



BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST'S DEATH

#1—A SACRAMENT, NOT A SIGN

TEXT: 1 PETER 3:21

Is Baptism a Sign or a Sacrament?

- A sign is...
- A Sacrament is...

- 1) Started by _____
- 2) Earthly _____ connected with...
- 3) Gives us...

¹⁸ For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹ through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison ²⁰ who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and **this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,**

1 Peter 3:18–21 (NIV84)

The Bible tells us that Baptism...



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How does Baptism save us? How does it bring us such great blessings?

- It saves us by...

³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38 (NIV84)

Because Baptism connects us to Christ, Peter points out that in Baptism:

- Our sins are _____
- We receive...

²⁶ You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Galatians 3:26–27 (NIV84)

Because Baptism connects us to Christ, Paul points out that in Baptism:

- We are clothed...
- We are made...

"Baptism...saves you." It is a Sacrament, not a sign. In Baptism, God connects his Gospel with things we see constantly—water, wine, bread—so that earthly blessings might remind us of eternal ones. In Baptism, God gives us the forgiveness of our sins, life, and salvation!