

# ROMANS 6:3-4

## BURIED AND RAISED

### BURIED IN CHRIST'S DEATH (Read Romans 6:3-4a)

- The Greek word for baptize means "to immerse/submerge." What does it mean to be baptized into Christ Jesus and baptized into His death?
- The act of water baptism is the outward expression of an inward reality. (e.g. 1 Corinthians 1:13-17; Ephesians 4:5) Why is baptism an important act of obedience, but not a requirement for salvation? (e.g. Romans 3:24-25; 4:23-25; 5:1; Ephesians 2:8-9)
- When a person places their faith and trust in Jesus, they are in a sense enveloped completely by Christ; they become one with Him and their identity becomes united with His. Why is this important to understand and how does this change how someone understands what it means to be dead to sin? (e.g. Galatians 2:20)

### RAISED IN CHRIST'S LIFE (Read Romans 6:4)

- Discuss this quote from Tim Keller, "Our union with Christ doesn't stop there (at His death). Since Christ's death led to His resurrection and a new life, so in the same way our union with Christ will, and must, lead to a new life. If we believe in Christ, a change of life will happen."
- The Christian life is full of paradoxes: Strength is found in weakness; freedom comes from surrender; the last shall be first, to be lifted up you must bow down, etc. Here Paul says life comes from death, and he is very clear here that in order to walk in newness of life, we must die with Christ in order to be raised by Him. In the Christian life, why does life come from death?
- Scripture gives many descriptions of the new spiritual life a believer has. Discuss these:
  - New heart (Ezekiel 36:26)
  - New song (Psalm 40:3)
  - New creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)
  - New self (Ephesians 4:24)
- John Knox once said, "How can we who died to sin breathe its air again?" What does it mean and look like to walk in newness of life? (see Colossians 3:1-17)