## A MESSAGE WITHOUT WORDS

## Romans 6:1-14 Acts 2:37-38, 41

**Introduction:** We see our country's flag and immediately know what it represents. We see emblems on different things and know what they represent. We are familiar with a hand wave from a distance or someone pointing a finger in a direction, we know what red, yellow and green lights mean at a traffic intersection. We know what a smile is or a frown is or tears streaming down someone's cheeks. We know what silent messages are for we see them and send them every day. God has given us a beautiful message that needs no words. Christians have seen the wordless message many times and understood what the message was. God sends us a message through Baptism.

- 1. Baptism is a silent declaration that one is already saved through his/her faith in Jesus.
- 2. Baptism is a silent declaration that one is a believer in Jesus Christ (not infant "baptism" either).
- 3. Baptism is a silent declaration that one is completely, sincerely committed to Jesus Christ.
  That Jesus is absolute owner.
- 4. Baptism is a silent declaration that one has accepted Jesus' death for him/herself.
- 5. Baptism is a silent declaration that one has stopped living for him/herself and now is living for God.
- 6. Baptism is a silent declaration that Jesus Christ is in charge, and not sin anymore. The believer is under "new management."
- 7. Baptist is a silent declaration that one has died to his/her old way of life. (Immersion, not poured or sprinkled)
- 8. Baptism is a silent declaration that one has been given a new, eternal life.
- 9. Baptism is a silent declaration that one has been transformed inside and is totally different.
- 10. Baptism is a silent declaration that one is now free from sin, Satan and the world. That Jesus is now owner and ruler.

## **CONCLUSION:**

- 1. You see, God doesn't have to say a word to get His message across.
- 2. Christians know what Baptism means.
- 3. Baptism is a public identification with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 4. Have you publicly, before others, declared Jesus as your Lord and Savior through Baptism?