



# Beauty and Significance of Baptism

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Colossians 2:11-13

# Highlights the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus

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Baptism's connection to all three is brought out in the Colossians passage.

The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus represent the core of the gospel—1 Corinthians 15:1–4.

Baptism derives its **power** from the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus—1 Peter 3:21–22.

Baptism is actually a **participation** in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus—Romans 6:3–5.

# Baptism, then, is Christ-centered

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Read again Colossians 2:11–13.

- Circumcised “in **Him**” (2:11).
- “Buried with **Him**” (2:12).
- “Raised with **Him**” (2:12).
- “Made alive together with **Him**” (2:13).

# Baptism emphasizes God's work, not ours

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Let's read the text again, this time verses 12–13.

Verbs and participles referring to us in vv. 11–12 are all passive.

- “You were circumcised”; “you were buried”; “you were raised”
- But God... “He...made (us) alive together with Him”

Ephesians 1:19–20; 2:1, 4–7.