

“Baptism: Is It Worth Taking the Plunge?”

1 Corinthians 1:14-17

Big Idea. . .

Baptism is an outward symbol of an inward substance: I am immersed in Christ.

Motivations for Being Immersed into Christ. . .

- It enables you to **declare** your union with Christ to others.
 - You **identify** with Jesus.
 - You **intend** to live for Jesus.
- It enables you to **idolize** your union with Christ in your heart.
 - Celebrate the **cleansing** of your sin.
 - Celebrate your **escape** from divine judgment.
 - Celebrate the **presence** of the Holy Spirit.
- It enables you to **visualize** your union with Christ with your eyes.
 - See the old you being **buried**.
 - See the new you being **raised**.
- It enables you to **establish** your union with Christ in your mind.