### Relationship Based Church Pt5

The Power in the Baptisms of Jesus

1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?

38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized 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 is the only altar call or "sinners prayer" used by the apostles and evangelists of the early church.

#### 2 May it never be! <u>How shall we who</u> died to sin still live in it?

3 Or do you not know that <u>all of us</u> who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that <u>as Christ was raised from the dead</u> through the glory of the Father, so <u>we</u> too might walk in newness of life.

5 For <u>if</u> we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be <u>in the likeness</u> of His resurrection,

6 knowing this, that <u>our old self was</u> <u>crucified with Him</u>, in order that <u>our</u> <u>body of sin might be done away with</u>, so that <u>we would no longer be slaves</u> <u>to sin</u>

7 for he who has died is freed from sin.

#### 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him.

10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

## 11 Even so <u>consider yourselves to be</u> <u>dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ</u> <u>Jesus.</u>

12 Therefore <u>do not let sin reign in</u> your mortal body so that you obey its lusts,

13 and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

Baptism is the end of striving for us. It calls us to die in Christ. Death is the Ultimate

rest.

1 It happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus, and found some disciples.

2 He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said to him, "No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

3 And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" And they said, "Into John's baptism."

4 Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus."

# 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying.

11 "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Matthew 3:11

Water baptism buries our old self in Christ's Grave. Baptism in the Spirit empowers us to live the resurrected life.



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