

# Baptism Meets Our Deepest Needs

*Romans 6:1-11*

***Baptists practice believer's baptism,  
which is baptism by immersion.***

## **Believer's Baptism**

- Only for individuals who have made a conscious profession of faith in Jesus Christ
- A symbolic act of identification with Christ's death and resurrection

## **Baptism by Immersion**

Best reflects the symbolism of being buried with Christ and rising to new life

## **Other Distinctive Baptist Beliefs**

- Authority of the Bible
- The priesthood of all believers
- Individual autonomy in matters of faith

*For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with words of human wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. **1 Corinthians 1:17***

*“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have*

*commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

**Matthew 28:18-20**

## **God meets our basic human needs in baptism**

### **1. Baptism meets our need for integration.**

*Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”*

*“Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him. **Luke 8:30***

*As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” **Matthew 3:16-17***

*What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?*

**Romans 6:1-2**

#### **We are united with Christ in His death**

*Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **Romans 6:3***

#### **We are united with Christ in His resurrection**

*We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ*

*was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*

**Romans 6:4**

“Baptism symbolizes our total submission to Christ and humbles ourselves before the Lord.”

—Paul Harvey

## **2. In baptism, God meets our need for expression.**

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**“Faith only. We are justified by faith only.”**

*Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, Romans 5:1*

*“Repent and 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. Acts 2:38*

***Baptism represents the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.***

## **3. In baptism, God meets our need for cleansing and forgiveness.** *God meets our basic human needs in baptism*

*the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. Hebrews 9:22*

*Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Romans 6:3*

***Believers, having died with Christ to sin,  
are now alive to God,***

***no longer under sin's dominion,  
and live for God's glory.***

### **We died with Christ to sin**

*For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Romans 6:6-7*

### **We are alive to God**

*Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Romans 6:8*

*For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. Romans 6:9-10*

### **Because Jesus arose from the dead**

- Sin's power is broken
- Now we live for God's glory

- Christ died once for all
- Christ is triumphant over death
- Jesus is indestructible—  
He will never die again

## **4. In baptism, God meets our need for renewal.** *God meets our basic human needs in baptism*

*For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—*  
**Romans 6:6**

*In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.* **Romans 6:11**

### **God Meets Our Deepest Needs in Baptism**

1. Integration—we are united with Christ.
2. Expression  
—we think, we feel, and we act.
3. Forgiveness—Jesus' blood cleanses us of all sin.
4. Renewal—we rise to walk in a new life.

### **Naaman**

*So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.* **2 Kings 5:14**