



Alive!

Romans 6.3-4

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1. Significance of Baptism

a. Act of obedience

(Matthew 28.19-20, Acts 2.38)

Peter replied, “Repent and **be baptized**, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.



1. Significance of Baptism

b. Act of witness

c. Act of faith & commitment

- To live out the Christian life
- “Baptism is the natural accompaniment and completion of faith.” - Erickson
- Union with Christ



2. Symbolism of Baptism

³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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.



a. Buried with Christ into death (v.3-4a)

- Before baptism – OLD SELF... self-will, self-determination, self-rule...Old BOSS
- Problem of SIN?



a. Buried with Christ into death (v.3-4a)

- Put faith in Christ... crucify our old self
- Into the water... old self died and buried with Christ!



b. Raised with Christ to live a new life (v.4b)

- Jesus did not remain dead.
 - Out of the water...raised to live a new life!
 - New BOSS!
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- We sin no more! No longer slaves to sin.
 - Holy Spirit in our lives (Romans 8)



b. Raised with Christ to live a new life (v.4b)

- How does this new life look like?
- Life purpose and destiny?
- Use God, serve self or use self, serve God?



Implications

- What have you died to?
- Who would you live for?

