



Timaru church of Christ

The Biblical Purpose For Baptism

Death on the cross is
Jesus shedding His blood as a
sacrifice for man's sins
(Matt.26:28; Rm.3:25)



Man must put
his sins to
death

To be raised "in newness of life
Romans" 6:4-6 a "new crea-
ture" (II Cor.5:17)

Through a burial
(Rm.6:4; Col.2:12)

Watery Grave of Baptism

(The figure of crucifixion men must undergo in order to live as though Christ is living in them i.e. without condemnation of sin. That is what Paul is referring to in Galatians 2:20 as being "crucified with Christ")

John 3:3, 5 "born again" i.e. "of water"

Acts 2:38 "baptised...for the remission of sins"

Acts 22:16 "baptised, and wash away thy sins"

Romans 6:6 "body of sin might be destroyed"

I Corinthians 12:13 "baptised into one body"

Galatians 3:27 "baptised into Christ"

Titus 3:5 "washing of regeneration"

I Peter 3:21 "baptism doth also now save us"

If you have been led to believe that all one needs to do to be saved is to simply "receive Christ" or "believe in Christ and say the sinner's prayer" or perhaps you have been told "baptism is a sign of obedience because you have already been saved", then perhaps you might want to do some rethinking. None of the above beliefs have any biblical backing although those who advocate such will jump at the chance to prove otherwise. They have no biblical backing because they all contradict the verses contained in the box marked "Watery Grave of Baptism". In fact the so-called "sinner's prayer" is not even found in the Bible but is a made up saying arrived at by consensus among the denominational Christianity.

If you really want to know what the Bible teaches on this subject and a whole lot more then please feel free to make contact. See the website for further contact information.