

"GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS. **BAPTIZING THEM IN THE** NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE **HOLY SPIRIT.**"

MATTHEW 28:19

declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they also have been raised with Him to walk in newness of life.

"HAVING BEEN BURIED WITH HIM IN BAPTISM. IN WHICH YOU WERE ALSO RAISED WITH HIM THROUGH YOUR FAITH IN THE WORKING OF GOD. WHO RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD."

COLOSSIANS 2:12

BAPTISM IS PERSONAL

Baptism, like salvation is a personal decision. It cannot be something that someone does for you. This is about you having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and making a personal decision to follow Him.

BAPTISM IS PUBLIC

At the same time, baptism is something that is public. It demonstrates to others what we have decided to do, who we have decided to follow and the changes that will happen in our lives as a result of that decision and commitment

BAPTISM REQUIRES SURRENDER

This brings us to another picture of baptism.

Baptism requires surrender. In our faith we surrender ourselves to the will of the one we are now following. The old chorus tells it well - "I surrender all ... I surrender all ... All to Jesus I surrender ... I surrender all."

BAPTISM SPEAKS OF NEW LIFE

The symbol of death and new life is paramount to act of Baptism. We will not truly follow Christ if we fail to allow the Spirit to put our old flesh to death and raise us to walk in newness of life.

"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." ROMANS 6:4









