

**Rom. 6**

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- 1. One of Satan's most successful deceptions against God's Mystery Program for the Body of Christ is replacing its baptism by the Spirit into Christ with Israel's baptism by man into water. (1 Cor. 1:10-17)**
  
- 2. The best one-word definition for "baptism" is identification.**
  - a. We are placed into Christ—not as oil into water but as a cloth into a vat of dye.**
  - b. God placing us into Christ identifies or links us with aspects of whom He is and what He has done, such as, His death, burial, life, resurrection and crucifixion.**
  - c. And this identifies or establishes who we really are.**

- 3. Baptism requires a context to determine the agent and the substance. But its underlying concept is the making of a complete change in state or condition of an object or person:**
  - a. A piece of white cloth baptized into red dye becomes completely overwhelmed with the red dye, which changes its state. It is no longer what it was before.**
  - b. A sword baptized in blood's state of being at peace is completely overwhelmed into one of being at war.**
  - c. An Israelite baptized with water in under the Law's previous state of uncleanness is completely overwhelmed and is consecrated before the community and God.**
  - d. We speak today of a new person entering into a position and facing an overwhelming situation that identifies him with his new profession forevermore.**
  - e. When a navy ship is christened it includes a "baptism" with champagne that completely overwhelms the boat's previous state and turns it into a vessel of war.**

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4. **And for believers today, to be baptized into Christ is to have our old life in Adam completely overwhelmed with new life in Christ.**
  - a. **It completely changes the sphere of our bodily existence.**
  - b. **This is overwhelming existential change is the super-abounding Grace of Rom. 5 (Rom. 5:15, 17, 20).**
  
5. **Therefore, through this “spiritual” baptism:**
  - a. **Christ’s death becomes our death.**
  - b. **Christ’s burial becomes our burial.**
  - c. **Christ’s life becomes our life.**
  - d. **Christ’s resurrection becomes our resurrection.**
  - e. **Christ’s crucifixion becomes our crucifixion.**

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- 6. Since Christ died once-for-all, having paid the full wages of sin, death, sin has no more claim on Him, and since His death is our death it has no more claim on us as well. (6:8-10)**
- 7. When believers were baptized (placed into) Christ, we were identified with His death, and buried together with Him in His tomb where the power and glory of God raised Him from the dead so that we might walk in newness of life as well.**