

## Buried With Christ

Romans 6:3-4 says, *"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."* For centuries, the denominational world has told everyone that baptism is not essential to salvation. They claim that it is merely "an outward sign of an inward grace." They say it simply demonstrates that one is already saved. In short, it is important, but not essential.

However, as one can see from Romans 6:3-4, baptism is a burial. This point is again emphasized in Colossians 2:12. When Jesus shed His blood and died on the cross, He secured for us redemption from our transgressions (Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14). How do we come in contact with the benefits of His death? It is through baptism! That is why Paul said we are buried with Him into His death. It is baptism that makes us like Christ in the sense that we are dead in our sins, and then we are baptized which allows us to rise in newness of life. According to Paul, when denominationalists baptize someone after their supposed conversion, they are burying them alive, metaphorically speaking!

To say that baptism is not essential to salvation is nothing short of blasphemous. The Holy Spirit revealed through the writers of the New Testament that baptism saves us (1 Peter 3:21). To learn the truth of salvation, absent from centuries of denominational error, please call us or be our guest at our next service.

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