Do I Have to be Rebaptized to Join the Blue Ridge Church of Christ?
Do I have to be Rebaptized...?

• It is the church of Christ
And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Matthew 16:18–19
He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Colossians 1:15–18
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Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

Acts 2:37–41
Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

Acts 2:37–41
And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

Acts 2:37–41
So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:46–47
For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Galatians 3:27
Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

Romans 6:3
Do I have to be Rebaptized...?

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• If you have not been baptized into Christ, then you need to be baptized
Lost

- Believe
- Repent
- Confess

Baptized (Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3-5)

Christ

- All Spiritual Blessings (Eph. 1:3)
- Salvation (2 Tim. 2:10)
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Romans 6:4-5

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. NASB
Christ

Buried in Tomb

died

alive

Christian

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

dead in sin

new life

form
Rom. 6:17

Buried in Baptism
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Acts 19:1–5 (NKJV)

And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” So they said to him, “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.”

And he said to them, “Into what then were you baptized?” So they said, “Into John’s baptism.” Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.” When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Baptized, but not into Christ

- Infant Baptism
Colossians 2:11-13

11 and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; 12 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. 13 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,
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- Sprinkling or Pouring
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• Sprinkling or Pouring
• Baptism for the Wrong Reason
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Christ

- Died
- Alive

Buried in Tomb

Christian

- Dead in Sin
- New Life
- Form

Rom. 6:17

Buried in Baptism

Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12
“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.”
Christ

Buried in Tomb

died

alive

Denominational
Baptism

dead in
sin

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Buried in
Baptism

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Romans 6:4-5

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, NASB
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