



## *Brand:New Part 1 : "Baptized into Christ"*

**DEEP THOUGHTS:** Did you know that everyone in your Growth Group struggles with sin and temptations and needs forgiveness just like you do? They do, and that's why this week's questions are so important!

1. **Analyze and Discuss:** Baptism is something I do for God (i.e. It's my public, outward expression of an inward change) OR Baptism is something God does for me (i.e. God forgives me my sins and gives me the gift of the Holy Spirit).
2. Read Romans 6:1-14 and make a list of all the benefits you receive through your Baptism.
  - a. Which benefits resonate with you most in this current season of life and why?
3. Describe a time when you believed a lie that kept you from experiencing the gifts of your Baptism.
4. Reread verses 6-7. Rejoice that we have been set free from sin and discuss how at the same time we feel the constant pull to sin (see Romans 7:14-25).
  - a. Read 1 John 2:1-2. In the event you forget the benefits of your baptism and you fall into temptation, where do you get to turn according to these verses?



**Joshua 1:9**, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

**Jeremiah 29:11**, *"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good...to give you a future and a hope."*

1. When you feel sad, how does that affect your day?
2. Why were Mary and Martha sad? What did Jesus do when he saw how sad his friends were?
3. What kind of plans does God have for us even when we feel sad? How do we know that God's plans will happen?
4. What can you do when you feel sad and alone?
5. How can you help someone who feels sad and alone?