

Understanding Jesus' Command to Baptize:

The Implications of Our Baptism

Romans 6:1–4; Galatians 3:27

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Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction:

A. Children's Sermon: Being in Christ...

John 17:1b–2, 22–23a

“Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all flesh, *to give eternal life* to all whom you have given him. ...

²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, *that they may be one even as we are one*, ²³ *I in them and you in me*, that they may become perfectly one...

B. Reveling in the Good News (Cf. 2 Peter 1:3–4)

Key Idea:

Our baptism is a covenantal bond with Jesus Christ which necessarily implies that both his death and his resurrection life is given to his people through faith.

II. The Implications of Our Baptism

A. Paul's Use of Our “Baptism” in Galatians

1. A Response to the Judaizers

Galatians 3:16–19a (Cf. Gal. 3:1–9, 12–14)

¹⁶ Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. ¹⁷ This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

¹⁹ **Why then the law?** It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made...

2. Our Baptismal Reality

Galatians 3:24–27

²⁴ So then, *the law was our guardian* until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For *as many of you as were baptized into Christ* have put on Christ.

3. Implications of Our Baptism

Galatians 3:28–29

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.* ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, *then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.*

B. Paul's Use of Our "Baptism" in Romans

1. Righteousness by Faith

Romans 1:16–17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed *from faith for faith*, as it is written, "*The righteous shall live by faith.*"

Romans 3:21–25a

²¹ But now *the righteousness of God* has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ

Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, *to be received by faith*. ... (Abraham 4:1ff)

2. Our Baptismal Reality

Romans 5:19–21 (Adam & Christ)

¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:1–4

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ **Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?** ⁴ 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*.

3. Implications of Our Baptism

Romans 6:5–14

⁵ For **if** we have been *united with him* in a *death* like his, [**then**] we shall certainly be *united with him* in a *resurrection* like his. ⁶ We know that *our old self* was *crucified with him* in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, **so that** *we would no longer be enslaved to sin*. ⁷ For one who has died has been *set free from sin*. ⁸ Now **if** *we have died with Christ*, [**then**] we believe that *we will also live with him*. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ **So you also** must *consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus*.

¹² *Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body,* to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

4. Gospel Power for Righteousness/Life

Who is your master? 6:15-23

Human Covenants End at Death... 7:1-3

Romans 7:4

Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law *through the body of Christ*, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may *bear fruit* for God.

Slavery under the Law 7:7-24

Romans 7:24–25a, 8:1-2, 10–11

²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God *through Jesus Christ our Lord!* ...

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are *in Christ Jesus*. ² **For** the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

¹⁰ But **if** Christ is in you, [**then**] (although the body is dead because of sin), the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ **If** the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, [**then**] he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also *give life to your mortal bodies* through **his Spirit** who dwells in you.

Key Idea:

We are in Jesus, so what he has done, we have done; and Jesus is in us, giving us power to live!