

FAITH REFINED

A POWERFUL SYMBOL OF NEW LIFE (Romans 6:1-11) Talk-it-Over Notes | May 9-10, 2026

REVIEW IT

Three words that describe the full process of salvation are, Justification, Sanctification, Glorification. Justification (freedom from sin's penalty), sanctification (freedom from sin's power), and glorification (freedom from sin's presence). The reason these three things are good news is because every one of us has a sin nature. This old sin nature has been passed down from Adam. So, how do I break the power of my old nature? Well, you can't. You need Christ. Because in Christ you can put to death your old nature, and bring to life your new nature...

This is why baptism is not just a ritual, but a vivid sign of the believer's union with Christ in His death and resurrection. Baptism is beautiful because:

- 1) Baptism is a powerful symbol of a spiritual change.
Baptism gives evidence that I have become a believer.
- 2) Baptism illustrates being set free from sin.
Baptism reflects Christ's death burial and resurrection.
- 3) Baptism unites different people together as Christians.
Baptism demonstrates my incorporation into Christ's body, The Church.

Baptism is the beginning of a changed life, not its culmination. In other words, baptism is the first step of obedience in our new life.

Spend some time in the word: Romans 6:1-11

TALK ABOUT IT

1. Recall the time when you first started following Jesus. In what ways did your life reveal that you were living in "newness of life"?
2. Do you consider yourself dead to sin and alive to God? Perhaps a mixture of both? What factors contribute to that tension?
3. Read Romans 6:6-7. What have been some unsuccessful ways you have tried to overcome sin in your life? What is an example of how depending on Jesus has helped you gain victory over your sin?
4. What else stood out to you from this message or scripture reading?

ACT ON IT

If you have received Jesus as your savior and have been baptized, what were your reasons for doing it? If you have not been baptized yet, what is keeping you from doing it?

To sign up to be baptized or get more information at rockbrook.org/baptism

Join us this weekend to celebrate those being baptized and for communion...

While baptism signifies our union with Christ, which has a definite beginning, the Lord's Supper signifies our communion with Christ, which is perpetual.

PRAY ABOUT IT

Take time to ask how you can pray for and support one another in prayer. Then, close in prayer.