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Series: Road to the Resurrection

Sermon Title: Buried with Christ, Raised to Walk: The Significance of Believer's Baptism

Scripture: Romans 6:1-5; Acts 2:37-38; Acts 8:12; Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Cor. 12:13

Main Idea: The act of immersion in water—symbolizing down into the grave and raised up—beautifully portrays our union with Christ in His saving work and communion with one another as the Body of Christ.

OUTLINE

1. Baptism is A Symbol Rooted in the Gospel
2. Baptism Follows Conversion, Not Precedes It
3. Baptism Is an Act of Obedience and Identity
4. Baptism Declares Resurrection Life
5. Baptism Unites Believers as a Community

DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Is what you were taught about baptism growing up (if applicable) similar or different to what you believe now? Is it consistent with what Oak Grove teaches about baptism?
2. Read Romans 6:3–5. What does this passage teach us about the believer's union with Christ in His death and resurrection?
3. Compare Acts 2:37-38 and Acts 8:12. How do these verses affirm the order of belief followed by baptism?
4. Read Colossians 2:11-15. What does this passage add to the doctrine of Believer's baptism?
5. Read 1 Peter 3:21-22. How would you answer someone that believes baptism "saves" us? Discuss what baptism corresponds to?

6. What was it about "the ark" that gave evidence of faith? How does baptism give evidence of faith? Taking 1 Peter 3:21-22 in the NT context, what saves?
7. How does Believer's Baptism serve as a public declaration of faith? Why is this important in today's culture?
8. Reflect on your own baptism (if applicable). How did it impact your walk with Christ? If you have not been baptized, what questions or hesitations do you have?
9. In what ways does baptism encourage the church body as a whole?
10. How does the symbolism of being "raised to walk in newness of life" challenge the way we live after our baptism?
11. How can we as a church help new believers understand and prepare for baptism in a meaningful way?