Introduction:
A. There is more to going to heaven than just “getting baptized.”
   1. A giant step toward heaven. (v.3,4; cf. Mk. 16:16).
   3. Marks the beginning of a new life. ("newness of life").
      b. Are new creation. (v. 6; 2 Cor. 5:17).
B. There are some important aspects of the our new life in Christ to consider:

Discussion:
I. We Serve a New Master.
   A. To serve righteousness (God) rather than sin (Satan). (6:17-18)
   B. To serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. (Heb. 12:28).
      1. “Acceptably” — What God accepts, not self or any man.
      2. “Reverence and godly fear” — Special respect for things of God. (Ezek 22:26)
         a. Holy assemblies for worship.
         b. Studying Holy Scriptures.

II. We Walk a New Life.
   A. A new way of thinking. (Rom. 8:6,7; Col. 3:1-2).
   B. A new way of doing. (Col. 3:5-7).
      1. New places to go - places of worship, teaching, wholesome activity.
      2. New things to do - Pray, study, giving, reaching others.
   C. A new way of talking. (Col. 3:8-10).

III. We Struggle with New Problems.
   A. The problem with old associations (1 Pet. 4:3,4).
   B. The problems associated with godliness.
      1. New persecutions. (2 Tim. 3:12).
      2. New temptations. (1 Cor 9:27; 10:12,13).
      3. New priorities (Matt. 6:33; cf. 2 Tim. 4:10).

IV. We Entertain a New Hope.
   A. Hope that is part of the NEW and living way. (Heb. 10:19,20,23).
   B. Hope that only Christians have. (Eph. 2:12; 1 Thess. 4:13).

Conclusion:
   A. If buried with Christ in baptism, let us be raised to walk in new life.
   B. If not walking in new life, need to repent of it and renew our life in Christ.