

Reflection on Baptism

Romans 6

I came to Christ at age ten,
but I wasn't baptized until my twenties.
Baptism wasn't emphasized in my childhood church.

But as an adult
frequently witnessing baptism in my local church,
I find it meaningful and moving.
Those who come to be baptized are widely varied:
children, teens, and adults of all ages and stages,
long-time church attenders and
those who have recently come to God
from unbelieving lifestyles.

It doesn't seem to matter
whether the person has come to faith in Christ
that day or
years before.

Baptism captures and expresses
the deep meaning of what God
has done and
is doing in them.

The joy is the same for all.
They testify to their faith in Christ and
their intent to follow Him for the rest of their lives.
They go under the water,
symbolically dying to the old sinful self.
Then they rise up out of the water
fully alive,
new creatures in Christ Jesus.

The congregation spontaneously erupts in joyful praise.
And I can sense a deep, shared desire
to do all we can
to nourish and encourage this brother or sister in Christ.

New life in Christ –
what a miracle!
What a joy!
We get to watch it happen!
And the unity we sense in those moments will soon be

universal,
full-hearted and
forever.
Praise to You, Father!
Praise to You, our Great Savior!

Hymn: Baptism Hymn

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