

Visible Symbols of Christian Belief

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(Romans 6 vs. 1-10)

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Romans 6 vs 4 : By our baptism, then, we were buried with him and shared his death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from death by the glorious power of the Father, so also we might live a new life.

~~If~~ Human Kind lives by visible symbols expressing invisible convictions, hopes, ideals & beliefs. : a flag, logo, statue, crown, a T-Shirt

Christianity does the same. The Christian Community throughout the world has chosen over centuries visible symbols as signs of our invisible beliefs: ikon, cross, crucifix, fish water, Bread, wine. In Christ's method of teaching Christian belief, he excelled in choosing such visible, tangible signs to express & strengthen our belief: Bread & wine (the signs at communion of teman bracee)

In Communion : The wine (his blood),
bread (his body) — reme

In baptism = immersing, baptizing,
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Both are signs of :

① Remea brance

② gratitude :

③ Joy : birth, baptism (parents,
 family, congregation)

④ Celebration in Hope

— We look forward to the
 day when the invisible hope will be-
 come a visible reality > when no

~~longer any communion, any~~
 baptism > completed, achieved,

~~and~~ > the Kingdom of God
 arrived in all its joy & glory!