Lord! Through baptism we have put on Christ as our righteousness. We do not have righteousness, but Christ becomes our righteousness. We can now come to the presence of God with boldness and confidence.

By having put on Christ, He also becomes our authority. Just like a military man in complete uniform. Evil man is afraid of him because his uniform is the symbol of authority. Likewise, the evil one, Satan is afraid of us who have put on Christ as our authority. He has no ground to possess us.

1. **Being baptized into one Body (1 Cor. 12:13).**

You were not baptized into any kind of religion but you were baptized into the Body of Christ. The goal of your baptism should be the Body of Christ. You need therefore, to know what the Body of Christ is. According to Ephesians 1:22-23 Christ is "...the Head over all things to the church, which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all." Therefore, the Body of Christ is the church. So we can see that the church is not a physical building nor a religion but a group of believers baptized into one Body.

By coming to the original text of the Bible we can also check that the church is really a group of believers. The church in Greek is EKKLESIA com-

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you have the right to enjoy and inherit the riches of eternal life and eternal blessings.

A good example is marriage. Before marriage, the woman has no right to enjoy and inherit the riches of the man. But after marriage the woman has the right to enjoy and inherit the riches of the husband because she is already one with the person of the husband, having entered into the name of the man.

1. **Baptized into Christ's death (Rom. 6:3-4).**

In God's eyes we are all dead because of our sinfulness. "For the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). Therefore, being dead we need to be buried. In Greek, baptism is **baptizo**, which means to immerse. At the time that you were immersed into the water, you were buried into Christ's death by faith. The old man with all its sins had been terminated. At the time that you came out from the water, you were resurrected together with Christ. In God's eyes you are now a new person. Therefore, you need to walk in the newness of life.

1. **Have put on Christ (Gal. 3:27).**

Spiritually speaking we are naked before God's eyes having no righteousness. When sin entered into Adam and Eve, right away they realized that they were naked before God. Like Adam and Eve, we could not withstand the presence of God. Praise the

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daygon ang Ginoo, nga pinaagi sa bautismo nasul-ob nato si Cristo ingon nga pagkamatarung. Wala tay pagkamatarung, apan si Cristo nahimo natong pagkamatarung. Karon maisugon ug masaligon na tang makaduol sa presensya sa Dios.

Pinaagi sa pagsul-ob ni Cristo, nahimo sab Siyang awtoridad nato. Sama sa uniporme sa sundalo, mahadlok ang dautang mga tawo niya tungod kay ang iyang uniporme simbolo man sa awtoridad. Sa samang paagi ang dautan, si Satanas mahadlok nato nga magsul-ob ni Cristo ingon nga awtoridad. Wala na siyay luna nga moangkon nato.

1. **Gibautismohan ngadto sa usa ka Lawas (1 Cor. 12:13).**

Wala ka bautismuhi aron masakop sa usa ka relihiyon kondili gibautismohan ka ngadto sa Lawas ni Cristo. Ang tumong sa imong bautismo mao ang Lawas ni Cristo. Busa, kinahanglan kang makaila kun unsa ang Lawas ni Cristo. Sumala sa Efeso 1:22-23, si Cristo "Ang ulo ibabaw sa tanang mga butang ngadto sa Iglesia, nga mao ang Iyang Lawas, ang kahupnganan Niya nga nagpuno sa tanan diha sa tanan." Busa, ang Lawas ni Cristo mao ang Iglesia. Dinhi makita nato nga ang Iglesia dili usa ka balay "simbahan" o usa ba ka relihiyon kondili usa kini ka grupo sa mga magtotoo nga gibautismohan ngadto

Ang pulong Iglesia gikan sa Griyegong pulong "**EKKLESIA**," nga giumol sa mga pulong "**EK**" nga nagkahulugag paggawas, ug "**KALEO**" nga

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