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Romans 6:4–11 ♦ Psalm 90

For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

Romans 6:5

Glue

When we talk about Baptism, we use all kinds of picture language. Washing, cleansing, adoption, tomb, death and new life . . . the list goes on, and these are all great. Thanks to this reading, I have an additional way of thinking about Baptism lately: glue.

If you haven't read the Romans 6 passage yet, please take a moment to do so. There is such power in these words! Now, I'll explain what I mean by glue. When Jesus was baptized, there were all kinds of things going on. One of the most important ones to note is that Jesus' Baptism gave power to ours. Jesus, the Son of God, was the child we could not be.

He was baptized. We are baptized. He was tempted. We are tempted. He obeys perfectly. We . . . do not. See a pattern here? Jesus took our place in every way, only He did it perfectly. Baptism sticks us to Jesus like glue. So when He died on the cross, His death counted for our own. When He rose from the dead, it guaranteed that we, connected to Jesus, will rise too.

That's why His resurrection is more than amazing. It's grace. It's life. It's freedom.

"Then shall my soul rejoice forever. I am content! I am content!" (*LSB* 468:4).

Son of God, You were the Son we could not be. But thanks to You, we are now children of God. Thank You for Your love! Amen.