



Baptism

Romans 6:3-11
Week of April 24, 2022

Before Connect Group

- Romans 6:3-11
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Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:3-11, ESV

Sermon Notes

Baptism is the display of God drawing person out of the old person to come alive to the new person that Christ has set apart for us to be.

What is Baptism?

- Baptism is an outward expression of an inward change.
- It is a picture of what occurs when we have faith in Jesus Christ.
- It is identifying with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection life.
- Baptism does not save anyone but is an act of obedience following salvation.

Who Should Be Baptized?

- Only those who profess faith in Jesus Christ should be baptized.
- Peter said in Acts 2 that those who received the word of God were baptized.
- The Philippian jailer was baptized after the Holy Spirit fell on them like the apostles at Pentecost and the Ethiopian eunuch was baptized after professing faith in Jesus.

When Should A Believer Get Baptized?

- Most often in the Bible, the disciples tried to baptize people as soon as they professed faith in Jesus Christ.
- In many cases, it was immediate.
- Faith was followed very quickly by baptism.

Who Should Perform A Baptism?

- Baptism does not have to be administered by a Pastor, or Elder, or Deacon.
- It should be administered by a believer in Christ to another believer in Christ.
- Here at SCC, we allow believing fathers to baptize their children and we have allowed youth leaders and believers who have a relationship with the one being baptized to perform the baptism.
- Eventually, we would like people who disciple the baptizee or were instrumental in their faith, to be the one baptizing.
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What Does Baptism Represent or Symbolize?

- *Romans 6:3-5 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.*
- It represents being associated with Jesus' death. Why is that important? What did the death of Jesus provide or accomplish?
- Jesus death satisfied God's wrath on sin
 - When we sin, there is a debt that we incur.
 - Our sin is counted against us and God is required to judge that sin.
 - He will not allow the guilty to go unpunished.
 - Thankfully, he does not pour out his wrath on us immediately, but is long suffering in the judgment of our sin.
 - When Jesus, the sinless sacrifice died on the cross, he paid the price that God requires for sin (death) and it was paid in full.
- Jesus death provided us forgiveness of sins - since God's wrath was satisfied, our sins

could be forgiven and we are declared “just” even though we are not (forgiveness of sin requires shedding of blood because sin brings forth death)

- Redemption of man
 - The satisfaction of God's wrath and the forgiveness of our sins restores us to a proper relationship with God.
 - Jesus bought us back with the price of Jesus' life. He redeemed us by his blood.
- Our sin is imputed to Jesus and His righteousness is imputed to us.
- Imagine a court room where I am the defendant. I am charged with a capital offense and God (the judge) declares me guilty (which I am because of the overwhelming evidence against me). Not only does God pronounce me guilty, but he also pronounces the death sentence for me. So I am “guilty as charged” and my punishment is death. However, the judge in this moment does something totally unexpected. He comes down off the bench as judge and stands in my place to take my punishment upon himself. He takes my sentence and pays the price of my sin. In turn, he gives me his righteousness (there is no record of my guilt). I am declared innocent on the basis of His work.
- Have you ever done this for your children? They are guilty of an offense and you have declared a consequence for the disobedience. Then you take the punishment on yourself allowing them to go free. This is a powerful way to demonstrate what Jesus did for us on the cross. Obviously, you don't want to do this very often or they will start thinking there is no consequence for sin, but every once in a while, this is a powerful teaching tool.
- Baptism is a symbol of us being identified with the work Christ accomplished on the cross.
- *Colossians 2:11-15 In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.*
- *Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*
- We want people to see Jesus when they see us as we serve as a witness to the goodness and glory of God.
- God wants us to follow Him and the Spirit within us gives us the strength and resolve to actually follow Him.

Baptism is the image of the newness of life taking shape in us.

- We must consider ourselves death to sin and alive to Christ through the newness of life in Him
- Considering ourselves dead to sin means we die to the former passions of our lives.
- Following the Lord in obedience in the Christian Life.
- We hear from God and do what He calls us to do.
- Things may get in the way of our being willing to be obedient yet God is greater than any distraction
- Being in the word transforms and renews us and points us closer to God.
- The full counsel of scripture shapes us into a person that eagerly reflects the glory of God.

Connect Group Discussion Questions

- Why do we need to be saved? What effect has sin had on our lives?
- What is the difference between the old person that is put to death and the new person? Compare and contrast the two individuals.
- How is Baptism an outward sign of an inward grace? How does it connect us to the story of Jesus Christ?
- What are some of the things we can do to be obedient to Christ and His call to our life? What happens in our life when we submit to Jesus Christ as our Lord and King of our life?
- How does Jesus support us in our pursuit of putting Him at the center of our lives?

Challenge For The Week

Baptism is the display of the old person dying and coming alive to the new person in Jesus Christ. It is a baptism that kicks off the relationship as a public declaration of our love and submission to Jesus Christ.

- Where is God calling you and what do you need to do to take your next step in faith? Take some quiet time this week to consider where God is calling you next.
- Who can you proclaim the saving work of Jesus Christ to? When can you do this? Are you praying for this person?

