

The New You!

Baptized into Death...Raised to Life

Rom.6.3-5

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Intro.

- 1. John Elderidge story in Waking the Dead, p.71f. Her glory though hidden is finally unveiled. Joseph, Moses, David, Jesus & Peter had a hidden glory that was unveiled.**
- 2. 2 Cor.3.16 & 18; 2 Cor.5.17**
- 3. The glory of God is a man fully alive...your new heart fully exposed.**
- 4. Review - In Christ, your heart is new and good. We are no longer sinners, but sons & daughters (kings & queens) of the Most High God. In Christ, we have been delivered from both the penalty & power of sin. Christ is living in me as me. Your heart has been restored to its original glory. Because of Christ, our story doesn't start from Genesis 3 but from Genesis 1...my heart is very good.**

Romans 6.3-5

Summary: This passage reveals our new identity through our spiritual union with Jesus in his death, burial & resurrection.

Verse 3

Baptism visibly signifies my union with Christ. I am proclaiming through my baptism that I am united to Jesus and his death, burial & resurrection...not just those events but to the realities behind them (dead to sin; raised to walk a new life)

The word, "Baptidzo," metaphorically means placing a person into a new environment with something else so that it alters its relationship with the previous environment.

The Story of Moses & the Jews is a picture of this change. He was a Jewish boy, but he was raised as Egyptian royalty. He was completely different from his ancestry and when he tried to save the Jews they rejected him, b/c he wasn't one of them. He had a changed identity.

Kenneth Wuest says of Rom.6.3f: The believing sinner is placed into Christ. He is taken from his old environment and condition in which he used to live and placed in a

permanently new environment. We are no longer defined by our old identity and old nature

III – A King adopts an abandoned orphan. He changes the child’s identity & environment. The child no longer relates to his old environment the same way. Everything about him has changed (except for his previous history).

Rom.5.16–19 & 1 Cor.15.22 explains that we were in Adam and bound to sin & its penalties, but now through faith in Jesus we are in Christ and liberated from both the power and penalties of sin. This reality is exemplified in my baptism. I was in Adam, but now I’m in Christ.

Baptism is an unveiling of your true glory. In Christ, when he died I died as well. My old nature died...now I am resurrected and my true identity in Christ is revealed.

Lion King illustration from p.81 in Elderidge...The glory of God is a man fully alive.

Verse 4

“For we died” – we died to the power of sin (6.10). The old you was crucified with Christ: Gal.2.20, Col.2.12–14, 20a; Col.3.3. I am now complete – Col.2.10.

“buried with Christ” – my old nature didn’t just feign or swoon. I completely died to sin. My baptism captured a spiritual reality. The old Scott died and God put in a new Scott. He didn’t just rename me; he completely changed me.

“And just as Christ was raised...now we also may live new lives.” His death broke the power of sin and his resurrection infused me with a new nature that is empowered by His Spirit.

“For the wages of sin is death” – He died to sin & I was in Him so I died to sin.

“but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ.”– He infused me with His life/a new nature/a good heart, so I can live the life of Heaven on earth. E.I. is living the life of heaven on earth. I now have the power to live the Sermon on The Mount lifestyle.

- Ex. From Mt.6.31–33
- Self discipline is an inferior form of obedience; living out of my new heart is superior

My resurrection in Christ does more than allow me to live a better life, but an entirely new life. It is God's desire we live in absolute victory, because he defeated every power that was holding us down. The indwelling power of sin and Satan's legal hold on us was broken. Right now, I have both the power over sin and the authority over Satan (Col.2.14f.)

Illustration of Witness Protection Program, p.30 in Flaten

Verse 5

"we have been united with him" – lit. we have "grown together" with Christ. This is conveying an intimate union. I am in Him and He is in me. We are one.

This isn't like I am drafted onto a team, but rather I have been grafted into a tree. John 15.5. We share a common life. Christ is living in me as me.

Illustration of a piece of paper being placed in a book and it becoming one with that book both in content and attachment, so that you can't see a difference between the rest of the book and it.

This is your new identity! You are in Christ.

Illustration of white posterboard picture with outline of Christ on it & list how the Father feels towards the Son;

On another piece of paper draw a picture of Christ. What does this mean for you? Based on this verse, where are you? How does God see you? Place blemishes all over Jesus face.

Is that the way the Father sees the Son...full of sin & brokenness & darkness? Absolutely not! He sees Him whole, clean & He says to this Son, "you are dearly loved & I am proud of you." And what he sees in Jesus is how he sees you; how he feels towards Jesus he feels towards you and what he says to Jesus he says to you, "You are my beloved in whom I am well pleased."

Visualize the face of Jesus after His resurrection. What do you see in His face? Joy, Power, Love. Pull back a little further & see what is this image on...You're not looking at a painting/picture/vision, but you're looking into a mirror.

When you look at Jesus you are looking at how God looks and feels towards you! It's the new you! Start living from that identity!

Conclusion

Outside of Christ, he sees your sin & shortcomings, etc. Rom. 3

Believer – Prov.4.25. Guard your hearts...from being bound by past failures, false beliefs, the world system & the devil. These war against you seeing yourself the way God sees you...You'll leave in a new realm of victory.

Lord's Supper