can we still live in our old house there? Or didn't you realize we packed up and left there for good? That is what happened in **baptism**. When we went **under the water**, we left the old country of sin behind; when we **came up out of the water**, we entered into the new country of grace—a new life in a new land!

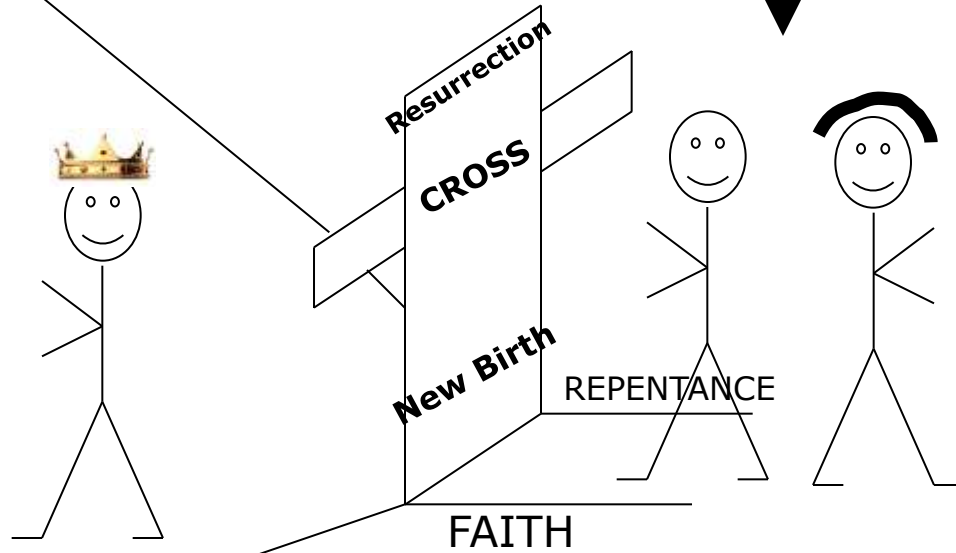
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- Rom 6:3-5 That's what baptism into the life of Jesus means. When we are lowered into the water, it is like the **burial of Jesus**; when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the **resurrection of Jesus**. Each of us is raised into a light-filled world by our Father so that we can see where we're going in our new grace-sovereign country.

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- Mark 1:15 the kingdom of God is at hand; **repent** and **believe** in the gospel.”
- Act 2:38 Peter said to them, "**Repent**, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the **forgiveness of your** sins; and you will receive the **gift of the Holy Spirit**.”

ETERNAL DESTINY



CHOICE
LIGHT

2 Cor 4:6



2 Cor 4:6 For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

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2 Cor 4:4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

The Covenant Exchange at the Cross

SIN & SICKNESS

DEATH

OLD LIFE

BONDAGE TO SIN

OLD NATURE

GUILTY

CONDEMNED

SINFUL

JUDGMENT

SLAVES TO SIN



FORGIVENESS & HEALTH

LIFE

NEW LIFE

FREEDOM FROM SIN

NEW NATURE

INNOCENT

AQUITTED

RIGHTEOUS

JUSTIFICATION

SLAVES TO RIGHTEOUSNESS

1 Cor 5:21 God made Jesus who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

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- Jesus died for me as my substitute
Penalty of sin is paid – Past
- Jesus died as me as my representative
Power of sin is broken – Present
- Gal 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ;
and it is no longer I who live, but Christ
lives in me; and the life which I now live in
the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

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- Rom 6:6 knowing this, that **our old self was crucified with Him**, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; 7 for he who has died is freed from sin.
- Rom 6:11 Even so **consider yourselves** to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.
- Rom 6:18 and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness

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- 1 Cor 12:¹³ For by means of the personal agency of the Holy Spirit we were all .. baptized and by baptism united together into one body,
- Rom 8:¹⁵ you have received a spirit of adoption as sons
- Gal 4:⁵ Jesus died to purchase our freedom (to ransom us, to redeem us from sin) .. that we might be adopted and have sonship conferred upon us and be recognized as God's sons.

Baptism

Old Life

Old Identity

Old Family

All recorded decrees
against you

All your past sin

Date of birth

New Life

New Identity

New Family

No guilt,
condemnation

Righteous

Date of adoption

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- Rom 6:6-11 Could it be any clearer? Our old way of life was nailed to the cross with Christ, a decisive end to that sin-miserable life—no longer at sin's every beck and call! What we believe is this: If we get included in Christ's sin-conquering death, we also get included in his life-saving resurrection. We know that when Jesus was raised from the dead it was a signal of the end of death-as-the-end.

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- Rom 6:6-11 Never again will death have the last word. When Jesus died, he took sin down with him, but alive he brings God down to us. From now on, think of it this way: Sin speaks a dead language that means nothing to you; God speaks your mother tongue, and you hang on every word. You are dead to sin and alive to God. That's what Jesus did.

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- What if I sin?
- No cover up run to God
- 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- Be accountable
- 1 John 1:7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

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- Luke 9:23 And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and **take up his cross daily and follow Me.** 24 For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it.

What do you want to die & be left behind in the water?

E.g. habits, guilt, sin, past



What do you want to have restored, renewed, resurrected in your life?

e.g. love, joy, peace, blessing

- Black hole – sound B-flat 57 octaves
- Rom 8:19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.
22 For we know that the whole creation **groans**
- John 12:36 While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become **sons of Light**.
- 1 Thes 5:5 You are all **sons of light** and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness
- Olympic torch – lit by power of the sun
- We can become living flames lit by the power of the SON
- Heb 1 his ministers are flames of fire

- Matt 13:43 Then the righteous will **shine forth as the sun** in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.
- Phil 2:15 so that you may become blameless and pure, **children of God** without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you **shine like stars in the universe**
- It is your destiny to restore light to the universe as sons of light revealed
- Are your prepared to be set on fire?