

## Baptized Into Christ: Dead to Sin, Alive to God

Roman 6:1-11

Why do we encourage people to be baptized?

Because it is an awesome picture of what Christ has done for us and of how our lives are joined to His.

ROM 6:1 *Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?*

<sup>2</sup> *May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?*

<sup>3</sup> *Or do you not know that all of us who have been **baptized into Christ** Jesus have been baptized into His death?*

<sup>4</sup> *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.*

The baptism ceremony pictures two things: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

### A. Death Romans 6:2-7

Consider the “deaths” in these verses:

v. 2 *we who **died to sin***

v. 3 *have been **baptized into Christ Jesus**,  
have been **baptized into His death**.*

v. 4 *have been **buried with Him** through baptism **into death**.*

“**baptism**” – to be put into or go under water

“**baptized into Christ**”

“**united with**”

ROM 6:5 *If we have become **united** with Him in the likeness of **His death**, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of **His resurrection**.*

● We understand that Jesus had to die. In what sense do we?

1. We die to the control of our old \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We die to the fleshly, \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.
3. We die to the \_\_\_\_\_ to sin – eyes, minds, mouths...

ROM 6:6-7 *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**; <sup>7</sup> for he who has died is **freed from sin**.*

The image of baptism: death (first ½):

Harder for younger ones to understand.

So much more understood by those who have turned to Christ from a life dragged down by sin.

### B. Life

<sup>6:8</sup> *Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that **we shall also live with Him**, <sup>9</sup> knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is **never to die again**; death no longer is master over Him.*

<sup>10</sup> *For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.*

<sup>11</sup> *Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

Consider “life” in these verses:

v. 8 *we **have died** with Christ; we **shall also live** with Him.*

v. 9 *Christ: **raised** from the dead, **never to die** again!*

v. 10 *the **life** that **He lives**, He lives to God.*

The great joy of new life in Christ!

The image of baptism: life (second ½):

Easier for the younger ones to understand.

Awesome for those who know what it means to have new life in Christ!

Applying *death* and *life*:

1. Understanding salvation.
2. Dealing with sin.
  - a. Allowing \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Treating it \_\_\_\_\_
3. Living in “life”

<sup>6:11</sup> *Even so, **consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus**.*