

**“Believer’s Baptism Symbolizes What?”  
Romans 6:1 – 5**

**Big Idea – Water baptism is a symbol of the Holy Spirit’s baptism of the believer into the body of Christ.**

Romans 6:1 So do you think we should continue sinning so that God will give us even more grace?

2 No! We died to our old sinful lives, so how can we continue living with sin?

3 Did you forget that all of us became part of Christ when we were baptized? We shared his death in our baptism.

4 When we were baptized, we were buried with Christ and shared his death. So, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the wonderful power of the Father, we also can live a new life.

5 Christ died, and we have been joined with him by dying too. So we will also be joined with him by rising from the dead as he did.

**1. What does the word baptism mean?**

***“baptidzo”* - to immerse, to dip under**

**2. Why was Jesus Christ baptized?**

Matthew 3:15

**3. Who is eligible to be baptized?**

Acts 2:38 Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins, turn to God, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ to show that you have received forgiveness for your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Everyone who has received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Acts 8:36, 37 “...see here is water, what prevents me from being baptized? If you believe with all your heart you may. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

**4. What is believer’s baptism a symbol of?**

Romans 6:3-5, 1 Corinthians 12:13

My identification with Jesus Christ in His death, burial and resurrection.

My immersion into the body of Christ –

1 Corinthians 12:13 “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body”

### **5. Can a believer get to heaven without being baptized?**

Yes, water does not save us.

Luke 23:42, 43 the dying thief was promised Paradise with Jesus without baptism

We sing “Power in the Blood” not power in the tub!

However, the question should not be whether you can get to heaven without baptism or not? The question should be whether you want to get to heaven as an obedient or disobedient child of God?

### **6. Why should a born again child of God receive believer’s baptism?**

Matthew 28:19, 20 “Go, make disciples, and baptize them...”

It’s an act of obedience to the Lord’s commands.

It will help me to be obedient in other areas of my Christian life.

It’s a public testimony of my personal, private faith in Jesus Christ.