Sometimes we are unwittingly afraid of future behavior, because we are human and we can lose from the other hour's perfection

Colossians 3:1-4. (NKJV)
1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. **2** Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. **3** **For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4** When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. **5** Put to death therefore your earthly members: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. **6** On account of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, **7** in which you also walked at one time, when you were living in them. **8** But now you yourselves are putting away all these: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and filthy language from your mouth. **9** Do not lie to one another, since you have stripped off the old man with his practices **10** and have put on the new man, who is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of his creator, **11** where there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all. **12** Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and beloved, put on compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, **13** bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if someone has a quarrel against someone else; just as the Lord forgave you, so you also must do. **14** And above all these put on love, which is the bond of perfection. **15** And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. **16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

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Baptism

and the Spiritual Life

1. The foundation for spiritual growth:

a. How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

Romans 6:1-23 (NKJV)
1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

2 Certainly not! How shall we **died to sin** live any longer in it?

Paul begins the most fundamental teachings giving the church age believer the mechanics of the foundation for the spiritual life

Through these teachings we see that this baptism is non-experiential, but that it is, through faith that a radical transformation is to take place.

This chapter focuses our attention on our identification with Christ

in **His death,**

burial and

resurrection,

Its intended meaning is that there should be a radical break and transformation in relation to the sin nature, and this is the foundation for our spiritual life.

Most Christians never observe real change in their fellow congregants or the leader ship of their church, and they don't think that real change is possible, because the curriculum of how that change takes place is not understood and as a result it is not taught.

This is precisely where we find the promise that the spiritual life is possible, that radical transformation is not only possible, it is expected of anybody who is a believer in Jesus Christ.

So the question once again: How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

3 Or do you not know that as many as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death,

that we also should walk in newness of life.

IDENTIFICATION that our ultimate goal of "newness of life" is achieved by **resurrection** in the future.

baptism – The BAPTIST AND TO **IMMERSE** is used by the writer to present the action of a spiritual nature, "baptized" means "to immerse, submerge, drench or overwhelm; fashion without respect to any process. **It** has no direct reference the world outside **therefore past tense**

identification – The mind in which the person who is baptized is identified, or receives a possession by an other as in **IS** the mind of Christ, or identifies with some person something or action, or is identified with, or is confounded or confused.

Baptism – The mind of God **IS** Christ, and the person who is baptized receives a possession by an other as in **IS** the mind of Christ, and