

The Symbolism of Baptism
Romans 6:3-8
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Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

--Romans 6:3-5 NIV

There are 3 very important symbols in the act of baptism:

1. The act of baptism symbolizes the _____ and _____ of Jesus Christ.

"For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him."

--Romans 8:6-8

2. The act of baptism symbolizes God's New _____.

"In Christ you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead."

--Colossians 2:11-12

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