

Sermon Questions

Spiritual and Water Baptism

Romans 6:3–7

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CONNECT:

- Have you been baptized? When? What were the circumstances?

GROW:

- Read Romans 6:3-7. Baptism of the Spirit = A saving work of God where through His Spirit, He grants faith and draws the sinner to believe in Jesus as Savior and Lord. We find out in our sermon that the baptism in our text likely refers to both baptism of the Spirit and water baptism. How does that change the way you read the text?
- If God's Spirit draws us - does that alleviate our responsibility to believe and receive Jesus Christ as our Savior? Why or why not?
- What part does water baptism play in a believer's life? Is it necessary for salvation? (Hint - read Romans 10:9-10 for insight).
- What are the dangers of believing water baptism (alone) saves?

GO:

- Have you been baptized? Consider taking this step in your journey!

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1. All 3 members of our Trinitarian God are integral in salvation.
 - a. God the Father designed salvation to be only through faith in, and acceptance of, Jesus alone as one's personal Savior and Lord (John 3:16).
 - b. God the Son (Jesus) pays for our salvation by dying in place of sinners, being the payment (atonement) for our sins (1 Peter 2:24; Acts 4:12; Romans 3:23; 5:1; 6:23; 10:9–10).
 - c. God the Holy Spirit grants the gift of faith and draws believers to salvation in Jesus alone—the Baptism of the Spirit (Romans 6:3–7). However, the necessary work of God's Spirit never alleviates, diminishes, or nullifies every person's responsibility to choose Jesus and to believe in Jesus alone for salvation.
2. Having believed in Jesus as personal Savior and Lord, believers are to publicly declare our allegiance through water baptism. Several keys to note:
 - a. Water baptism is a response to saving faith in Jesus through the gospel. Water baptism is not a part of the gospel (1 Corinthians 1:13–17).
 - b. Water baptism is commanded of all Christ followers (Matthew 28:18–20). Indeed, Jesus modeled water baptism by being baptized as an example for us (Matthew 3:13–17).
 - c. The model of baptism in scripture is immersion of a believer (baptizo—to immerse).

