**Part 4 – You Asked for It**

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Six Facts About Baptism

1. Jesus was baptized as our example.

(Matthew 3:15-17, Mark 1:9, Luke 3:21)

1. Jesus commanded us to baptize new believers. (Matthew 28:19)
2. Baptism is for those who have put their faith in Jesus.

(Acts 2:38, Colossians 2:21)

1. Baptism doesn’t save you, it’s an act of obedience. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
2. Baptism is done in the name and power of the one true God.

(Matthew 28:19)

1. Baptism is a public expression of your faith in Jesus Christ.

My faith affects my past, present, and future.

Romans 6:1-14, 23

Should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it?

Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death?

For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives.

We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him.

We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him.

When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin.

Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.

Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God’s grace.

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Because my past life is dead, over, finished, buried.

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If you want your life to matter, don’t resurrect your past life.

2 Corinthians 5:17

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

Because I’m living my present new life for God’s glory.

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If you want your life to matter, you must live it for God’s glory!

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Because my future eternal life is coming.

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If you want your life to matter, live it for eternity.

John 5:24

I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.