

Baptism as a New Identity

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1. Why is immersion important in baptism?

Romans 6:1–3 NIV ¹ What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

Being buried in water symbolizes _____.

Romans 6:4–8 NIV ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his... ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

Through baptism:

1. You bury the old self, and a new you comes up.
2. You place your faith in the death & resurrection of Christ.
3. You believe that, as Christ rose, you'll rise on the last day.
4. You confess that your new life is **united with Christ**.

Paul and *Union with Christ*: [Rom 6:5](#), [8:10-11](#); [1 Cor 6:17](#); [2 Cor 5:17](#); [Gal 2:20](#), [3:27](#); [Eph 2:4-6](#), [3:16-19](#), [5:31-32](#); [Phil 3:8-10](#); [Col 1:27](#), [3:3-4](#); etc.

“Union with Christ is the greatest, most honourable, and glorious of all graces that we are made partakers of.” The Works of John Owen, v. 20 (Edinburgh: Banner of Truth, 1991), 148.

Baptism means _____.

2. How should my life look like after baptism?

Romans 6:11–13 NIV ¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.

Your life after baptism is:

- A life renouncing sin.
- A life devoted to righteousness.

3. What if I don't feel, or act, as a new person?

Romans 6:14 NIV For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

Romans 6:7 NIV because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

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

Your identity _____.

Deepen _____.

CTA:

- **Start** your *Union with Christ* through baptism (Nov 21 or 22).
- **Deepen** your *Union with Christ* through thoughts, memorials, and symbols.