

In the New Testament we find beautiful and powerful images which teach about baptism. In these pictures we learn that baptism is...



dying with Christ and rising with Christ to a new life (Rom 6, Col 2:12-13).



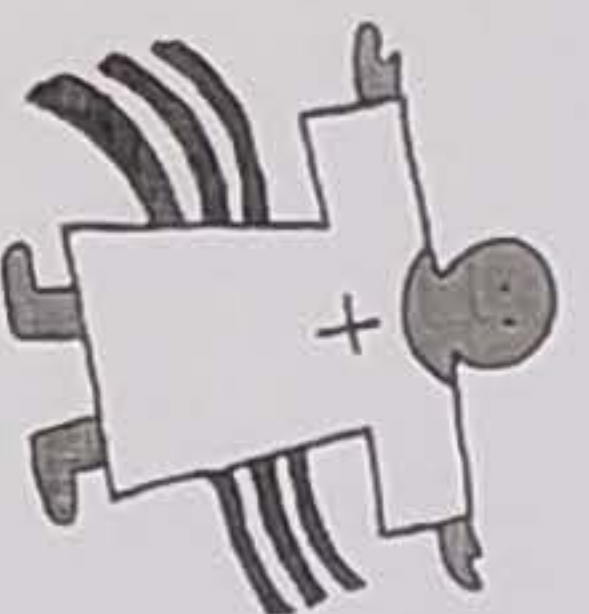
a cleansing bath, the washing away of sin (1 PET 3:21-22, ACTS 22:16, TITUS 3:4-8).



new birth, change so complete that it is like being born anew, born from above (JOHN 3).



a transfer from an old ship, an old realm to a new owner, a new realm to a new creation (2 COR 5:17, COL 1:13-14).



being clothed in a new robe - Jesus Christ, covered by his forgiveness and righteousness (GAL 3:27-28, COL 3:9-10, REV 7:9).



enlightenment, the illumination of the Holy Spirit, the dawning of the light of Christ (EPH 5:14).



adoption into a new family, becoming a daughter of son of royalty, a child of God (EPH 1:3-5, JOHN 1:12-13, GAL 3:25-28, ROM 8:14-17).



a passage on Noah's ark, saved from the waters of chaos and death (1 PET 3:18-22).



being grafted into Christ to live in Christ, to be nourished by Christ (JOHN 15, ROM 11:19-23).

NOTE: Other New Testament images include entry into priesthood (1 PET 2:9, REV 1:6) and a new circumcision (GAL 2:11-13). Most of the above passages refer directly to baptism; others have a history of being related to baptism. Which image speaks to you most profoundly?