

# Baptism, Then What?

Rom. 6:4-6

## Introduction:

- A. There is more to going to heaven than just “getting baptized.”
  - 1. A giant step toward heaven. (v.3,4; cf. Mk. 16:16).
  - 2. Past sins forgiven (Acts 2:38)
  - 3. Marks the beginning of a new life. ("newness of life").
    - a. Are born again. (John 3:5; cf. Gal. 3:26,27).
    - b. Are new creation. (v. 6; 2 Cor. 5:17).
- B. There are some important aspects of the our new life in Christ to consider:

## Discussion:

### **I. We Serve a New Master.**

- A. To serve righteousness (God) rather than sin (Satan). (6:17-18)
  - 1. Respecting for God's law. (6:19).
  - 2. Understanding the wages of sin. (6:21-23).
- B. To serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. (Heb. 12:28).
  - 1. “Acceptably” — What God accepts, not self or any man.
  - 2. “Reverence and godly fear” — Special respect for things of God. (Ezek 22:26)
    - a. Holy assemblies for worship.
    - b. Studying Holy Scriptures.

### **II. We Walk a New Life.**

- A. A new way of thinking. (Rom. 8:6,7; Col. 3:1-2).
- B. A new way of doing. (Col. 3:5-7).
  - 1. New places to go - places of worship, teaching, wholesome activity.
  - 2. New things to do - Pray, study, giving, reaching others.
- C. A new way of talking. (Col. 3:8-10).

### **III. We Struggle with New Problems.**

- A. The problem with old associations (1 Pet. 4:3,4).
- B. The problems associated with godliness.
  - 1. New persecutions. (2 Tim. 3:12).
  - 2. New temptations. (1 Cor 9:27; 10:12,13).
  - 3. New priorities (Matt. 6:33; cf. 2 Tim. 4:10).

### **IV. We Entertain a New Hope.**

- A. Hope that is part of the NEW and living way. (Heb. 10:19,20,23).
- B. Hope that only Christians have. (Eph. 2:12; 1 Thess. 4:13).

## Conclusion:

- A. If buried with Christ in baptism, let us be raised to walk in new life.
- B. If not walking in new life, need to repent of it and renew our life in Christ.