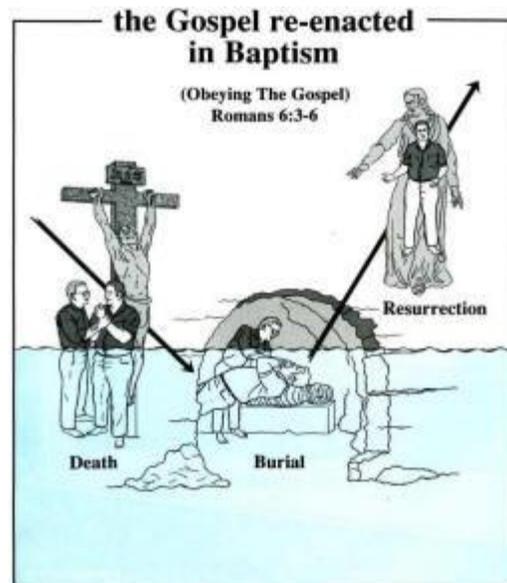


11--“In the Likeness of His Resurrection” —Baptism

Romans 6; Colossians 2:11-14; 1 Peter 3:18-22

1. Off the top of your head, list as many verses as you can from the New Testament which refer to baptism. How many of these verses also specifically mention the death, burial, and resurrection?

2. Read Romans 6:1-18. What is the main point Paul is trying to address in this context (see 6:1-2, 14-15). At baptism, what decision has the believer made and what significance does this have to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (see 6:3-6)?



3. Many argue we are saved by “faith only” and, thus, we have already been made “alive” prior to baptism. If this is the case, then how would this idea render Paul’s illustration useless in Romans 6:3-6? Do we bury living people?

4. Based on the context of Romans 6:1-18, what is the “form of doctrine” these saints had obeyed which began their process of being freed from sin?

5. Some argue from Romans 6 that baptism is merely symbolic. Clearly, there is symbolism involved in this act but does this mean it is not also functional? Can you think of some acts which are both symbolic and functional at the same time?

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6. Read Colossians 2:11-12; 3:1-3. In the days of Abraham, what type of circumcision was required in order to be God's covenant people? What kind of circumcision does God require for His people under the new covenant of Jesus Christ (see 2:11-12; cp. Romans 2:28-29)?

7. At what point are we "raised with Him" and what is the comparison made by Paul in Col 2:11-12?

8. According to 1 Peter 1:3, what is the source of our "living hope?"

9. Read 1 Peter 3:18-22. Peter uses an argument of type and antitype in this passage. Type is the prefiguring example. Antitype is the spiritual reality. For example, the unblemished male Passover Lamb prefigured the sinless Jesus, the Lamb of God (see John 1:29). Yet, what comparison does Peter make as he refers to baptism in this passage?

10. What role did God play in Noah's salvation? What was the vehicle used to save Noah from the floodwaters? Likewise, why do we believe we will be saved if we go through the waters of baptism?

11. So many mock and downgrade the idea of baptism. Yet, how does connecting it to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus help us see we ought to be careful of such ridicule?