



Empowering People to Change the World

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Matthew 28:18-19

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.’”

Acts 6:1-2

Our blood is poisoned by our rebellion.

- Adam rebelled against God, and his blood was poisoned. Sin is like cancer. You look good on the outside; but your blood is bad, and you’re dying. Your blood is bad.
- Because of Eden, because of Adam and Eve, we were born with spiritual cancer, the genes of death coursing through our spiritual bloodstream.
- Our blood was contaminated. Just like cancer, if we don’t deal with our contaminated blood, we will die.

Verse 3

We need a blood transfusion.

- Not a dialysis. Dialysis is your own blood getting cleaned out. Your blood can never be cleaned out. You can’t clean up your life!
- We need a blood transfusion! It can’t come from someone else—a human being, who also has contaminated blood. You know what I mean - they always ask you about your blood when you go to give blood. A person with AIDS or cancer can’t give blood to another person.
 - Mohammed can’t save us. Buddha can’t save us. The Dalai Lama can’t save us. Trying to live a good life can’t save us. You can’t save yourself!

- You have to have PURE BLOOD. It can only come from Jesus. We are all sinners. People can't save people! You can't get pure blood for the forgiveness of sins through another person.
 - Jesus' blood is not contaminated.
 - He was not born of a man. He was born of God.
 - Buddha and Mohammed were men. Their blood was contaminated. They can't help cleanse your blood.
 - You can't just live a good life and be a good person. Being a good person doesn't forgive sin.

Romans 5:8-10

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”

Jesus has pure blood.

- Impure blood will have disease, sickness, and poison in it.
- Jesus' blood is pure. His blood cleanses us of sin.

New identity: I am dead to sin.

Baptism is publicly saying, “I am dying to sin.”

Verse 4a

New identity: I am buried with Christ.

Baptism is publicly saying, “I am being buried with Christ.”

- You are being buried with Christ—a new identity with Christ. Christ is not a religion anymore but a relationship with your Savior, friend, and Lord.
- You are turning your back on the old life. A new identity: not you, but Christ.
- **Galatians 2:20**, *“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”*
- Baptism is about identity—a new Identity with Christ.
 1. You are dead to the old man, the cancer-laced blood; and you’ve received a blood transfusion and are renewed.
 2. You are buried with Christ through death.

Verses 4b-5

New identity: I am resurrected with Christ.

Baptism is publicly saying, “I am raised up with Christ!”

- You now identify with the resurrection of Christ in your life. You have new life in Christ.
- He is talking about being “placed into” Christ—Adam infected our nature, but now we have been grafted into Christ, the second Adam.

Verse 6

- You are no longer a slave to sin! Go to the cemetery and listen. Lie down and listen and see if you hear anyone complaining with each other.

- No, they are all dead.
- If we are dead in Christ, the power of sin has been broken, and we should now enter into the resurrection of Christ.
- Remember what it was like being a slave to sin? It all became so worthless, so depressing, and so meaningless. Do we want that life again?
- Satan and sin are evil taskmasters: they steal, kill, and destroy!
- You were a slave to sin! It mastered you! It was miserable.

We have a new identity through baptism:

- 1) I am dead to sin through Christ.**
- 2) I am buried with Christ.**
- 3) I am resurrected with Christ.**