

# Relationships Matter

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Baptism that Brings me into Relationship



Part of the 'Growing Together'  
Discipleship Stream

Solihull  
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# Baptism

## Water Baptism

## Total Immersion

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# Jesus instructed it....

Matthew 3:13-17 - Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

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**What is it?**

**It's your death....**

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# A Symbolic Act

Romans 6:1-4 - Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus **in baptism, we joined him in his death?** For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

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# It's a Declaration

Romans 6:5-11 - Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. ***We are no longer slaves to sin.*** For when we died with Christ ***we were set free from the power of sin.*** And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. ***Death no longer has any power over him.*** When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

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# Let's Declare Together.....

*I am united with Christ in death and resurrected into His Likeness*

*I am set free from the power of Sin, Death no longer has any power over me*

*I am dead to sin and alive to God*

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# It's a Prophetic act

*The Old Man is Dead*

*The Sin nature is no longer in me*

*I can overcome ALL temptation through Christ who Strengthens me*

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# Access to the Father

You now have access to all the Spiritual Benefits of being in a relationship with Christ

***Ephesians 1:3 - All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.***

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# Questions To Ponder...

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- Should you be baptised?

*To those who have been baptised*

- Are you walking as that 'new man' or has the 'old clothes' crept on again?
- Repent,, take of the old clothes, put on the new and walk as the new man

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