

## **What Does My Baptism Mean? (Galatians 3:26-29)**

When one gets baptized what do they declare before God and all present?

Declaring: they are trusting only in Jesus and desire to follow only Him

Baptism is a powerful picture given by Christ to His Church:

- Baptism into His death – *buried with Him through baptism into death*
- Christ raised from the dead – *we also should walk in newness of life.*

Only God can do the inward work that baptism signifies

Baptism witnesses to the world: we are now of the Kingdom of God

### **I. Who qualifies for baptism? “Those who have faith in Christ”**

Vs 26 – all sons of God through faith in Jesus Christ

John 1:12, 13: those who *received* him – born *not of the will of men* but God

### **II. What are they saying in their baptism? They’ve put on Christ Jesus**

V. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ

### **III. Baptism signifies a change in their view of one other and of God**

Vs 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus"

They are all now one new man in Christ and they all belong to God

### **IV. Whose family do they belong to now? Abraham – the Father of Faith**

Vs 29 And if you *are* Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise

We are true descendent of Abraham having received the promise by faith

promise to Abraham is of Seed – which is Christ Jesus – we are in Him