

## Baptism: A Christian's Identity

Romans 6:1-4

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<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace might increase? <sup>2</sup>May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

<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.

(Romans 6:1-4)

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Baptism tells us who we are!

It conveys our fundamental identity as Christians

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### Paul's Use of Baptism

#### 1. Synonym for conversion/salvation

- Christians are those "who have been baptized into Christ Jesus"
- baptism is always the decisive, outward way of responding to the gospel

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### Paul's Use of Baptism

#### 2. Instrument of union with Christ

- through baptism we participate with Christ in His own death and burial
- we are raised to "newness of life" in union with the resurrection of Christ

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Immersion into water in the name of Christ (baptism) portrays our death, burial and resurrection with Christ

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