

Title: What is Baptism and the Lord's Supper – Celebrating Freedom

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Scripture: Galatians 3:1-4; 5:1-6

We are free:

1. From the power of sin, Rom.5:14
2. From the power of death, 1 Cor.15:54-57
3. From the power of hell, Rev.20:14-15

We are free. The victory has been won. When we go through the waters of baptism or to the table we call the Lord's Supper, we are not there trying to win or earn something.

Jesus was baptized to create a place, a way, where right away we could begin to identify with Him, to do what He did.

This first step in the faith is to be a constant reminder and motivation in our life that we died to sin and are alive to following Christ.

The Lord's Supper is a proclamation of His death until He returns. His body broken was the payment for sin. The blood was shed to bring cleansing and forgiveness. It is a communion of believers celebrating their common faith.

We have in common the most important thing in life. We have in common what lasts forever. We have in common what makes us a family. It is what unites us, motivates us, and sets us to march as an army into this world with the message of the Gospel. The baptism represents my identity and the Lord's Supper represents how I got that identity.