



Baptism...buried with Him through baptism to walk in newness of life by the power of the Holy Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead!

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Baptism = Immersed

Romans 6 ¹ So what do we do, then? Do we persist in sin so that God's kindness and grace will increase? ² What a terrible thought! We have died to sin once and for all, as a dead man passes away from this life. So how could we live under sin's rule a moment longer? ³ **Or have you forgotten that all of us who were immersed into union with Jesus, the Anointed One, were immersed into union with his death?** ⁴ **Sharing in his death by our baptism means that we were co-buried with him, so that when the Father's glory raised Christ from the dead, we were also raised with him. We have been co-resurrected with him so that we could be empowered to walk in the freshness of new life.** ⁵ For since we are permanently grafted into him to experience a death like his, then **we are permanently grafted into him to experience a resurrection like his and the new life that it imparts.** ⁶ Could it be any clearer that our former identity is now and forever deprived of its power? For we were co-crucified with him to dismantle the stronghold of sin within us, so that we would not continue to live one moment longer submitted to sin's power. ⁷ Obviously, a dead person is incapable of sinning. ⁸ **And if we were co-crucified with the Anointed One, we know that we will also share in the fullness of his life.** ⁹ And we know that since the Anointed One has been raised from the dead to die no more, his resurrection life has vanquished death and its power over him is finished. TPT

Acts 1 ¹ To Theophilus, the lover of God. I write to you again, my dear friend, *to give you further details* about the life of our Lord Jesus and all the things that he did and taught. ² Just before he ascended into heaven, **Jesus left instructions through the Holy Spirit** for the apostles he had chosen. ³ After the sufferings of his cross, Jesus appeared alive *many times* to these same apostles over a forty-day period, proving to them with many convincing signs that he had been resurrected. During these encounters, he taught them the truths of God's kingdom. ⁴ Jesus instructed them, "Don't leave Jerusalem, but wait here until you receive the gift I told you about, the gift the Father has promised. ⁵ **For John baptized you in water, but in a few days from now you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit!**" ⁸ **But I promise you this—the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and you will be seized with power.** You will be my messengers to Jerusalem, throughout Judea, the distant provinces—even to the remotest places on earth!" TPT

Acts 2 ¹ **On the day Pentecost was being fulfilled,** all the disciples were gathered in one place. ² Suddenly they heard the sound of a violent blast of wind rushing into the house from out of the heavenly realm. The roar of the wind was so overpowering it was all anyone could bear! ³ **Then all at once a pillar of fire appeared before their eyes.** It separated into tongues of fire that engulfed each one of them. ⁴ **They were all filled and equipped with the Holy Spirit and were inspired to speak in tongues—empowered by the Spirit to speak in languages they had never learned!** ¹² They all stood there, dumbfounded and astonished, saying to one another, "What is this phenomenon?" ¹³ But others poked fun at them and said, "They're just drunk on new wine." ¹⁴ Peter stood up with the eleven apostles and shouted to the crowd. "Listen carefully, my fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem. You need to clearly understand what's happening here. ¹⁵ **These people are not drunk like you think they are,** for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ **This is the fulfillment of what was prophesied through the prophet Joel,** for God says: ¹⁷ 'This is what I will do in the last days—I will pour out my Spirit on everybody and cause your sons and daughters to prophesy, and your young men will see visions, and your old men will experience dreams *from God*. ¹⁸ **The Holy Spirit will come upon all my servants, men and women alike, and they will prophesy.** ³¹ So when peering into the future, David

prophesied of the Messiah's resurrection. *And God revealed to him* that the Messiah would not be abandoned to the realm of death, nor would his body experience decay. ³² "Can't you see it? God has resurrected Jesus, and we all have seen him!" ³³ "Then God exalted him to his right hand upon the throne of highest honor. And **the Father gave him the authority to send the promised Holy Spirit, which is being poured out upon us today.** This is what you're seeing and hearing!" ³⁴ "David wasn't the one who ascended into heaven, but the one who prophesied: 'Yahweh said to my Lord, I honor you by enthroning you beside me, ³⁵ until I make your enemies a footstool beneath your feet.' ³⁶ "Now everyone in Israel can know for certain that Jesus, whom you crucified, is the one God has made both Lord and the Messiah." ³⁷ **When they heard this they were crushed and realized what they had done to Jesus.** Deeply moved, they said to Peter and the other apostles, "**What do we need to do, brothers?**" ³⁸ **Peter replied, "Repent and return to God, and each one of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus, the Anointed One, to have your sins removed. Then you may take hold of the gift of the Holy Spirit."** ⁴¹ **Those who believed** the word that day numbered **three thousand.** **They were all baptized** and added *to the church.* TPT

Acts 8 ¹² **But as Philip preached the wonderful news of God's kingdom realm, and the name of Jesus the Anointed One, many believed his message and were baptized, both men and women.** ¹³ Even Simon believed and was baptized! Wherever Philip went, Simon was right by his side, astounded by all the miracles, signs, and enormous displays of power that he witnessed. ¹⁴ **When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that the Samaritans had accepted God's message of life, they sent Peter and John** ¹⁵ **to pray over them so that they would receive the Holy Spirit.** ¹⁶ **For they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus and were yet to have the Holy Spirit fall upon them.** ¹⁷ As soon as Peter and John arrived, **they laid their hands on the Samaritan believers, one after another, and the Holy Spirit fell and filled each one of them!** TPT

Good Works

Acts 10 ³¹ **He said, 'Cornelius, God has heard your prayers. Your generosity to the poor has been recorded and remembered in God's presence.'** ³² **However,** you must send for a man named Simon, the Rock, who is staying in Joppa as a guest of Simon the tanner, who lives by the sea.' ³⁷ You are well aware of all that began in Galilee and spread throughout the land of Israel immediately after **John preached his message of baptism.** ³⁸ **Jesus of Nazareth was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit and with great power. He did wonderful things for others and divinely healed all who were under the tyranny of the devil, for God had anointed him.** ⁴⁴ While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit cascaded over all those listening to his message. ⁴⁵ The Jewish brothers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on people who weren't Jews, ⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in supernaturally given languages and passionately praising God. ⁴⁷ **Peter said, "How could anyone object to these people being baptized? For they have received the Holy Spirit just as we have."** ⁴⁸ So he instructed them to be baptized in the power of the name of Jesus, the Anointed One. After their baptism, they asked Peter to stay with them for a few more days. TPT

Luke 17 ⁶ Jesus responded, **"If you have even the smallest measure of faith, it would be powerful enough to say to this large tree, 'My faith will pull you up by the roots and throw you into the sea,' and it will respond to your faith and obey you."** TPT

Luke 11 ¹³ **If imperfect parents know how to lovingly take care of their children and give them what they need, how much more will the perfect heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit's fullness when his children ask him."** TPT