



Baptism Symbolizes Being Born  
Again.

Colossians 2:6-15

# I. There is Only One Saving Gospel of Christ Jesus v. 6-8.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.



## II. Only Christ Jesus Possessed all of God's Nature in Human Flesh vv. 9-10.

<sup>9</sup> For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,  
<sup>10</sup> and you have been filled in Him, who is the head of  
all rule and authority.



## a. In Christ Jesus God dwelled among us Physically

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.



### III. Only Through Faith in Christ Jesus are We Born Again vv. 11-12.

<sup>11</sup> In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup> having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised Him from the dead.



### III. Only Through Faith in Christ Jesus are We Born Again vv. 11-12.

- A. Baptism is superior to circumcision because it puts off the entire body of sin.
- B. Baptism symbolizes being born again (See also John 3:16).
- C. We are not literally dead when we are baptized, therefore it is symbolic.



IV. Only by Faith in Christ's Death on the Cross and Resurrection are we Justified before God vv. 13-14.

<sup>13</sup> And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross.

A view through a cave opening showing a landscape with three crosses on a hill at sunset.

# V. Christ Jesus is Superior to Angels & Demons v. 15.

<sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him.



## VI. Baptism in the New Testament:

A. Everyone who believed in Christ was baptized the same day (Acts 2:38; 8:26-39).

Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them, “Repent & be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit....

<sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

## VI. Baptism in the New Testament:

B. The NT letters assumes that all Christians are baptized (Col. 2:11-12; Romans 6:1-4). It portrays being born again.

Romans 6:1-4 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life

## VI. Baptism in the New Testament:

C. Baptism is an experience that unites believers together in Christ (Gal. 3:28; 1 Cor. 12:13).

1 Corinthians 12:13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.



## VI. Baptism in the New Testament:

D. Faith in the cross of Christ is what makes baptism & communion Meaningful.

1. Baptism without faith in Christ is meaningless.
2. Communion without faith in Christ is meaningless.



## VI. Baptism in the New Testament:

E. We are saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:8). Baptism is the initiation into the body of Christ. It is expected that believers will be baptized.