

# Having an Operation

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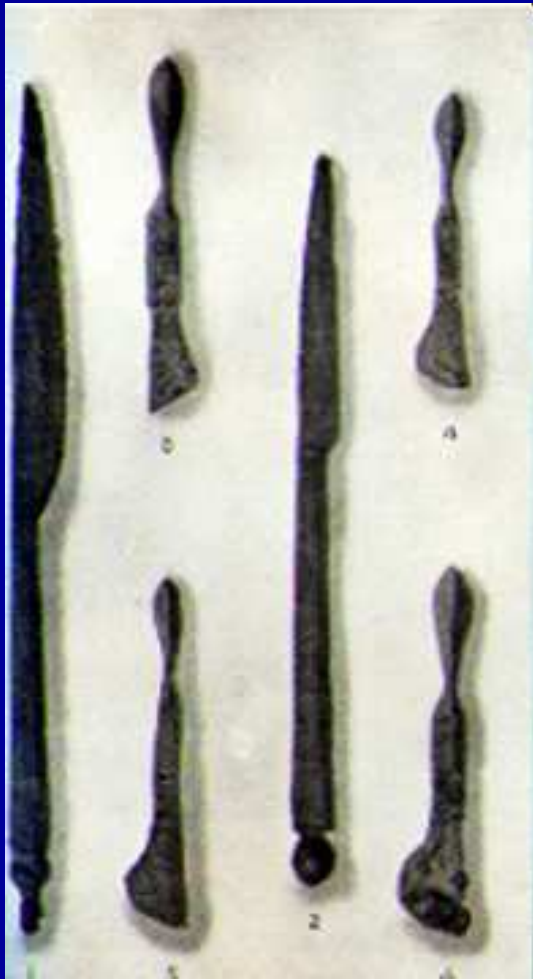
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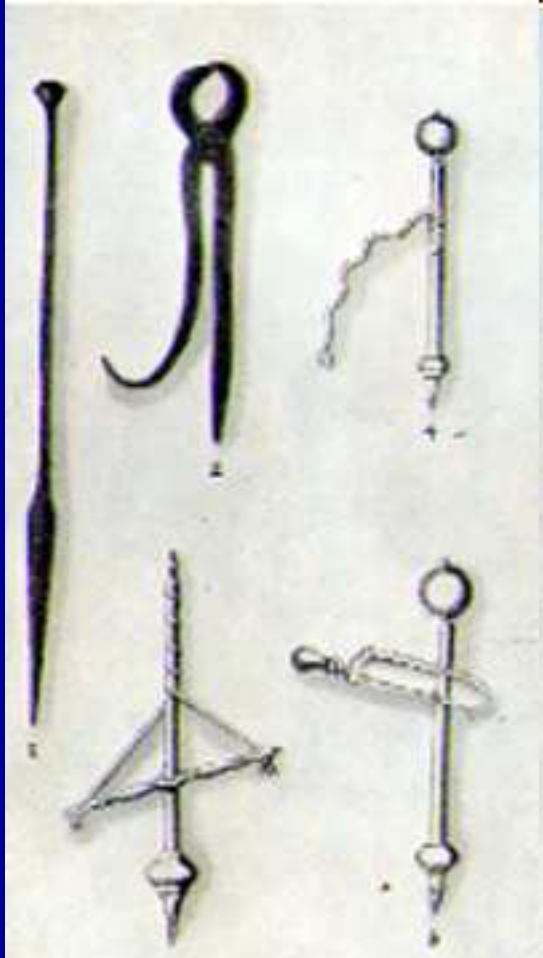
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# John 10:18

"No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."

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# Romans 6:3-6

Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; NASB

# Results of this Spiritual Operation

- The removal of the body of the flesh/sin (Col. 2:11; Rom. 6:6)
- Spiritual circumcision (Col. 2:11)
- The forgiveness of all of our trespasses (Col. 2:13)
- New life (Col. 2:13)
- Life from the dead (Col. 2:13)
- The debt that stood against us is taken away and nailed to the cross (Col. 2:14)
- Union with Christ (Rom 6:5)
- Placed into Christ (Rom. 6:3)
- Complete in Christ (Col. 2:10)

