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WHAT IS BAPTISM ABOUT?

1) New Life

*(Romans 6: 3-4, Romans 6: 8-14;
Galatians 2: 20, Galatians 5: 1, 13)*

2) It cannot be earned or deserved

(Romans 6: 23)

3) It is a gift from God

(Romans 3: 23-24)

4) Reception into faith community

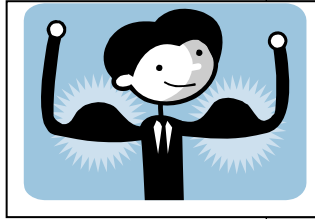
*(Acts 2:41-47; 1 Corinthians 1: 9,
1 Corinthians 12: 12-13, 27;
Galatians 3:26-29;
compare this with Genesis 17 :11
for reception into the old covenant
with God)*

Notes



8) Cleansing and Power to live

(Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Acts 1:5-8, Acts 2:38, 40, Acts 22:16; Romans 6:6,7)



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9) It is a first step to discipleship

(Matthew 28:19)

10) It leads to Mission

(Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:5-8, Acts 9:18-22, Acts 22:15)

"The dignity of one's baptism needs more than drops of water, dabs of oil, taps on the cheek, and plasticized bread dipped in a modicum of wine. Baptism into Christ demands enough water to die in, oil so fragrant and in such quantity that it becomes the Easter aroma, kisses and *abrazos*, bread and wine enough to feed and rejoice hearts. And rooms of glory filled with life rather than crumpled vestments and stacks of folding chairs."

*(Aidan Kavanagh quoted in **Baptism: A Baptism Sourcebook**, LTP, Chicago, 1993, p. 203)*