

The Path of Victorious Suffering

1 Peter 3:18-22







Victory motivates believers
to suffer righteously.





Christ's Suffering as Our Example





Christ's
Proclamation
of Victory



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"I believe in God the Father almighty...and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who... was crucified, died, and was buried; **he descended into hell**; on the third day he rose again from the dead."

The Apostles Creed



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God did not spare **the angels who sinned**, but cast them down to hell and **delivered them into chains of darkness**, to be reserved for judgment.

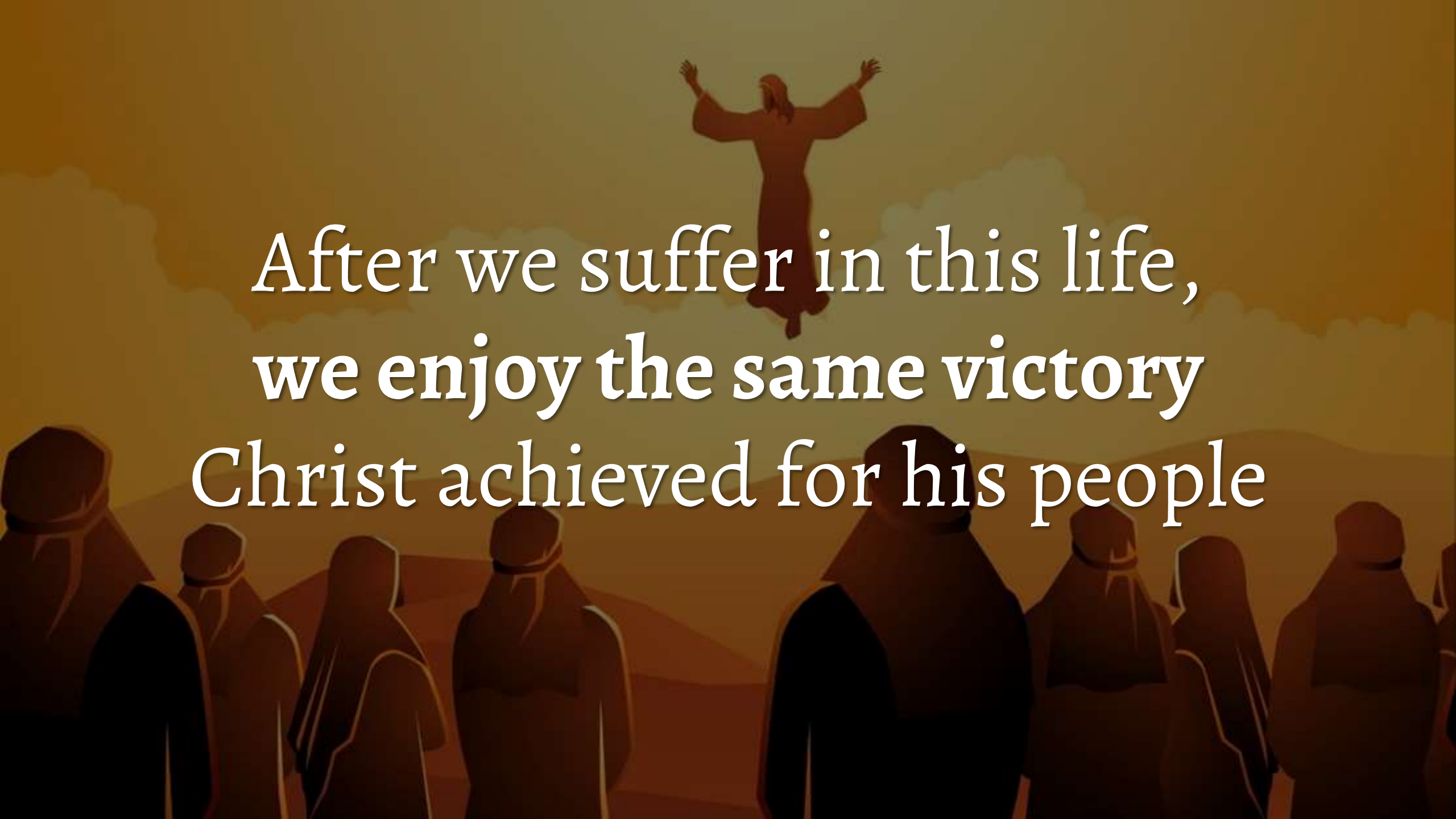
2 Peter 2:4

Having **disarmed principalities and powers**, He made a public spectacle of them, **triumphing over them** in it.


Colossians 2:15

All authority has been given
to **Me in heaven** and on earth.

