

# The New Birth and Baptism

## Romans 6:3-10

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<sup>3</sup> “Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

<sup>4</sup> Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection,

<sup>6</sup> knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

<sup>7</sup> for he who has died is freed from sin.

<sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

<sup>9</sup> knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him.

<sup>10</sup> For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.”

Jesus commissioned His followers to go and make disciples, “baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit” ([Matthew 28:19](#)). As the early church spread the gospel message, baptism would follow a new believer’s response of faith. It publicly signified that the individual was now a follower of Jesus.

Metaphors often communicate on a level that words cannot. Baptism is a powerful picture of our salvation experience. Through this act, we proclaim the good news that Jesus died on the cross for our sins, was buried, and rose again—and testify that we’ve welcomed His transforming power into our lives.

The Greek word for “baptize” in Scripture is the same term used to describe a cloth dipped in dye—it refers to total change. So, by being plunged into the water, we declare that we’re choosing to die to our old way of life and are uniting with Christ. Our sin is buried with Him, and its power is conquered through His atoning death on the cross ([Romans 6:14](#)).

### Romans 6:14 (NASB)

<sup>14</sup> “For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”

When we’re raised up out of the water, we affirm His resurrection. Baptism is a symbolic way of expressing that just as the Lord conquered death and rose again, we are spiritually resurrected from death into new life. We are born again and irrevocably transformed through the power of His Holy Spirit.

In the Bible, the word *believe* isn’t a conceptual word describing intellectual agreement alone. It is a word of action. Our belief should never be hidden like a light placed under a basket ([Luke 11:33](#))—when unbelieving family and friends look at our lives, they need to see the gospel in action.

### Luke 11:33 (NASB)

<sup>33</sup> “No one, after lighting a lamp, puts it away in a cellar nor under a basket, but on the lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light.”