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Series: Belonging To Christ: Christ Marks Us

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Romans 6:1-4

Main Idea: Baptism is a church's act of affirming and portraying a believer's union with Christ by immersing him or her in water, and a believer's act of publicly committing him or herself to Christ and his people, thereby uniting a believer to the church and marking him or her off from the world.

Understanding the text: **Romans 6:1-4**

Understanding Baptism:

Baptism is:

- The _____ act of affirming and portraying a believer's union with Christ
 - The church _____ publicly - **Matthew 18:18**
 - The church _____ their union with Christ - **Galatians 2:20**
 - The church portrays baptism by _____ - **Romans 6:1-4**
- The _____ act of publicly _____ themselves to Christ and to His church
 - We are saved into Christ _____ - **Ephesians 2:8**
 - We are saved into a new _____ - **Joshua 24:15**
- The church and the believer being _____ as belonging to Christ, not the world
- Baptism is the front door to the Lord's Church - **Luke 24:18**
 - We must _____ the cost - **Luke 14:28**
 - We are part of the _____ - **Romans 1:16-17**

Correcting Misunderstanding

- When do we baptize? - **Matthew 28:18-20**
 - Step 1: _____ the gospel.
 - Step 2: When people respond in faith, we _____ them.
 - Step 3: Then we _____ to obey everything Jesus commanded.

- Is Baptism a requirement to be saved?
 - Baptism is a requirement for _____

- When is “Baptism” **not** Baptism?
 - Baptism as a _____
 - Baptism _____ the local church
 - Baptism as a means of _____ salvation

- Why is baptism required for membership?
 - Baptism is where your faith goes _____
 - Baptism is the _____ for a kingdom citizen
 - Baptism is how the church _____ who a Christian is
 - Baptism _____ church membership

So What?

- Have you entered the “front door” of the Lord’s church?

Now What?

Read **Acts 8:26–35**. What stands out to you about the way Philip leads the Ethiopian eunuch to faith in Christ?

Read **Acts 8:36–38**. Why do you think the eunuch’s response to hearing the gospel was, “What prevents me from being baptized?”

What does this passage teach us about who should be baptized?

Read **Acts 8:39–40**. How should baptism affect the way a Christian understands his or her identity and life going forward?

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