

RAISED TO WALK WITH CHRIST (Baptism Pt 1)

Matthew 28:19-20 & Romans 6:3-4

INTRODUCTION: BAPTISM IS:

1. A public profession of faith. (Rom 6:3-4)
2. An act of obedience to Christ's command. (Matt 28:19)
3. An outward symbol of an inner transformation. (Acts 2:38)
4. A public testimony of leaving the world and following Christ.
5. A celebration of new life in Christ.
6. A first step of obedience by following Jesus's example. (Matt 3)

I. BAPTISM IS AN ACT OF OBEDIENCE (Read Matt. 28:19-20)

1. Jesus said to make disciples and baptize those who believe.
2. Obedience is a characteristic of true followers of Christ.

II. BAPTISM IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO WITNESS

1. It served as an initial profession of faith. (Acts 8,10,16,18)
2. It is a representation of Christ's work of atonement. (1 Cor. 15:1-4)
3. It is a witness of what happens at salvation. (Rom 6:1-4)
4. It symbolizes that he or she is a new creature in Christ.

III. THE PURPOSE AND MEANING OF BAPTISM

1. It is a symbol we are dead to sins and alive to God. (Col 2:11)
2. It is a symbol you are now alive to newness of life.
3. It is a confession and expression of our faith in Christ.
 - We confess we are sinners in need of forgiveness and...
 - ...we are repentant of those sins and...
 - ...we desire to live a changed life...
 - ...one that can only be lived in Christ.
4. We are not saved because we are baptized.
 - We are saved by our faith in Jesus Christ. (Eph 2:8-9)