

THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION
BURIED AND RAISED: THE POWER AND PURPOSE OF BAPTISM
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Romans 6:1-14

¹ Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? ² Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? ³ Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? ⁴ For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

⁵ Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. ⁶ We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. ⁷ For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. ⁸ And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. ⁹ We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. ¹⁰ When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. ¹¹ So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

¹² Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. ¹³ Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. ¹⁴ Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace.

WHAT DOES BAPTISM MEAN?

#1. BAPTISM IS A _____.

“Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death?” -Romans 6:3

Two things happen when we go under the baptismal waters:

- I am united with Christ in _____.
- I am raised to live a _____.

“For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.” -Romans 6:4

#2. BAPTISM IS A BREAK WITH _____.

"We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin." -Romans 6:6

Baptism means:

- I am no longer _____.
- I am set free from _____.

"Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" -1 Corinthians 15:55

#3. BAPTISM MARKS A _____.

"And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith." -1 Corinthians 15:14

"And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him." -Romans 6:8

Baptism means:

- I can live _____.

"We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him." -Romans 6:9

- I am called to _____.

"Now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God." -Romans 6:10

#4. BAPTISM CALLS ME TO _____.

"So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus." -Romans 6:11

Paul gives us two ways about how to live:

- Stop letting sin _____.

"Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God." -Romans 6:12-13

- Live under the _____.

"Sin is no longer your master... Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace." -Romans 6:14

#5. MY NEXT STEP IS TO FOLLOW JESUS _____.

"Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter replied, 'Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.'" -Acts 2:37-38

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” -Matthew 28:19

