

The *New* You



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Raised to Life
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Baptism is a celebration that the old life is gone and the new life has come. When we're baptized, we symbolically and publicly identify with Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection—and celebrate that we have been raised to life with Jesus!

Discussion Questions

1. If you have been baptized, what was that experience like for you? If you haven't been baptized, what's holding you back?
2. **Read Romans 6:3-4.** When we put our faith in Christ, we become one with him. But we don't always act like it. In your day-to-day life, do you love what Jesus loves? Do you think how He thought? How can you live your life with more of a sense of his presence in all that you do?
3. When you go under the water for baptism, it symbolizes a burial—your old life has died and been buried. What areas in your life are you still struggling to let go of? What has held you back from burying that sin, that decision, or that painful memory once and for all?
4. **Read Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16, 1 Peter 3:21 and Galatians 3:26-27.** Some people call baptism an outward demonstration of an inward decision. According to these verses, what is taking place when we are baptized? What impact does that have on how you live your life?

Challenge

As an individual or small group, do something in the next two weeks that's as bold, public, and spiritually uplifting as baptism. Need some ideas? Consider inviting some non-Christian friends over for dinner, volunteer with a community partner, or share your faith with a co-worker.

Commit to Memory

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.

Romans 6:4