

6 Day Devotional: The Baptized Life

Day 1: Buried with Him

Scripture: Romans 6:3–4

Reflection: Baptism is our public funeral for the "old self." We acknowledge that our old way of life is already behind us. We are not just turning a new leaf; we are entering into the death of Christ so that we are no longer slaves to our past.

Prayer: "Lord, thank You that my old identity was crucified with Christ. Today, I choose to leave my past in the water. Help me to walk in the freedom of my new identity, recognizing that the power of sin has already been broken in my life."

Day 2: Raised for Newness

Scripture: Colossians 2:12

Reflection: We are raised with Him! Because the Kingdom of God has inaugurated a new reality, we are called to live differently 'now.' We don't wait for heaven to experience the life of God; we tap into the resurrection power that is already available to us.

Prayer: "Father, thank You for the new life I have received. Let Your resurrection power flow through me today. May my thoughts, words, and actions reflect the life of the coming Kingdom in this present world."

Day 3: A Public Witness

Scripture: Matthew 28:19–20

Reflection: Baptism is our first act of obedience and our first public witness. By being baptized, we declare to the spiritual and physical realms that we belong to King Jesus. It is a sign of our allegiance to the incoming Kingdom, even while we live in a world that has yet to fully acknowledge Him.

Prayer: "Jesus, I am proud to be identified with You. Give me the courage to be a bold witness in my daily life. Let my actions be a public testimony that I am a citizen of Your Kingdom, seeking to bring Your light into every room I enter."

Day 4: Empowered for Mission

Scripture: Acts 1:8

Reflection: Our Charismatic perspective reminds us that our baptism is an invitation into the power of the Holy Spirit. As we live in the "already," we are equipped with spiritual gifts and the presence of God to fulfill the mission of the Kingdom: to heal, to love, and to serve.

Prayer: "Holy Spirit, I yield to Your power. Use me today to advance Your Kingdom. I ask for Your gifts to operate through me to bless others and demonstrate that the Kingdom of God is near. Empower me for the work You have set before me."

Day 5: Living Temples

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 16:19–20, Ephesians 2:19–22

Reflection: The living presence of God now dwells in us by the power of the Holy Spirit. We are living, breathing, mobile temples of hope sent out to a lost and hurting world. How will I 'glorify God in my body' today? How can I cooperate with the Spirit and other believers in growing into a 'holy temple in the Lord'?

Prayer: "Lord, I acknowledge I am not my own. You have bought me at great price to be your dwelling place in the earth. Lead me by your Spirit today. Help me to hear you clearly and obey. Give me grace and strength for all that you ask of me. I thank you. Amen."

Day 6: Anticipating the Consummation

Scripture: Revelation 21:5

Reflection: We live between the first coming (the inauguration) and the second coming (the consummation). Baptism is our "prophetic act"—it reminds us that the best is yet to come. Every day is a practice in living for the King who will one day make all things new.

Prayer: "Lord, I live in anticipation of Your return. Help me to stay faithful to the work You have begun in me. Until You come again, keep me steadfast, joyful, and committed to the mission of sharing the hope of Your Kingdom with everyone I meet. Amen."