

The Gospel Unashamed

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half-truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."

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Baptism is not for Christians, but Sinners!

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When one is immersed into Jesus Christ, it is the last thing a sinner does, not the first thing a Christian does!!!

One does not baptize a Christian, but rather, you baptize an unforgiven sinner. (**Acts 2:38**) If one has obeyed from the heart the form of doctrine (teaching), of the Gospel (Jesus died, was buried, and was risen) that he heard as a servant of sin, he was then made free from sin to become a servant of righteousness and God, he will not receive the wages of sin (death) but rather, the Gift of God, which is eternal life. **Romans 6:17-23**

He has obeyed the Gospel – **2 Thessalonians 1:7-10** and will not be damned. (**Mark 16:16**) Assuming he has been an overcomer.

In the drama of dying and raising with Christ, the one baptized plays the role of a dead man. He does no work, any more than a dead man does. He died and was planted together in the likeness of Christ's death and he arose from the watery grave in the likeness of Christ's resurrection. He arose as a new creature, free from sin, with the purpose of no longer serving sin. He died with Christ and is free from sin. **Romans 6:3-8.**

This being true, the old man is to consider himself dead to sin, but alive to God through Christ Jesus, our Lord.

So now sin is not to reign over him, nor his bodily members to be used as instruments of unrighteousness. Sin no longer has dominion over him, nor does the Law, but rather, God's grace.

So, we are not any longer to willfully sin. We may fall down, but we do not lay down. This is the clear teaching of baptism despite the fact some well-known commentators say there is not a drop of water in **Romans Chapter 6**. But what else can one say and hold the doctrine that baptism has nothing to do with salvation? To find no water in **Romans 6** is to find no orange juice in an orange.

Surely, they twist this Scripture to their own damnation and their hearers' condemnation, as they do the other Scriptures.

Many of our friends' gospel is not their death, burial, and resurrection equaling salvation, but rather, salvation and then years later a drama of death, burial and resurrection. They believe you're to bury those already saved. It is a strange doctrine to bury the LIVING, rather than the dead. It presents another Gospel and perverts the drama of the true Gospel of salvation.

It is, "He that believeth and is baptized" that is saved, not he that

believeth and is saved should be baptized.