

A MOST WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE

ROMANS 6:3-7

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Jesus INITIATED baptism at the beginning of His public ministry
Definition: to bring into practice by first doing

"Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized of him. But John tried to stop Him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by You, and yet You come to me.' Jesus answered him, 'Allow it now, because this is the way for us to fulfill all righteousness.'"
Matt. 3:13-15 (HCSB)

Jesus INSTITUTED believer's baptism
Definition: to set up; to establish, to cause to stand

"Then Jesus came near and said to them, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.'" Matt. 28:18-19 (HCSB)

I. THE PRESCRIBED METHOD OF BAPTISM

"Do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death..." Rom. 6:3-4a (NKJV)

"It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And immediately coming up from the water ..." Mk. 1:9-10a (NKJV)

II. THE POWERFUL MEANING OF BAPTISM

"Therefore we were buried with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in a new way of life. For if we have been joined with Him in the likeness of His death, we will certainly also be in the likeness of His resurrection." Rom. 6:4-5 (HCSB)

III. THE PURPOSEFUL MOTIVE OF BAPTISM

"For we know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that sin's dominion over the body may be abolished, so that we may no longer be enslaved to sin, since a person who has died is freed from sin's claims." Rom. 6:6-7 (HCSB)

A. CHRIST IS THE MASTER THAT WE CONFESS

"For we know that our old self was crucified with Him..." Rom. 6:6

"...Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." Mk. 16:15-16 (NKJV)

B. CHRIST IS THE MESSAGE THAT WE CONVEY

"...a person who has died is freed from sin's claims." Rom. 6:7b

"...I declare unto you the gospel. ... by which you are saved ... that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures." 1 Cor. 15:1, 2, 3-4 (NKJV)

C. CHRIST'S COMMISSION IS THE MANDATE THAT THE CHURCH IS TO COMPLETE

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you: and I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'" Matt. 28:18-20 (NKJV)