

Chris' Baptism (Romans 6:3-4)

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I. With a simple picture—Our baptisms picture Jesus' death, burial and resurrection

A. The verses portray baptism as death—burial—resurrection

—'Baptized into His death'

—'Buried with Him by baptism'

—'Like as Christ was raised up from the dead'

B. Jesus equated baptism to His approaching death—burial—resurrection

Luk 12:50 But I have a **baptism** to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!

1. Jesus was not referring to His water baptism—That baptism was already past

Luk 3:21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

Luk 3:22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

2. Jesus was referring to the death that He had (in a sense) probably always dreaded

Rev 13:8 ...the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Gen 3:15 ...thou shalt bruise his heel.

Psa 22:1 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Isa 53:3 ...a **man of sorrows**, and acquainted with grief...

Luk 9:30 And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias:

Luk 9:31 Who appeared in glory, and **spake of his decease**...

Luk 22:42 Saying, **Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me**: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

Luk 22:43 And there appeared **an angel** unto him from heaven, **strengthening him**.

Luk 22:44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

II. The passage surpasses the idea that baptism pictures death, burial & resurrection

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Rom 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of his resurrection:

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Rom 6:7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

Rom 6:8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

III. What shall we say then? —This question refers us back to previous teachings

A. The wonder of God's love—Considering what we were—And Whom He gave

Rom 5:6 For when we were **yet without strength**, in due time **Christ died** for the **ungodly**...

Rom 5:8 But **God commendeth his love** toward us, in that, while we were **yet sinners**, **Christ died** for us...

Rom 5:10 For if, when we were **enemies**, we were reconciled to God by **the death of his Son**...

B. Justified—Reconciled—Shall be saved

Rom 5:9 Much more then, being now **justified** by his blood, we **shall be saved** from wrath through him.

Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were **reconciled** to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we **shall be saved** by his life.

C. How can what Jesus did count for me?

Rom 3:21 But now **the righteousness of God without the law** is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

Rom 4:6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom **God imputeth righteousness without works**,

1. The doctrine of original sin

Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

2. The doctrine of a positional relationship to a federal representative

Rom 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.

Rom 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

a. As in Adam—even so in Christ

1Co 15:22 For **as in Adam** all die, **even so in Christ** shall all be made alive.

b. All who were “in Christ” receive grace, justification and life

Eph 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly **places in Christ**:

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us **in him** before the foundation of the world,...

1Co 1:30 But of him are ye **in Christ Jesus**...

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God **in him**.

Eph 1:6 ...he hath made us accepted **in the beloved**.

Eph 1:7 **In whom** we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins...

Rom 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are **in Christ Jesus**...

Eph 1:10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things **in Christ**, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; *even in him*:

Eph 1:11 **In whom** also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

IV. Dead to sin

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

Rom 6:2 God forbid. How shall we, that are **dead to sin**, live any longer therein?

A. Our baptisms are truly simple pictures of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection

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Rom 6:4 Therefore we are **buried with him** by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

B. Yet Paul is here talking about more than a picture painted by baptism

1. Paul had taught that “in Adam” we die—And “in Christ” we shall be made alive

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ** shall all be made alive.

2. Paul now says that we are not just alive “in Christ” but are also dead “in Christ”

—*Dead to sin*

—*Baptized into His death*

—*Buried with Him*

3. Not only: “In Christ we shall be made alive” —But also: “In Christ we died”

Rom 6:5 For if we have been **planted together** in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness of his* resurrection:

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that **our old man is crucified with him**, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

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C. The position of any (and all) who died in Christ

1. We have died in Christ and were buried in Christ

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Rom 6:4 Therefore we are **buried with him**...

2. We have died in Christ and are freed from sin

Rom 6:7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

3. We have died in Christ and we have powerful “shalls” for our future

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Rom 6:8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that **we shall also live with him**:

D. Knowing our position over death inspires us to have dominion over sin

Rom 6:9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; **death hath no more dominion over him**.

Rom 6:10 For in that he died, **he died unto sin once**: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Rom 6:11 Likewise **reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin**, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom 6:12 **Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body**, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

Rom 6:13 Neither yield ye your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, **as those that are alive from the dead**, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto God.

Rom 6:14 For **sin shall not have dominion over you**: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

V. How the world responds to: God’s love—Shall be saved—In Him

A. The unbelieving scoffer’s attitude toward salvation totally by grace

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

Rom 6:15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

Rom 3:8 ...(as we be slanderously reported, and as **some affirm that we say**,) **Let us do evil, that good may come?** whose damnation is just.

Jud 1:4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, **turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness**, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

B. The Bible’s answer to such an attitude

Rom 6:2 **God forbid**. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

Gal 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only **use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh**, but by love serve one another.

1Pe 2:16 As free, and **not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness**, but as the servants of God.

VI. The response of the submissive servant—Who really understands sin and grace

Rom 6:15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

A. To understand the doctrine of grace from the heart brings submission

Rom 6:17 But God be thanked, that **ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine** which was delivered you.

Heb 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ...purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

2Co 5:14 For the love of Christ constraineth us...

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

1Pe 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light...

Act 9:6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

Mat 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

B. The truth shall make you free—It even frees you to serve

Rom 6:18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the **servants of righteousness**.

Joh 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...

Act 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

VII. Baptism statements that pertain to a new outlook on our philosophy of life

A. After baptism—We are to rise to walk in a new way of living

Rom 6:4 ...like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, **even so we also should walk in newness of life**.

B. Baptism is a commitment to put on Christ—Even wear Him wherever you go

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have **put on Christ**.

C. Baptism washes away sins—Not eternally speaking—But from a guilty conscience

Act 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and **be baptized, and wash away thy sins**, calling on the name of the Lord.

1. Men who realized they had killed God's Son: '*Men and brethren, what shall we do?*'
2. The Christian-killer, Saul of Tarsus: '*Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?*'
3. The Philippian jailer: '*Sirs, what must I do to be saved?*'

D. A conscience that knows Jesus washed away its sins responds to God by baptism

1Pe 3:21 The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but **the answer of a good conscience toward God**;) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

1. *Baptism doth also now save us*
—Not talking about eternal salvation— "**Not the putting away of the filth of the flesh**"
2. Paul offered baptism as an urgent **response** for the guilty conscience
—Likewise, Peter at Pentecost—To those who were pricked in their hearts
3. Yet here Peter described baptism—Not as the answer for a **guilty** conscience
—But as the answer of a **good** conscience
4. Different people have different states of mind at different times
—One might be full of fears—As he sees himself—And feels to be a condemned sinner
—One might be full of faith—As he sees His Savior—And feels to be a saved sinner
5. At times, Peter and Paul spoke to guilt-stricken sinners—Who had troubled hearts
—This time, Peter spoke to reconciled believers—Who knew Jesus had saved them
6. In the case of the guilty conscience—Or in the case of the relieved conscience
—The proper response is baptism

E. Baptism is the entry into the church—And a commitment to continuance

Act 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

Act 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.