



I. INTRO/REVIEW

A. AfterLife Series

- Why are we talking about death? I just want to live my life and be happy. Don't make me think about this!

B. What you believe about eternity will determine how you will live today

C. Water baptism is a celebration of death and resurrection

- Celebrating baptism

Romans 6:3-4 (NKJV) ³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

- This “new life” has new “values” that we get from the Kingdom of God

Romans 6:5-6 (NKJV) ⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

- Paul gives a description of the “Old Man” that is to be crucified:

Galatians 5:19-21 (NLT) ¹⁹ When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT) ²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

Galatians 5:24-25 (NLT) ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. ²⁵ Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

D. Baptism isn't an “accessory” to our life

- Baptism is a declaration that you've died to self and are raised to a new life

Romans 6:11 (NKJV) Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



II. THE JOURNEY

A. The Christian life is often compared to a journey or race

2 Corinthians 5:9-10 (NKJV) ⁹Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

B. Life is like a shopping cart

- Filling your cart
- And then you check out—
- **You get one cart in your life**

1 Corinthians 3:11-12 (NLT) ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ. ¹²Anyone who builds on that foundation (who's the builder?) may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw.

1 Corinthians 3:13-15 (NLT) ¹³But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. ¹⁴If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.

C. Well done good and faithful servant

Matthew 25:21 (NKJV) His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

- When Jesus said well done... that implies there's something to do

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT) For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

- "Well done" isn't what you've done compared to others, "Well done" is what you've done compared to what you were created to be and do

"Missions, after all, is simply this: Every heart with Christ is a missionary, every heart without Christ is a mission field." – **Nikolaus Zinzendorf (1700-1760)**