

Connection

When was a time in your life you felt the Lord urging you to do something?

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“Something has to die if there is going to be newness of life.”

Baptism is an opportunity for us to make a public declaration of our relationship with Christ and the walk we have with Him.

1. What is your understanding of Baptism and the phrase above?

Ephesians 4:4-6 says:

“For there is one body and one Spirit,
just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.
There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is over all, in all, and living through all.”

2. Being a follower of Christ means giving all of life over to Him. In what ways can this be challenging?

3. Baptism is a display of what your life as a Christ follower looks like: going down into the water, identifying with Him in His death, coming up out of the water, and identifying with Him in His resurrection. It is a display to everyone that you have been “called to one glorious hope,” as the verses above explain. What hope is this talking about?

Romans 6:3-4 says:

“Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined Him in His death? 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.”

4. By accepting Jesus Christ as our Savior we are joined with Him. From the text above or other portions of Scripture what does it mean by “joined”?

5. Furthermore, by dying to self, we are putting our old self, old priorities and old life behind us and instead living a life for Christ and handing over everything to Him. As a Christian, what is something you now hand over to Him that in your prior life you wouldn't have?

6. What are you carrying around, be it shame, guilt or sin, that you need to let it die by giving it to Jesus so new life can be born?

Commitment

God has given us a newness of life with the death of Jesus on the cross for us. We can take all of our sin and give it to Jesus, and He simply wants us to come back to Him.

7. How can you make intentional time this week in your schedule to spend time reflecting on Jesus and the sacrifice he paid for you?

Challenge Assignment:

This week, memorize Ephesians 4:4-6:

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