

What Does Baptism Mean? Romans 6:1–11



Before Romans 6: Does Baptism Save?

Words: Christ, dirt, faith, judgment, resurrection, save, sign, water

We need to be clear: the act of baptism does not _____ us.

We are saved by grace alone, through _____ alone, in Christ alone.

1 Peter 3:21 says, “baptism now saves you,” but Peter is not talking about removing _____ from the flesh.

Noah and his family passed safely through the waters of God’s _____, and Peter says baptism corresponds to this.

The saving power is not in the _____. Peter points us to the _____ of Jesus Christ.

We are saved because we are united to _____; baptism is the outward _____ that portrays that reality.

1) Baptism Pictures Our Death and Burial with Christ

Words: Adam, baptism, believed, buried, covenant, crucifies, death, expound, into, new, old, out, salvation, sin, spiritually, testimony, under, union, united

Our passage is not primarily focused on physical _____; that is not Paul’s main point.

Baptisms happened straight after conversions, so there was a very direct link to _____.

Rom 6:1 Paul poses a question and answers it in verse 2; in verse 3 he begins to _____ on that answer.

“Baptize” speaks of placing a person into a _____ environment or into union with something else, altering their condition or relationship.

There are two aspects of baptism: a _____ and a change in relationship.

There are three phases to the act: going _____ the water, going _____ it, and coming up _____ of it.

Nothing spiritual happens when someone is baptised. It is:

- the sign of the _____,
- it symbolises what has happened _____,
- and our outward _____ that we belong to Christ.

Being baptised into Christ means we are made one with Him: we are _____ to Christ at salvation.

Baptised into His _____ and burial is shown by going into the water and then under the water.

In some unfathomable and miraculous way, when Christ died and was _____, we were with Him in that process.

When we _____ the gospel and put our trust in Him, the results were actively applied to us (Eph 1:4; Rom 6:5–7).

Death and burial sever our relationship with the _____ nature; in fact, it _____ it (Romans 6:11; 1 Peter 2:24).

A Christian cannot be in the old _____ and the New Adam at the same time.

The second aspect is that union with Christ changes our relationship to _____.

2) Baptism Pictures Our Resurrection to New Life with Christ

Words: body, character, Christ, conduct, enables, energy, nature, raised, right, testimony, water

This is pictured by coming up out of the _____.

As Christ was _____, so are we raised with a new nature and, in the future, a new _____.

This is our _____ to the world and other believers that we will walk according to our new nature.

We are a different person from when we went into the water.

“Newness” refers to newness of quality and _____.

Paul is not speaking of our _____ or behaviour.

Because we are united to _____, we receive His _____ (2 Peter 1:4).

We have a new source of ethical and spiritual _____.

We are truly free to choose to do what is _____ and pleasing to God.

This newness _____ us to do good works (Philippians 2:13).

This is what coming up out of the water symbolises.

WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

Why Should a Christian Be Baptised?

Matthew 28:18-20 • Acts • The Covenants

1

CHRIST COMMANDED IT

Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus has all authority.
He commands His disciples to be baptised
and then taught to obey Him.

Make disciples → Baptise them → Teach them

2

THE APOSTLES PRACTISED IT

Acts 2, 8, 10, 16 and 18

In Jerusalem, Samaria and Corinth,
those who believed the gospel were baptised.
The household accounts do not overturn
that pattern.

Believe → Be baptised

3

THE COVENANTS HELP US UNDERSTAND

Genesis 17 • Jeremiah 31

Circumcision marked the old covenant nation.
The New Covenant is marked by inward
renewal, knowing God and forgiveness.
Baptism is its outward sign.

The sign belongs to those who know the Lord

WHERE WE ARE NOW

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TODAY'S OUTLINE

1 Death and burial with Christ

United to Him; our old relationship to sin is severed.

2 Resurrection to new life with Christ

Raised with Him to walk in newness of life.

The water does not save us. Christ saves us.

Baptism pictures what is already ours through faith in Him.