



## Introduction

*How we can start a new life at peace with God.*



## Questions

1. What should be the result of baptism into Jesus' death?
2. If we are like Jesus in dying, in what other way will we also be like him?
3. If baptism frees us from bondage to sin, which master do we serve after baptism?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 4** We shouldn't sin more so that God can be more gracious to us. Baptism into Christ (see theme) means that our old way of life dies and is buried, and we rise to a new life
- **v 5 to 14** A baptised believer is a new person who lives life to God, so we should no longer be in bondage to sin
- **v 15 to 23** Baptised believers are in bondage to righteousness (being right with God). Bondage to sin pays death as wages, but God's free gift is eternal life through Jesus Christ

**Timeline** AD 60 (see below)



## Themes

### Those in Christ are part of God's plan

*A selection of verses showing that we need to be in Christ to be part of God's plan.*

The apostle Paul told the first century believers many things about being in Christ. We become "in Christ" by being baptised:

*Romans 6 verse 3*

We are released from our natural condemnation to death if we are in Christ and restrain our natural inclinations:

*Romans 8 verse 1*

We are "in" either Adam or Christ. Only those in Christ have a long-term hope:

*1 Corinthians 15 verse 22*

Those in Christ receive the blessing promised to Abraham:

*Galatians 3 verse 14*

Those in Christ will be raised when Jesus Christ returns:

*1 Thessalonians 4 verse 16*

Those in Christ have a hope of life:

*1 Timothy 1 verse 1*



## Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 4, Q 2: v 5, 8 and 9, Q 3: v 18 and 22

## Bible timeline

