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The real Resurrection story is not only what Jesus did for us two thousand years ago, but also what He is doing in us now! That redemptive drama is a mirrored reflection of our own experience at conversion. **"Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?" "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection."** **"Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead unto sin, but Alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."** Romans 6:2-5,11 We die with Jesus in repentance, are buried with Him in water baptism, and are resurrected with Him to a new life when we are filled with the Holy Spirit." His experience was physical and ours is spiritual. Easter is a time to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus. We cannot fully participate in this celebration until we have shared that resurrection power in our own lives.

How do we do it? "Peter answered that question on the day of Pentecost: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38 Paul was told upon conversion: "And now why tarriest thou? Arise! and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Acts 22:16 Jesus preached, Repent ye, and Believe the Gospel." Mk. 1:15 "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 18:3 **Repentance is the first step in conversion:** "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out..." Acts 3:19 **Repentance is a Commandment:** "And the times of this ignorance, God winked at (to overlook, and not punish): but now commandeth all men to repent." Acts 17:30

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“The like figure whereunto even baptism does now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.” 1 Peter 3:21

The Baptism of the Holy Ghost:

The promise of the Holy Ghost: “And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.”

“He that believeth on Me as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.” “(But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because Jesus was not yet glorified).”

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