Romans 6:1-4 Colossians 2:9-13

"In Union with Christ"

Main Point:

Baptism is a physical reminder of this spiritual reality:

Those who trust Christ and follow Him are united with Him in His death and resurrection.

"In union with Christ"

1. Baptism is a celebration of spiritual birth.

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, Col. 2:13 ESV

God, being rich in mercy, because of the gre at love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

Eph. 2:4-5 ESV

Romans 2:4 ESV

Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

Luke 3:3 ESV

And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

1 Peter 1:23 ESV

since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;

James 1:18 ESV

Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

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2. Baptism is a declaration of a person's commitment to follow Christ.

Romans 6:3-4 ESV

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

1 John 5:11 ESV

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

Matthew 11:28–30 ESV

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.