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Ephesians 4:4-6 says, **There is one body and one Spirit -- just as you were called to one hope when you were called -- one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and in all and through all.**

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- Many Christians don't realize the life-changing power and significance of Baptism.
- Some see it as a sweet ceremony – especially when we baptize babies.
- Next month we may have the privilege of baptizing at least one adult and two or three babies.
We count that as a great privilege!
- But what exactly is happening when someone is baptized?

1. Baptism signifies a cleansing from sin.

Ezekiel 36:25 ***I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.***

- This implies that we are dirty. That we have sin.
- If you don't know that you are plagued by sin, Baptism isn't for you yet.
- If you don't understand that your child is born with a fallen nature and needs to be saved, there's no reason for Baptism.
- Baptism is part of the solution.

Acts 22:16 ***And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.***

- But it isn't the ceremony of Baptism itself that saves us, as if by magic.

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- It's the blood of Jesus. His sacrifice that cleanses us.
- Baptism signifies this washing.

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- Baptism signifies cleansing and signifies a life change.

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- Immersion gives a great picture of dying with Christ and being risen with Him.
- In Baptism we die to sin. "You're dead to me." Kevin O'Leary.

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- **Great place for a u-turn.**

- **Baptism happens once. Repentance happens again and again.**

 - We don't become perfect. We change direction.**

 - We are re-oriented.**

- **We renounce evil and its power in the world which defies God's righteousness and love.**

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- Faith is trust.
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- When we are baptized, we join the Church.
- I don't just mean the Church as a human institution.
- The Body of Christ – that continues His work in the world.
- Forgiving, healing, setting captives free, proclaiming truth, demonstrating love ...
- We don't "re-baptize."

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- If immersion depicts dying and rising with Christ, then pouring depicts rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit being poured out on us.

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- Next week, in Part 2, we will talk about the Baptism of children.
- To baptize our children, we must first be baptized ourselves. (At least one parent.)
- Baptism means we are cleansed from sin.
- Baptism means we die to sin and receive new life.
- Baptism means we repent.
- Baptism means we receive Christ by faith.
- Baptism means we are part of Christ’s body, the Church.
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