

The Power of Baptism!

"And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses." Colossians 2:13

There was a time when you were dead in sin, past feeling, apart from the family of God, void of any relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. But when you heard the Word of Truth, the good news of how He died for you, how He loves you, and how He ever lives to make intercession for you, something leaped on the inside of you. Could it be true? Does God really love me? Is He alive forevermore? And then the Holy Spirit came to give witness to the truth. In the presence of the Almighty God, with His Word and in the power of the Holy Spirit, you saw Him, Jesus, for the first time. And you turned from sin towards Jesus and called Him "Lord!" for the first time. And He made you come alive! How is this possible? Paul explains in Colossians 2:13 in verse 11 ...

"In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ."

God did in one moment what you could never do with all of your self-helps programs. He cut away all the power of the flesh that so easily rules us through the Spirit, in Christ! The scripture goes on to say in verse 12 ...

"buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead."

Where was the deadness of sin removed from you, where did this circumcision take place? It was realized and actualized into your life through baptism! That's the place where you entered in to be buried with Him -- in baptism. But the good news doesn't stop there. We put off the body of the sins of the flesh so that we can be raised with Him. Yes, you were once dead and past feeling but now, through baptism, by faith, you have been made alive together with Christ Jesus! He has forgiven you all trespasses! All of this is actualized in our lives as we follow our Savior in obedience and are baptized. Such obedience places you upon the cross! It was not Christ who died on the cross that day so long ago. No, it was you! But if you died, then sin can no longer hold you! He then makes you come alive in Him. Praise God!

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