

Doctrine of Baptisms – 2

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WATER BAPTISM, INTO JESUS (New Identity)

The Meaning of Water Baptism

A Change of Identity

- **BECAUSE OF THE MEANING OF WATER BAPTISM ONE MUST FIRST BE BORN AGAIN**
 - When we are Born Again we become a new person – **2Cor.5:17**
 - With Water Baptism we immerse ourselves in a new identity, we appropriate the identity of a new person **Col.2:10-14**
 - Our past is Jesus' past. Our new identity is Jesus now. Our future is Jesus' future.
 - Appropriation is not a logical event but a decision you make and you follow up
 - The change happened when we were born again, with Water Baptism we consciously step in the new identity

The 3 Step Process – Conscious, **ongoing** faith decisions/choices

- **HIS DEATH IS OUR DEATH**
 - Dead to sin by decision – **Rom.6:2-3, 6:16-18**
 - Our Gethsemane – “Not my will, but your will”
- **HIS BURIAL IS OUR BURIAL**
 - Withdrawn or separated from the world happens only after our decision – **Jam.4:4**
 - Burial without death will not last – **Rom.6:4**
- **HIS RESURRECTION IS OUR RESURRECTION**
 - We come into the manifestation of God's glory and our victory only after burial
 - **Rom.6:5, Col.2:12, Gal.2:20** – Experiencing God's grace and power

Identity Theft

- When you act as your old self, you steal the identity of a dead person
- **YOUR NEW IDENTITY** is not the sum of your past experiences

Becoming the person we want to be

A Ceremony of Appropriation & Commitment – **Rom.6:1-23**

- **AFTER BAPTISM CONSIDER YOUR OLD SELF DEAD, BURIED AND THE NEW SELF RESURRECTED WITH CHRIST**
 - Let the past go. It did not happen to you.
 - We don't leave the past behind because we want to make excuses
 - The only reason why a Christian sins is because he wants to
 - **Rom.6:14** – No particular sin shall have dominion over you
 - The Law is not going to stop you from sinning – It is the change in you
 - Too good to be true? – That is why it is called Good News
- You don't need a lot of counseling to overcome your past
 - By faith your old self dies in water baptism

Impact of Water Baptism

Experiencing Your Salvation

- Just immersion in the water does not do anything
- Use it to remind yourself of an inner reality
- **Mat.28:18-20** – The Great Commission
- **Mk.16:16** – Believe and is BAPTIZED shall be SAVED
 - This is not referring to about being born again or going to heaven, but experiencing salvation (Grk. Sozo = deliverance, healing, prosperity, freedom from sin)

Back to the World – **Lk.4:1-2**

- The test of your commitment -
 - Discovering the truth – Is it “Back to the Past” or “Back to the Future”?
 - **WHAT CAN YOU DO IF YOU FAIL THE TEST?**
 - You trust in the finished work of Jesus, not in your dead works

- **WHAT TO DO TO SUCCEED?**
 - Trust in the finished work of Jesus, not in your good works, because they will become dead works
- **IDENTIFY YOUR AREAS OF VULNERABILITY:**
 - You are tempted to do the things you like, and you will do them because you enjoy them

Questions to Consider

1. Can you explain the difference between what happens when you are born again and when you are baptized in water?
2. How should Jesus' death, burial and resurrection be reflected in the life of a believer who has been baptized in water?
3. What is the power of sin?
4. How can we overcome the power of sin?
5. Please explain Mk.16:16.