

Baptism

- Baptism is the means by which we obligate ourselves to its various symbolism.
- God is not obligated by a ritual.
- The benefits offered by God have been available since long before we were born.
- We are merely demonstrating that we believe His promises are true.
- Another cannot make this promise for us.
- We must be mature and able to make promises.

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Acts 22:16, Hebrews 10:22

- Sins washed away
 - The sacrifice of Jesus redeemed us (Ephesians 1:7)
 - The blood of Jesus cleanses us (1 John 1:7)
 - Before we loved Him (Romans 5:8)
 - We are dedicating ourselves to live as those forgiven through grace.

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1 Corinthians 6:11, Ephesians 5:26

- Reserved for godly purposes.
 - God assists in sanctifying Christians completely (1 Thessalonians 5:23)
 - Jesus sanctified “the people” in His sacrifice (Hebrews 13:12, 2:11)
 - We are promising to be those who are so dedicated.

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1 Corinthians 12:13

- Accomplish miraculous unity.
 - As a proof of Jesus’ claim (John 17:21)
 - Unity of the Spirit (Ephesians 4:3)
 - Perfectly joined (1 Corinthians 1:10)
 - Our avowed objective is to grow a unified body.

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Hebrews 10:22, 9:14 Ephesians 5:26

- Clean conscience.
 - Conscience can be damaged (1 Timothy 4:2, Titus 1:15)
 - Our attachment to performance can be overcome.
 - We are convinced that our old ways of thinking can be overcome.

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Romans 6:6, 1 Peter 3:21

- Freed from slavery to sin.
 - The old “me” is dead.
 - Noah was rescued from an evil world.
 - Jesus is king of the world (Psalm 2)
 - We acknowledge that we are no longer oppressed, but free.

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Acts 2:38 “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized upon the name of Jesus Christ into the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit”

- Motivated by Jesus’ quality (2 Peter 1:3)
- Begin a life of rejoicing in forgiveness
- Accept that you will be able to overcome (Romans 8:13).

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Galatians 3:27

- I am being transformed
- We are being transformed (2 Corinthians 3:18) into the character of Jesus.
- We continually grow (2 Peter 1:8)
- We announce that we are climbing into the faith of Jesus.

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Romans 6:3 – 10

- I promise to be a sacrifice like Jesus.
 - I am to be a celebration of forgiveness to outsiders and prove what the will of God is (Romans 12:1).
- I am free from the power of sin
- I will rise on the last day.

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Colossians 2:11 – 15

- I am reconnected to God (alive)
 - The “powers” have been defeated
 - Present yourselves to God as resurrected (Romans 6:11 – 13)
 - I am seated with Christ (Ephesians 2:6)
 - I am family (Hebrews 2:11 – 18)
 - We claim a place at the table.