

Sermon Title . **Baptist: Picture of Promise**

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Invocation Scripture. . **Matthew 3:13-17**

Main Idea : **Baptism provides us with a clear picture of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and promise of His power and presence to live free of sin.**

Objective : **To challenge members to live in the light of their commitment to Christ.**

What a blessed day we have shared thus far today!!  
What a marvelous thing to see whole families come together in faith. What a testimony when we see successive generations accept the faith of their parents. This speaks volumes about the parents and the way they have sought to live their lives before their children.

Baptism... What does it mean?... What is it for? What does the Bible say about Baptism? Is it a requirement? Why do we observe it.

Take your Bible with me this morning then and let's turn to Roman 6 and see what God has to say through Paul about Baptism.

< < < **Read: Rom 6:1-14** > > >

There is so much here we should consider but I want to just pull out three key thoughts today in the little time we have and through those thoughts answer the above questions.

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**Point I : The Picture . . . . . Romans 6:3-5**

**Point II : The Promise . . . . . Romans 6:6-11**

**Point III: The Plan. . . . . Romans 6:12-14**

**Point I : The Picture . . . . . Romans 6:3-5**

There are different perspectives on the issue of baptism depending upon the denominational affiliation you choose. For much of the Christian world, sprinkling is the preferred method of baptism, however, when we look at this passage and others throughout the

Bible it is hard not to understand baptism as emersion.

The passage says in vs 4 that we were buried with him in Baptism. Consider that truth. Christ was placed in a tomb and a great stone rolled over the door. He was totally in the tomb, not outside with some rocks sprinkled over him.

Both Mark and Matthew record the voice of God speaking to Christ...

(Mark 1:10-11 NASB) *And immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him; {11} and a voice came out of the heavens: "Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well-pleased."*

So we see that Jesus Christ affirms Baptism as an act of submission and an act of obedience. Looking back at our text today look at vs 4

< < < **Read: Rom 6:4** > > >

It is clear here beloved, that Baptism then is a symbolic act, not only of remembrance of what Christ did for us as He literally suffered and died, but it is a witness, a picture of our acceptance of the TRUTH of what His sacrifice and resurrection means for those of us who believe in Him and receive His gift of the forgiveness of our sin and restoration of our relationship with almighty God.

So now we know what Baptism is, it is an identification with Christ and what it means is that we

are publically telling the world that we have faith in Christ.

**Accepting Christ as Savior means several things.**

- 1) First and foremost it means that we have come under conviction of our sin. Conviction can only come with understanding of our need.
- 2) We must then choose to accept His forgiveness and thus, the Lordship of His sovereignty over our lives, or we must deny this.
- 3) If we choose to believe and receive His gift then we are cleansed from our sin and become part of the family of God.

**Our baptism is a picture then of transformation that has already occurred in our lives.**

**Thus.... hear me...** it is not the baptism which saves us. It is Christ who saves us, and that, through His personal sacrifice and resurrection!!

**Baptism is the outward confession of the inward change...** That is an important truth we must understand, it is the reason that I ask every baptismal candidate, before the gathered body, the church...

1. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God, God Himself and the only way to heaven?
2. Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and desire that He be Lord of your life?

These two questions are important both Matthew and Luke record that Jesus Christ Himself said...

Matt 10:32-33, Luke 12:8-9

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{32} "Everyone therefore who shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. {33} "But whoever shall deny Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

This is why, we do not believe in infant baptism. A baby can neither believe in Christ nor make a mental assent to His lordship in their life.

Baptism is a symbol, a picture beloved... but it is also a representation of a promise.

Look back at vss 6-11

< < < **Read: Romans 6:5-11** > > >

**Point II : The Promise . . . . . Romans 6:6-11**

**vs 6:**

**A promise of Deliverance** It is our bonds in Christ that provide our freedom from the power and penalty of Sin!

**Vs7 A Promise of Hope**

If we have truly died to the old self, it no longer is master over us, but Christ is now master of our fate!

**Vs8 A Promise of Eternal Life**

We accept the truth that the comparison is real. **If we have died with Him, then we will also be raised by Him to be with Him!!** And because He will never die again, then we have that same assurance, that same promise that we will never die again!!

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**Point III: The Plan. . . . . Romans 6:12-14**

Finally, we have a clear plan set forth...

**Vs 10**

**Faith -** We are to live for God, because of Christ. That means to live a life of Faith

**vs 12 Freedom -**

Sin is no longer master over us.. vss 12-14!

**Vs14 Forgiveness**

I could spend a week here, beloved, for the power of this thought, and the wonder of this deliverance, this indescribable gift is beyond comprehension!

Alice Motyer has well said...

*Baptism points back to the work of God, and forward to the life of faith.*

O beloved, we have seen the **Greatest of Pictures** today that present for us the **Greatest of Promises** today, that puts our feet on the **Greatest of Paths!**

May I ask you today?...

Have you experienced a True Baptism? In other words.

**What does it mean?...** That you have come under conviction of your sin and thus, called out to God in faith believing that through Christ's sacrifice you can be made clean?

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**What is it for?** A witness of an inner change and an identification with Christ and with the Christian Faith

### **What does the Bible say about Baptism?**

Have you experienced the Deliverance, Hope and Eternal Promise it brings, The Faith, the Freedom, the Forgiveness it gives?

You can... you need only believe...

Mat 3:15 "*Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.*"

O beloved... if you haven't experienced these things, then come, let me pray for you...

Let us pray.