



Matthew 28:18-20 & Acts 8:32-38

- Baptism is commanded by Jesus in the “Great Commission”
 - Why don’t we have the same urgency to be obedient to the Lord as seen in Acts 8?
 - How do we move closer to Jesus through baptism?
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1. From Death to Life

- Baptism isn’t a Christian “merit badge”...it’s a public burial. A funeral for the old “me”.
- 1 Corinthians 10:1-2 (Baptism was foreshadowed in the story of Moses)
- 1 Peter 3:20-21 (Baptism was foreshadowed in the story of Noah)
- Romans 6:1-11 (Baptism doesn’t just bury the “old” me...it resurrects a “new” me into new life!)
- It’s not about being a “better version of me”. It’s becoming brand new from the core of who you are.

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How Can I Move from Death to Life?

1. Reflect: Have I truly been made new in Christ? (Be honest with yourself...don't assume)
 2. Respond: Is it time to be baptized—or re-committed? (Don't let pride or shame get in the way)
 3. Reclaim Your Identity. (It won't be a one-time decision either...)
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2. From Cleansing to Calling


- Baptism isn't a "graduation"...it's a point where what has been developing privately becomes public.
- Titus 3:4-7 (Mercy AND empowerment!)
- Think of the picture of the snow on Mount Hermon melting, flowing through the Jordan River, only to arrive in the Dead Sea where nothing can live. That's baptism!
- Romans 8:10-11 & 14-17 (When we identify with Jesus...His Father becomes OUR Father!)

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Three Things to Remember before Resurrection

Sunday:

1. Remember when your “rerouting” began
2. Remember the purpose of the Resurrection
3. Remember to give Jesus the gift of your obedience

 **John 14:5 reminds us that Jesus said, “If you love me, obey my commandments.”**