What's Really Taught in Romans 6:3-6?

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Life is hopeless and meaningless if the precious jewels found in Romans 6:3-6 are not fully discovered. This passage of Scriptures is very important for real Christians because it gives them the hope of resurrection to a blissful eternal life. Let me emphasize that all will be resurrected, but not all will be resurrected for a blissful eternal life (John 5:28-29). Without understanding the contents of the verse, people will just simply assume that they will be resurrected to a blissful eternal life. They will simply assume that they are already saved, when in fact, they are not. If they are not saved, they will be resurrected to eternal damnation.

Is it important for you to know what you believe? How sure are you of resurrection? Let's now dig the precious jewels buried in Romans 6:3-6. The apostle Paul reminded the Christians in Rome about the surety of their hope of resurrection to a blissful eternal life. He reminded them that they were **ALL BAPTIZED** into Christ Jesus. According to him, those who were baptized into Christ were baptized into His death (verse 3). This verse shows **WHAT** you can get if you are baptized into Christ. It is also very clear that those who are not yet baptized into Christ are not yet baptized into His death. Paul concluded that the Christians were buried with Christ through baptism into death (verse 4). Why should you need to be **buried with Christ through baptism** into His death? Paul clearly spells out the answer. According to him, just as Christ was buried, you should also be buried. Just as Christ was raised from the dead, you should also walk in newness of life. Do you think you can obtain a new life without being baptized in water? Is there a way where you can obtain a new life aside from baptism? **Definitely there is NONE**!

For your information, many people today believe that they can obtain a new life or salvation even without baptism. They believe that they are already assured of resurrection even without being baptized. How can we be sure of our blissful resurrection? Paul clearly spells out the answer. He tells us that we can be certain of our resurrection **if we have been united together in the likeness of Christ's death** (verse 5). When is the time that we can be united in Christ's death? It is **ONLY during baptism**. It is because **baptism** is the **time** when our old self (verse 6) is buried with Christ (verse 4). **Baptism** is the **time** that we are baptized into the death of Christ (verse 3). Therefore, we have **NO ASSURANCE of a blissful resurrection** if we are not yet baptized. People today teach that there is no need for baptism. What is needed is faith only. The archenemy of Christ uses these people so that the lost won't be united in Christ's death. The archenemy doesn't want the lost to have the assurance of a blissful resurrection. The archenemy gives them a false hope: **hoping for nothing**. Do you want to believe what the archenemy wants you to believe? Or do you want to believe in the teachings of Christ conveyed through His servant, apostle Paul?

Examine carefully your standing before God now. If you believe that baptism is not essential in becoming a **true son** of God, **you will miss the opportunity of being resurrected to a blissful eternal life**. Always remember that your feeling or your belief can not change your status. If you are not saved yet, no matter how you believe that you are already saved, it cannot change the fact that you are still lost. Why not follow how the Roman Christians became Christians as Paul reminded them in Romans 6:3-6?

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