



**Baptism: A Sign of Righteousness
(Romans 6:1-14)**

Today's Reading: Romans 6:1-14

This Week: In today's passage, we consider how the act of baptism symbolizes our death to self and sin and our resurrection to life eternal with Jesus Christ through the saving grace of God.

We share in Christ's righteousness: in His death, resurrection, and newness of life

- **6** What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?
- ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?
- ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
- ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. **(Romans 6:1-4)**

We share in Christ's righteousness:

- ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.
- ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.
- ⁷ For one who has died has been set free [*has been justified*] from sin.
- ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.
- ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.
- ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.
- ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. **(Romans 6:5-11)**

We share in Christ's righteousness:

- ¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.
- ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.
- ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. **(Romans 6:12-14)**

I. Old Testament “Baptisms”: From Death to Life

A. Noah and the Ark

B. Moses and the Red Sea

C. Jonah and the Whale

II. The Nicene Creed: “One Baptism”?

“We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.”

A. Spiritual Baptism (Internal)

1. Repentance of Old Life

¹⁹ Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, Acts 2:19

2. Born Again to New Life

“A person’s identity is no longer wrapped up in his or her sinful past. We gained a new identity when we embraced Christ by faith” (David Seemuth, *Romans*, p. 112)

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

B. Water Baptism (External)

1. Sacrament (Imputes Grace)
or Sign? (Declaration of Grace already received)

2. Adult or Infant?

- Key doctrinal components of baptism: **Repentance and Faith**
- “Believer’s Baptism”: The baptism of those who make a profession of faith. (An outward expression of an inward condition)

³⁸ And Peter said to them, “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. (Acts 2:28)

B. Water Baptism (External)

3. United with Christ in Death

“⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his” (Romans 6:5a)

4. United with Christ in Resurrection

“we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.” (Romans 6:5b)

- ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20 ESV)

B. Water Baptism (External)

5. Obedience and Blessings

Why do we get baptized? Because Jesus tells us to:

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ **Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in^[b] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,** ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:16-20)

B. Water Baptism (External)

5. Obedience and Blessings

Why do we get baptized? Because the Holy Spirit compels us to do so

- ³⁴ So the eunuch answered Philip and said, “I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?” ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. ³⁶ Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, “See, *here is* water. What hinders me from being baptized?”
- ³⁷ Then Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.”
- And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”
- ³⁸ So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. (Acts 8:34-37 NKJV)

B. Water Baptism (External)

5. Obedience and Blessings

Why do we get baptized? Because it confirms and strengthens our faith

C. Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Pentecostalism)

- ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:4)
- A “prayer language”
- One of the Gifts of the Spirit (I Corinthians 12:1-11)
- Paul: ¹⁸ I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. ¹⁹ Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue. (I Corinthians 14:18-19 ESV)
- John Piper expands interpretation of “Baptism of the Holy Spirit” to mean not necessarily a single event but various experiences of the filling of the Holy Spirit after conversion to empower believers to carry out their witness and ministries.

III. Invitation: Believer's Baptism July 14

- A. Adult Baptism, Full immersion
- B. Know Jesus as Your Savior and Lord
- C. Public Declaration of Faith

See Pastor Mike by July 7 if you would like to be baptized. Adult Baptism (full immersion) will be held at 11:30am. Sunday 14 July at the Cambria pool.



Let Us Pray

