

The Glory of Christ Displayed in Baptism

Sermon Companion

Romans 6:1–4

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Sermon Compass

Controlling Question: What beauty does baptism unveil about Jesus Christ?

Governing Truth: Baptism visibly declares that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, whose death alone paid the penalty for sin, whose resurrection proves His victory over sin and death, and whose authority alone governs the life of everyone who belongs to Him.

The Gospel Picture

Romans 6:1–4

Baptism is a visible sermon. It points beyond the water, the pastor, the church, and the person being baptized. It points us directly to Jesus Christ.

Beneath the water	Raised from the water	Walking away
Christ's death and burial	Christ's resurrection	New life under Christ's authority

Who Should Be Baptized

First step of obedience: Believe God's testimony that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (Acts 17:30–31; John 3:7, 14–15; John 20:31).

Second step of obedience: Publicly confess that faith through baptism.

Baptism does not justify a person. A believer enters the water because God has already justified him or her through faith in Jesus Christ.

Notes

1 His Sufficient Sacrifice

His death alone paid sin's penalty

“All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death.” —Romans 6:3

- Our sin placed us under the righteous judgment of a holy God.
- Jesus died as our substitute and bore the judgment our sin deserved.
- Nothing needs to be added to His finished work.
- Baptism does not complete the cross; it points to the completed work of the cross.

Key Scriptures: Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 6:23; Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24; 2 Corinthians 5:21; John 19:30

What does Christ's sufficient sacrifice reveal about Him?

2 His Triumphant Power

His resurrection proves His victory over sin and death

“As Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.” —Romans 6:4

- The resurrection vindicates Jesus' identity as the Son of God.
- The empty tomb confirms that His sacrifice was accepted.
- Every baptism is a funeral and a resurrection.
- Our Savior is alive now.

Key Scriptures: Romans 1:4; 1 Corinthians 15:17; John 14:19

Where do you need the hope of the living Christ today?

3 His Sovereign Authority

His authority alone governs everyone who belongs to Him

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.” —Matthew 28:18

- Believers are baptized because Jesus Christ commands it.
- Obedience does not contribute to justification.
- Baptism declares a new governing authority, not spiritual perfection.
- Sanctification is the lifelong process of learning to live under Christ’s authority.

Brielle’s Question

“Why do I do the things I’m not supposed to do?” Baptism does not mean the struggle with sin immediately disappears. It declares that sin is no longer the believer’s rightful master.

Notes

Does My Life Agree with My Baptism

Does Christ’s authority govern these areas of my life?

- ☐ My words and relationships
- ☐ My money and possessions
- ☐ What I watch and where I allow my mind to go
- ☐ My response when someone hurts me
- ☐ My ambitions, sexuality, time, and future
- ☐ My response when Scripture contradicts what I want

Your baptism still speaks: “I belong to Jesus Christ.”

What is the Lord bringing to my attention?

Responding to the Glory of Christ

What baptism unveils	My response
His sufficient sacrifice	Rest entirely in His finished work
His triumphant power	Worship and hope in the living Christ
His sovereign authority	Walk under His rightful rule

Three Questions

1. Do I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God?
2. If I have believed, have I publicly confessed that faith through baptism?
3. If I have been baptized, am I living under Christ's sovereign authority?

Prayer