

## **“Certain Comfort From an Uncertain Practice”**

*1 Corinthians 15:29 Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf?*

*Though We Can't Be Certain of Everything the Meaning of Everything the Scriptures Say, We Can Be Certain of the Our Resurrection Because Christ Rose.*

### **1. All Obscure Passages In Scripture Must Be Interpreted Using Two Principles**

#### **a. The Rule of Context**

**1 Cor. 7:1 in light of 7:26**

**vs. 29 in light of vs. 12**

#### **b. The rule of Interpreting Scripture By Scripture - WCF I.9**

**James 2:24 interpreted in light of Eph. 2:8-9 and Gal. 2:16**

### **2. In Light of The Context and Other Scriptures, What Can't This Verse Teach?**

#### **a. You can be saved or benefited after death by acts of the living**

**Heb 9:27, Luke 16:22-23**

**John 3:16**

#### **b. We are not to have a ritual called “proxy baptism in the church**

**Mat. 28:19, Acts 2:38-39, 1 Peter 3:21, Luke 23:40-43**

### **3. In Light of the Whole of Scripture There Are Two Possibilities**

#### **a. A wrong practice used to make a point**

**8:10 and 10:21**

#### **b. A right practice to honor a loved one**

### **4. Though We Can't Be Certain About This Verse, We Can Be Certain About Our Greatest Comfort**

#### **a. We can't know everything we want, but...**

**Deut 29:29**

#### **b. The resurrection is sure and certain**

**1 Cor. 15:20-23**

#### **c. In Christ we need no...**