

Title: The Significance of Baptism
Text: Colossians 2:11-15
Date: September 22, 2024

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Big Idea

Baptism is a symbol of our death, burial and resurrection with Christ—our union with Christ. It is an expression of our faith in Jesus and His work—not ours. Baptism does not save—only Jesus can and does!

1. Baptism: A Symbol of Our D____ (vv. 11-12a, 13a, 14a)

(cf. Romans 6:3-4a)

- Due to Our S____ (cf. Rom. 6:23, James 4:17)

- Circumcision: "C____ Off"
(cf. Gen. 17:9-14, Deut. 30:6, Lev. 26:40-42, Jer. 4:3-4)

2. Baptism: A Symbol of Our N____ L____ (vv.12b, 13b)

(cf. Rom. 6:4b-5, 2 Cor. 5:17, Eph. 4:22-24, Ezek. 36:26)

3. Baptism: A Symbol of Our F____ in Jesus (vv. 12b, 13b-15)

(cf. Rom. 10:9, 6:6-7, 12-14)

- Not faith in our w____, but t____ in Jesus' work: s____ on the c____ (vv. 14-15)

- U____ with Christ: "With Him," "In Him"

1) "Participation": C____ with Christ Work

2) "Identification": A____ to Jesus

3) "Incorporation": J____ Christ's Body



Reflection Questions

- What common symbols do you see in our society? Which symbols have meaning or importance for you?
- How does this morning's passage help clarify for you what baptism is—and isn't? What were some of the misconceptions you had about baptism?
- How does your "union with Christ" encourage you in your spiritual journey?
- If you have been baptized, how does this morning's passage remind, renew and encourage you in your faith this morning? If you haven't been baptized, what questions or obstacles hinder or prevent you from doing so?

Parent Corner: What is your child's understanding of baptism? Where is your child at in her/his spiritual journey? What truths from this morning's passage can you share with your child(ren) this week as you teach, encourage and pray for your child's salvation?

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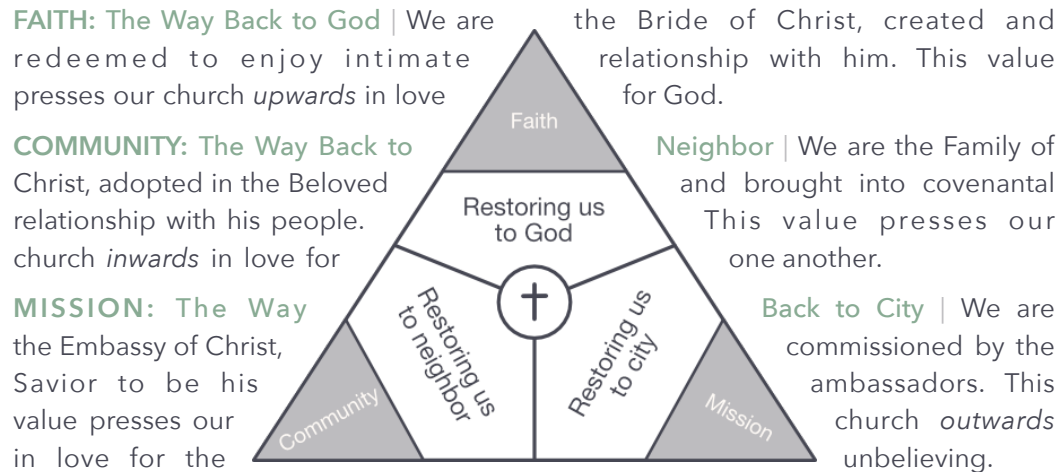


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Announcement Spotlight

Nicaragua Team Sharing Event!

You're invited to come hear from our Nicaragua team (Linda Sanders, Gary Craig, Becky & Bob Durstenfeld, and Joey Wang) on Sunday, September 29th after service from 12:00-12:45pm about their recent summer trip in partnership with Arms of Love.

You will not only learn more about the different ministries of Arms of Love (an organization which our church has been supporting for many years) but also hear first-hand experiences and reflections from each team member—and see plenty of photos . . . and perhaps even a video or two of our team members dancing (or at least attempting to)!

Please scan the QR code below and find the link to RSVP (by 9/26).

Feel free to contact Joey at joey@mercyhillchurch.org with any questions.

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