

# The True Baptism of the Spirit

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 6:3-14.
- B. The question of this text is whether a true Christian can go on living in a sinful lifestyle.
- C. When a person has become a Christian, something has happened that makes it impossible to live in habitual sin.

## II. Baptism.

- A. Paul is not referring to Baptism with water, but Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- B. It is impossible to be a Christian without being baptized by the Spirit first.
- C. Water Baptism teaches by symbolism what happens with Baptism of the Spirit.
- D. Through Baptism we participate in the death of Jesus. (Romans 5)
- E. Union with Christ is the truth from which everything else flows.

## III. Grafting.

- A. If believers die with Jesus they are also grafted with Jesus in His resurrection.
- B. Christ is our life from the point of conversion onward.
- C. Jesus was crucified that the sin in Him (Jesus was made sin for us) would be nullified.
- D. We do not have to sin anymore as Christians because we have been freed from the body of sin.
- E. The regenerate spirit cannot sin.
  - 1. When we decide not to sin we have the power not to because of Christ's power within.
  - 2. We are to count ourselves dead to sin and alive to Christ.
    - a. Sin does not have to be obeyed. Recon yourself dead to sin.
    - b. Christ's power is within to offer our bodies to God. Offer yourself to God.
- F. Sin will not have dominion over us because we are under grace.

## **Application questions:**

1. What are the different types of Baptism and how do they relate to each other?

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2. What is union with Christ? Why is it so important?

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3. How would you counsel someone struggling with sin in light of this message?

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