



Baptism — The momentum of being immersed into relationship with God

Momentum, Part 5

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Zechariah 4:6

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Romans 6:1–4

We all are called to be baptized and to be a baptized people.

Baptism is a powerful, spiritual, God only, momentum-creating, launching point.

Biblically, baptism is more like a first step than a final step.

- It is about this question: "Do I trust Jesus?"
- Not about this question: "Is my life in order?"

INVITE GOD TO BUILD SOME MOMENTUM IN YOU.

TRUST YOUR LIFE TO JESUS AND GET BAPTIZED.

Baptism is evidence of a union we have with God and God's people. A baptized life is finished in Jesus but something I have only begun.

- Baptism is about a death and a rebirth.

We all need to let the Spirit drown some stuff and to resurrect a new life in us.

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Romans 6:5–11

- Baptism is about identity with an ancient and present community of believers.

3 QUESTIONS:

- What do I need to let the Spirit drown in my life?
- Am I inviting Jesus to daily resurrect the imago dei in me?
- What is my next step as I own my identity as a follower of Jesus?

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- What is _____ as I own my identity as a follower of Jesus?