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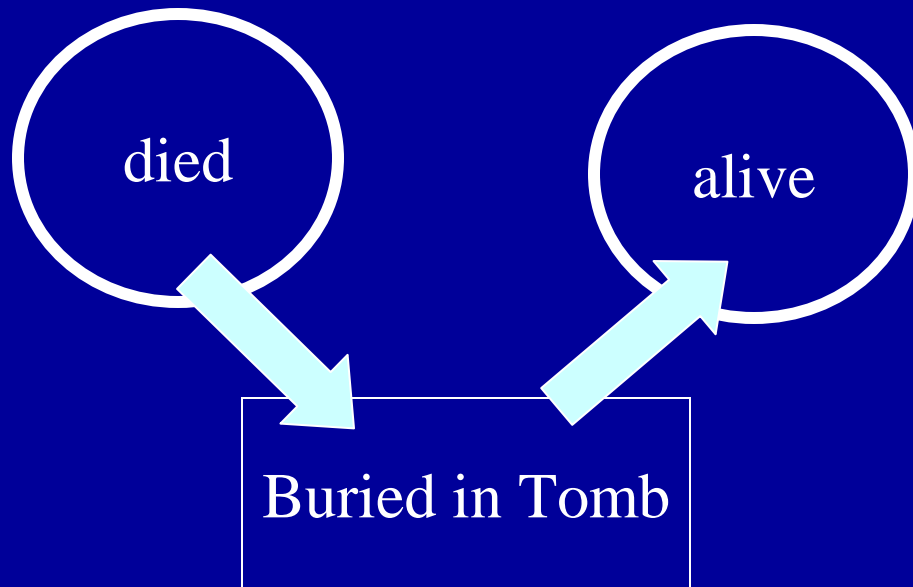
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- Baptism for the Wrong Reason

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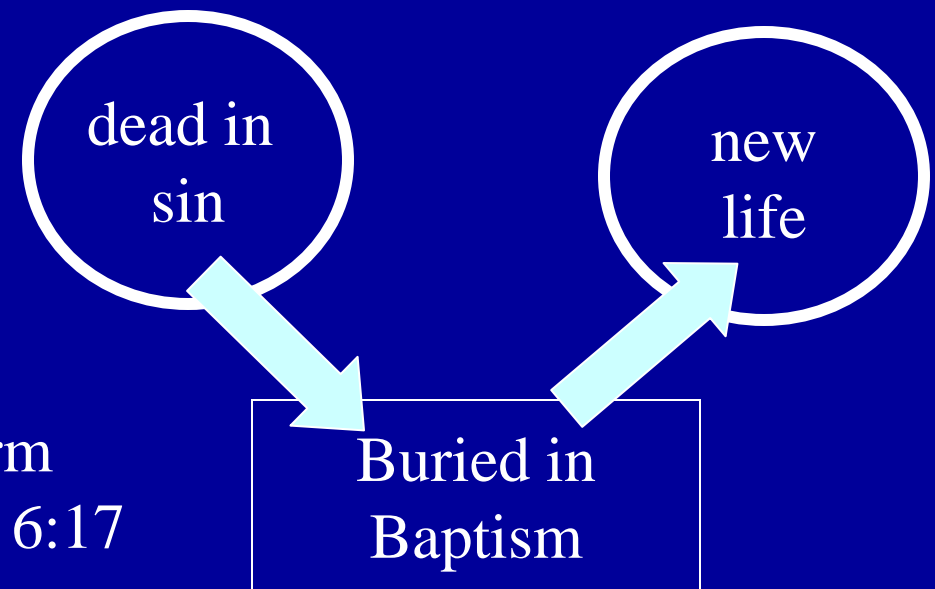
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# Christ



