

The Meaning of Baptism

Romans 6:1-4

Living Water

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I. Introduction

◆ Overview

- What is baptism
- What does it symbolize
- What to do after baptism
- Applications

II. What is Baptism

- ◆ Definition: Symbol that expresses our faith in Christ and identification with Him and His people, the Church
- ◆ Significance: If you understand what baptism portrays, you will understand what happens when you become a Christian

II. What is Baptism

- ◆ Two things happen when you become a Christian
 - (6:3-4a) Buried with Him
 - Our death in the death of Christ
 - (6:4b) Risen with Him
 - Walk in newness of life

II. What is Baptism

- ◆ **Summary:** In faith, we become united to Christ.
 - His death = our death
 - His life = our life
 - Baptism portrays this very clearly

III. After baptism

- ◆ **What to do:** Remember the symbol and continue to walk the faith journey with Christ

III. After baptism

◆ **Illus:** 2 Men & 2 Parachutes

- Man 1: Parachute will improve flight
- Man 2: Parachute will be needed in upcoming jump
 - Awkwardness and discomfort
 - Passenger ridicule
 - Trials

III. After baptism

- ◆ **Illus: 2 Men & 2 Parachutes**
 - **Conclusion:** Man 2 has the correct perspective according to the Bible

IV. Closing

- ◆ **CBCWLA:** Pray for and encourage these brothers and sisters in their walks of faith
- ◆ **Believers:** How are we in our faith journeys? Baptism?
- ◆ **Non-Believers:** Do you need to put on the parachute of Jesus?