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BAPTIZED INTO JESUS CHRIST:

For the Second Month now, We learn about the Importance of Water Baptism.

In the Bible we see that Water Baptism involves a denial of sin and self.

And We can often be reluctant to give up both, to JESUS CHRIST Our Savior and Lord.

We like to assert ourselves, and decide for ourselves, if and when, we Obey CHRIST.

We want to be a Christian on our own terms, as if we followed ourselves instead of JESUS The Master.

But let's go now to the Teaching of the Apostle Paul in Rome:

“what shall we say then? shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? (shall we stay over in sin? Will we find GOD'S Favor there? Will His Grace be Increased to us?)

“GOD Forbid. How shall we, who are dead to sin, live any longer therein? (in Christ we have died to sin, how can we live in sin now?)

“Do you not Know, that so many of us as WERE BAPTIZED INTO JESUS CHRIST WERE BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH? (The Christian Baptism, is a Baptism into CHRIST and His holiness).

“Therefore we are buried with Him by Baptism into death: That just as CHRIST was Raised Up from the dead,

by the Glory of GOD The Father, even so we also should walk in Newness of Life. (In Water Baptism we are reliving CHRIST'S death, and His burial. When we rise from out of the Water, we are Celebrating CHRIST'S Resurrection. We begin a whole new life in The Living Savior, JESUS CHRIST).

“For if we have been Planted Together in the Likeness of His death, WE SHALL BE ALSO IN THE LIKENESS OF HIS RESURRECTION. (When we rise out of our Baptism, we re-live the Resurrection of CHRIST, In Our New Life).

“Knowing this, that our Old Man is Crucified With Him, that the body of Sin Might Be Destroyed, that we should no longer Serve Sin.

“For he that is dead is freed from Sin.

“Now, if we be dead with CHRIST, we believe that we shall also Live with Him.

“Knowing that CHRIST, being raised from the dead, dies no more; death has no more Dominion over Him.

“For in that He died, He died unto sin once, but in that He Lives, He Lives Unto GOD.

“In this same manner, reckon yourselves to be dead in fact to sin, but ALIVE TO GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

- Now Believing in JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, And Water Baptism are Joined together in the Bible. Acts 8:36.
- As soon as you Truly Believe in Christ for Salvation, you can be Baptized. (Acts 2:41).
- Baptism is not a special reward for Maturing in Christ, nor do you have to be put off from Baptism until you prove your Christianity. (Acts 8:36).
- Upon Peter's Preaching CHRIST, 3,000 believers were Baptized that same day, and a Church was born. (Acts 2:38-41). ——The BIBLE.