# Christian

Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12



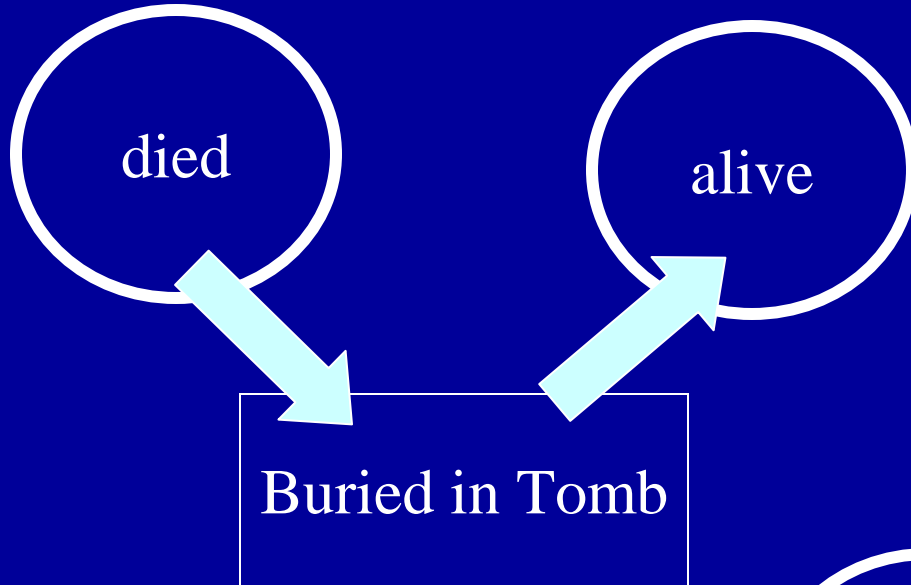
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Rom. 6:17

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“There are two ways of receiving members into a church. 1) By experience and baptism  
2) By letters of dismission from sister churches.

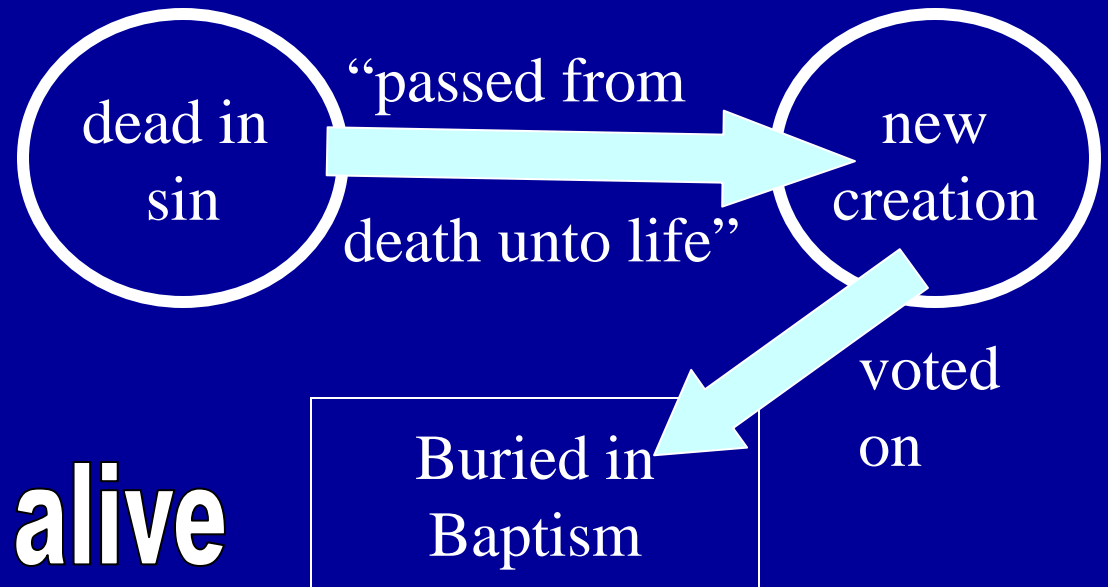
In accordance with the first way, persons wishing to unite with a church give an account of the dealings of God with their souls, and state the “reason for the hope that is in them” whereupon, if, in the judgment of the church they “have passed from death into life” they are by vote of the church recognized as candidates for baptism, with the understanding that when baptized they will be entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership.”

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# Denominational

# Baptism



**buried alive**



## Romans 6:4-5

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# James 2:24

You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone. NASB

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# Have You Had The Wrong Operation?

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# The Consultation

- **Surgeon:** Jesus Christ
- **Diagnosis:** Sin
- **Prognosis without Treatment:** Death
- **Recommended Treatment:** Spiritual surgery for removal of sin
- **Prognosis with Treatment:** Complete recovery and eternal life

# The Right Operation

- Believe in Jesus as Lord and Christ  
(Mark 16:16)
- Repent and turn away from your practice of sin  
(Acts 2:38)
- Confess your faith in Jesus before men  
(Rom. 10:10-11)
- Be baptized (buried) in water in the name of  
Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38;  
Acts 22:16; Rom. 6:3-6; Col. 2:11-14)