

It's Complicated "New Identity that Rewrites Old Labels"

Navigating Conflict, Hurt and Reconciliation 5.24.26

¹²I am sending him back to you, and with him comes my own heart. ¹³I wanted to keep him here with me while I am in these chains for preaching the Good News, and he would have helped me on your behalf. ¹⁴But I didn't want to do anything without your consent. I wanted you to help because you were willing, not because you were forced. ¹⁵It seems you lost Onesimus for a little while so that you could have him back forever. ¹⁶He is no longer like a slave to you. He is more than a slave, for he is a beloved brother, especially to me. Now he will mean much more to you, both as a man and as a brother in the Lord.

Philemon 12-16

The Path to Reconciliation

- Our relationship with Jesus should transform the way we relate to others.
- Our relationship with Jesus leads us to pursue reconciliation with others.
- Our relationship with Jesus requires us to see others as Jesus sees them

Philemon 16 (NLT) - He is no longer like a slave to you. He is more than a slave, for he is a beloved brother, especially to me. Now he will mean much more to you, both as a man and as a brother in the Lord.

_____ is no longer like a _____ to you. He is more than a _____, for he is a beloved brother. Now he/she will mean much more to you, both as a _____ and as a brother in the Lord.

Notes

Believer's Baptism

Believer's Baptism is a picture of the old you being gone and a brand new life with Jesus beginning. Going under the water shows that your old sinful life has been buried with Jesus and left behind. Coming up out of the water shows that Jesus has forgiven you, changed you, and given you a **NEW** life.

Baptism does not make someone a Christian, but it shows everyone the **NEW** life Jesus has already started in their heart.

Romans 6:3-4 (NLT) - Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? ⁴For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

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