

Romans 6:1-11

1. What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?
2. Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?
3. Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?
4. Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
5. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection,
6. knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.
7. For he who has died has been freed from sin.
8. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,
9. knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.
10. For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God.

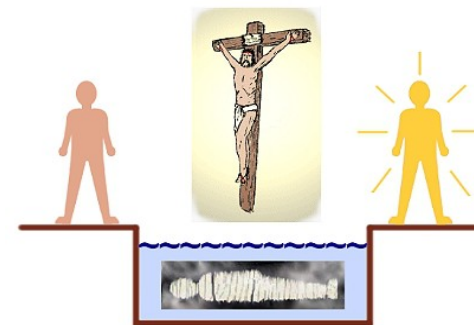
11. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Water Baptism

Water Baptism is based upon a "spiritual" baptism unto Christ. (Romans 6:1-11). Through faith a faith commitment to Jesus as Lord, the new Believer is spiritually joined with Jesus in the death, his burial, and the resurrection of Jesus.

In water baptism, we as Believers are to consider ourselves grafted together with Jesus, in his death and burial and also his resurrection. We are to consider the old man dead with Christ on the cross, and then buried, but the new man alive with him.

**Baptism is a picture
of what happened to Jesus.**

He lived here on the earth, was killed and buried, but also arose from the grave.

**Baptism gives a picture of
what happens to the Believer**

as he is joined unto Jesus by faith.

The individual has lived for himself, but through faith, he dies with Jesus on the cross and is buried with him. However, as a new Believer, he also now has a resurrected life with Jesus as his Lord.

Baptism is also a picture of what happens to the physical body.

We now live here on the earth, but will physically die (unless we are raptured) and will be physically buried. However, we will also be resurrected and stand before God.

It is a sign of the New Covenant

Baptism is also a "sign" of the New Covenant as circumcision was a sign of the Old Covenant. (Colossians 2:10-15). Again, baptism is a sign or "picture" of what is to have already occurred inwardly.

Who Should be Baptized?

1. Only true Believers (old enough to make a faith commitment) were immersed (Acts 8:36-38).
2. Baptism is based upon repentance and faith toward Jesus. (Acts 2:38). (Acts 20:21).
3. Baptism demonstrates that your sins

have been washed away. (Acts 2:38).

Why Be Baptized?

1. Jesus commanded **all** Believers to be immersed. (Matthew 28:19).
2. Peter, the apostle, taught that one should be baptized. (Acts 2:38).
3. Paul, the apostle, practiced it. (Acts 19:4-5).
4. All true Believers (those who had made a commitment to Jesus as Lord) submitted themselves to be baptized. (Acts 2:41).
5. Baptism is the means of union unto to the local body of Believers. (Acts 2:41).
6. Baptism, as an act of **obedience**, may be one requirement to received the fullness of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 5:32).
7. Jesus, our example, was baptized. (Matthew 3:15-17).
8. Baptism, is a public witness to others of the work of Jesus in the life of the Believer. (Matthew 5:1).
9. Baptism helps in the saving of the soul of the Believer (helps establish in the mind will, and emotions of the Believer the truth of what has already occurred in the spirit-man). NOTE: Water baptism in no way saves the

spirit of the individual or gives eternal life. (I Peter 3:21).

10. Water baptism is a part of the initiation and commissioning of the Believer into ministry. When Jesus, our example was baptized, the Holy Spirit came upon him, and he was led the Spirit to be tempted. Then immediately he was ushered into ministry. (Luke 4:18-19).

What Is The Mode Of Baptism?

The English word "Baptism" is not a direct translation from Scripture but a transliteration of the Greek word "βαπτίζω" meaning to **immerse**, **duck under**, or **to dip in to cover**. The term was commonly use in the time of the New Testament to describe the dying of a garment.

1. John used the Jordan river to baptize those he baptized. (Matthew 3:6).
2. After Jesus was immersed he came up straightway out of the water. (Mark 1:10).
3. When the eunuch was immersed, both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water (Acts 8:38).
4. Immersion is a picture of the individual's burial with Jesus (Romans 6:3, Colossians 2:12).
5. The basic meaning behind the Greek word is "to immerse", "dip", or "plunge under."