

# WHAT BAPTISM PREACHES!

**TEXT: Romans 6:1-13**

## **INTRO:**

### **A. The text before us:**

#### **1. Paul has been dealing with Justification by GRACE (Rom.3; 24; 5:12, 18-6:1).**

- a. A justification with out the deeds of the law (Rom. 3:20-21).
- b. A justification by faith (Rom. 3:28; 5:1).
- c. A justification that comes through IMPUTED righteousness (Rom. 4:22-25).

#### **2. This TRUTH of justification by GRACE leads to a GREAT question!**

- a. What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?  
\*\* "Continue" - that is -Shall we "stay put in it", shall we "bed down in sin"?  
\*\*Not are we going to sin - we are (Rom. 7:19-21; I Jn. 1:8), But are we going to "bed down in it"?

#### **3. Paul's answer - GOD FORBID! Any who teach otherwise does not understand justification!**

- a. Our Positions says NO - "dead to sin" (v.2)
- b. Our Practice says NO - "live any longer there in" (v.2)
- c. Our Profession says NO - "Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized ..." (v.3-5).

### **B. Baptism is a PROFESSION! It is a TESTIMONY! Baptism PREACHES!**

1. Paul declares that baptism PREACHES!
2. The act of Baptism is one of the greatest TESTIMONIES that a child of God can give.
3. A look at what Baptism preaches!

## **I. BAPTISM PREACHES OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE DEATH OF JESUS.**

### **A. Salvation is a "participation" in the death of Christ.**

1. Christ did not die for HIS sin - He died for our sins - (I Cor. 15:3; Isa. 53:12).

### **B. Baptism is a grand testimony of this participation.**

1. "We were baptized 'into' his death." - "into" NOT in order to BUT "in relationship to" HIS DEATH.
2. In Baptism we say, "Jesus died for ME!", "His death was reckoned as mine!", "I was there when they crucified my Lord!"

## **II. BAPTISM PREACHES OUR FAITH IN A LIVING CHRIST.**

### **A. In salvation we not only come to see that Christ died for us, but that he also arose for us (Rom. 6:4-5, 9-10; I Cor. 15:3).**

1. "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." - (Matt. 28:6)
  - a. "Come see the place" ..Of sin's defeat! Of hope! Of victory!
2. We have an intercessor!

### **B. Baptism is a grand testimony of our faith in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

1. In Baptism we say, "I am trusting in a RISEN Saviour!"

## **III. BAPTISM PREACHES THE DEATH OF SELF.**

### **A. In salvation "self" dies (Rom. 7:7-9).**

1. Man does not need to be "patched up" - he needs to be completely changed (II Cor. 5:17).
  - a. He needs a new mind, heart, will .He needs "all things to be come new".

### **B. Baptism is the grand testimony of the death of self.**

1. "Us" (v.3), "We" (v.4), "our old man is crucified" (v.6).
2. In baptism we "confess" that we are sinners (Matt.3:6).
3. In Baptism we say "I have died to self" "I have the loss of all things" (Phil. 3:7-9)
4. We say, "Christ has died for me, I have died for Christ" - I will not serve sin (v.6)

#### **IV. BAPTISM PREACHES OUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST.**

##### **A. In salvation we receive "new life" - "alive unto God" (Rom. 6:11).**

1. Salvation involves a "new birth" - God the Holy Spirit is the agent - He gives us life (Jn 3:3).
2. This new life is the life of Christ (Gal 2:20; Jn. 14:6) - Eternal life (Jn. 10:28).

##### **B. Baptism is the grand testimony that we are alive in Christ.**

1. In Baptism we say "I am saved!", "I am alive in Christ!" (v.11)
2. In Baptism we say "I am going to live for Christ - by the life of Christ in me" (v.4, 5)
3. In Baptism we say, "I am not going to die - I am in Christ" (v.10; Jn. 11:25-27)

#### **V. BAPTISM PREACHES OUR LIVING HOPE IN THE RESURRECTION!**

##### **A. In salvation we are give the blessed hope of a glorious resurrection (Jn.11:25; 6:39-40).**

1. We do not have to die eternally! We do not have to face the second death (Rev. 20:11-15).

##### **B. Baptism is the grand testimony that we shall be raised from the dead (Rom.4:5, 8).**

1. "We 'SHALL' in the likeness of His resurrection" - "We SHALL also live with Him".
2. In Baptism we say, "BECAUSE Christ arose - I will rise again!"

#### **CON:**

##### **A. ARE YOU SAVED - ARE YOUR JUSTIFIED BEFORE GOD?**

1. Have you seen yourself the sinner that you are?
2. Have you turned from self and sin and turned to the Lord Jesus Christ?
3. Are you trusting in the Death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ?

##### **B. Have you followed the Lord in Baptism?**

1. Have you REALLY followed the Lord in Baptism?
  - a. The Baptist! (Authority)
  - b. Immersion - "Down into", "In Jordan", "Much water", "buried with him by baptism" (Rom. 6:4)
2. Have you been baptized? If not what "hinders" you to be baptized?
  - a. "Why terriest thou, Arise and be baptized"!

##### **C. What has your life been preaching "since" you were baptized?**

1. Are you living the "baptized life"?