BAPTISM'S BLESSINGS / BENEFITS

(Romans 6:1-13)

"Baptism" - to submerge and emerge; to immerse; plunge; dip; bury.

The element in which to be baptized is water:
(John 3:23; Mark 1:9-10; Acts 8:38-39)

Baptism is the last event in the spiritual birth process; the delivery.

It is pre-ceded by hearing, believing, repentance, confession of faith.

BLESSINGS OR BENEFITS ARE ATTACHED TO BAPTISM

1. (1 Peter 3:20-21) "The like figure whereunto even baptism does also now save us"

"Save" - not lost; not destroyed; delivered; preserved; kept; safe-guarded. A connection in baptism and salvation: (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:40-41, v47)

2. (1 Peter 3:21) "not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience"

It means that you know to be baptized, and you do it.
(Luke 7:29-30) "... rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him"

3. (Galatians 3:26-27) "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

Do not stop at hearing, having faith, repenting, and making your confession. One may say he has faith "in" Christ; however, it is baptism that puts one "into" Christ.

4. (1 Cor. 12:13-14) "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body ... "

The "body" is the "church" - (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18)
Being in the body is important - (Eph. 5:23) " ... and He is the Savior of the body"
People today want Christ, but not the church, and that situation is not offered.

- 5. (Acts 2:37-38) "... 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."
- 6. (John 3:5-7) "Jesus answered, Most assuredly I say to you, unless one is born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God ... You must be born again"

CLOSE: (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10) " ... vengeance on those who do not know not God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ ... "