

## Baptized Into Christ

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John 3:1-12 - Jesus is trying to get Nicodemus to understand a spiritual event by a physical

He has seen the miracles Jesus did and concludes that He has come from God  
Jesus' answer is the ultimate spiritual answer to the ultimate spiritual condition

You must be "born again" to enter the Kingdom of God

God is a spirit & His kingdom is in the spirit realm

"Again" - GK = both a second time and from above

Cannot even "see" - perceive that the kingdom exists

Vs 4 he is trying to understand in terms of the only physical knowledge of birth he has

Vs 5-6 - He shows the difference between the flesh (natural realm) and spirit

Our body (flesh/natural part) was born out of flesh - parents' bodies

Spirit can only be born out of spirit being

John 1:9-13 - those who receive Him, He gave the right to become child of God

Born not from the will of physical parents, but born of God

"of" - GK = out of

God is father of your spirit man who is born from Him

7-8 Jesus uses the example of the wind to help

Cannot hear the wind when it blows but can see the effects

The wind is real and powerful even though you cannot see it

The spirit birth is the likewise real even though you cannot see it

You can see the results just as you can with the wind

In the same way water baptism is a physical event that communicates to the world and our senses the spiritual truth that occurred when you gave your life to Christ

"Baptize" - GK word "baptize" - to be dipped into something and be soaked with it

Originally used of dying white linen with permanent colors

Result is it comes out with the same qualities of what it was immersed into

It speaks of the union of the fibers with the dye

I.e. you are baptized INTO something which you become part of and it becomes part of you

Rom 6 - Background

Ch 1-3 none of us are right in God's eyes and we all deserve His wrath

Ch 4 God offers a right standing before us by simple faith in the sacrifice Christ made for us and explains that faith

Rom 5 shows the triumphing power of God's grace over sin

"Where sin abounded, grace abounded much more"

Ch 6 addresses the question: if sin causes grace to abound, should we sin more

Rom 6:1-14 Paul's answer is that they do not understand what happened when they were baptized into Christ

Vs 3 - don't you realized what happened when you were "saved"

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“Baptized into Christ” - GK - become the property of

Become one with - like the red dye and white linen

Vs 4-6 we are one with whatever He went through

Since He died for sin, we have died with Him

Since He was buried a dead body, so our body is dead to sin

Since He was raised up to a new life, we have a new life living in us - His Spirit

Vs 7-9 since He has died, we (our real person) never have to die

1 Cor 15:54-55 Death is swallowed up in victory, death where is your sting?”

Vs 9 as death no longer has dominion over Him, so sin no longer has it over us

Vs 10-14 We are now called to live as if we were really one with Him

Water baptism is the physical act representing to world and instilling in your senses

You have died in Christ

You have been buried in Christ

You have been raised to a new life in Him

WE now learn to live this out every day