***What is the meaning of believer’s baptism?***

**Salvation is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that leads to a \_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that leads to a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

First we are called to GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS. The task of the church is not simply to inform people about God’s love -- it is to MAKE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Now as we go about doing that we are to do two things: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them to obey everything that Christ has commanded.

Baptism is first of all a clear symbol of what we believe -- that is our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

But as well Baptism also signifies our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by its symbolism as it is applied to us as Christians and the candidate as an individual born again believer.

In Romans 6:11 we are said to be dead to sin and alive to Christ.

In 2 Corinthians 5:17 we are told the old has passed away and that the new has come.

In Galatians 2:20 we again see this view of conversion. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

In John 3: 3-8 we see that we come to be alive to God by being “born again” or “born from above”.

Thirdly, baptism also symbolizes our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from sin in the sight of God. When we come to Christ in saving faith we receive a real and complete washing of the sin of our life.

Fourthly, baptism symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ membership in that it is a visible sign of the baptism with the Holy Spirit which incorporates the believer into the Church which is Christ’s body.

Finally, baptism is a clear symbol of our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in that this is an opportunity to identify with Christ in the closest, most complete and most unforgettable way.