Matthew 28:18



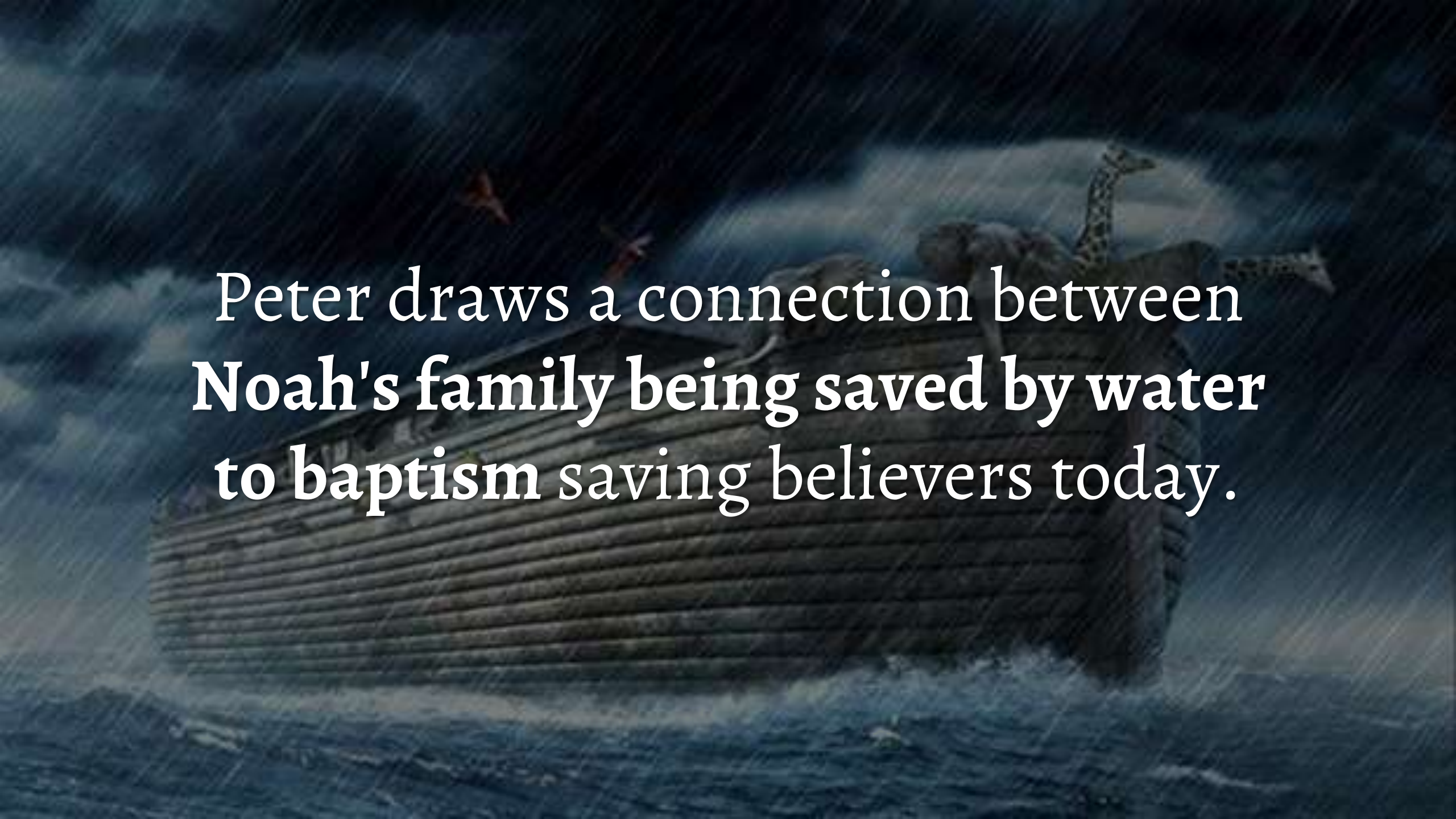
After we suffer in this life,
we enjoy the same victory
Christ achieved for his people



Though we are in the minority,
God's people will be spared
at the final judgment

The Symbolism of Baptism



A dramatic scene of Noah's Ark floating on a turbulent sea. The ark is a large, multi-story wooden structure with a ramp leading to the deck. Various animals are visible on the deck, including a giraffe, a lion, and a bear. The sea is dark and choppy, with white-capped waves crashing against the side of the ark. The sky is dark and stormy, with rain falling. The overall atmosphere is one of peril and divine intervention.

Peter draws a connection between
Noah's family being saved by water
to baptism saving believers today.

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.**

Romans 6:3-4a

Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly **we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection.**

Romans 6:4-5

A photograph of a man being baptized in a body of water. The man being baptized is in the water, and the baptizer is leaning over him. The scene is reflected in the water. The text is overlaid on the image.

Baptism reminds you that
you have a responsibility to
live differently as a Christian

**You have an
obligation to be
baptized as an
appeal to God for
a clear conscience**





As you suffer for Christ, be confident that **Christ**
has rescued you from the outpouring of his wrath

Be confident that,
as your Savior,
you will be exalted
when your
suffering is past







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