



## A Fresh Start

Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV): <sup>6</sup>So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:6 (NIV): “Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord”.

Colossians 2:8 (NIV): <sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

Colossians 2:11-12 (NIV): <sup>11</sup>In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Baptism interrupts the old patterns.

Baptism interrupts, “the dysfunctional patterns imprinted on us from our first rearing in brokenness”. - David DeSilva, *Sacramental Life*

Baptism is the declaration that Jesus’s story is now your story.

Colossians 2:12: Having been buried with him in baptism.

“In Baptism, we take the old man and put him under. But the old man can sure swim” – Bishop Berggrav of Norway.

Luke 22:42: “Not my will but yours be done”.

Luke 9:23-24: <sup>23</sup>And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

Colossians 2:12 (NIV): “in [baptism] you were also raised with him.”

Romans 6:5-6 (NIV): <sup>6</sup>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.

The physical act of baptism may only happen once, but the deeper spiritual practice of baptism is a pattern you live daily.

Will you go back to what was buried, or rise into the new life Jesus has given you?

If you’re interested in knowing more about baptism, contact [brian.parker@trygrace.org](mailto:brian.parker@trygrace.org).

*All scriptures referenced are from the New International Version (NIV) translation of the Bible unless otherwise indicated.*