

SUMMER OF SIN: RAISED WITH CHRIST

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Romans 6:3-11

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being

raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

REFLECT & DISCUSS

1. Read the passage slowly. Then take a deep breath and read it again. What word, phrase, or image stands out to you?
2. Washing/cleansing has long been an initiation ritual in religious groups, predating Christianity. Why do you think washing/cleansing is so symbolically rich and ritually significant?
3. Remember and reflect on your baptism.
 - a. When was it?
 - b. Where were you?
 - c. Who baptized you?
 - d. What did it mean to you then?
 - e. What does baptism mean to you now?

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4. What do you think it means to be baptized into Christ's death?
5. What do you think it means to "walk in newness of life"?
6. What do you think it means to be "alive to God" (v.11)?
7. Baptism is not just a solitary act of an individual person—it occurs in union with Christ and in the context of a supportive faith community, the church. It is a kind of public declaration before others—like a wedding vow.
 - a. What is being declared?
 - b. Why does declaring that publicly and before a church community matter?
 - c. What role does the church have in a person's faith life?