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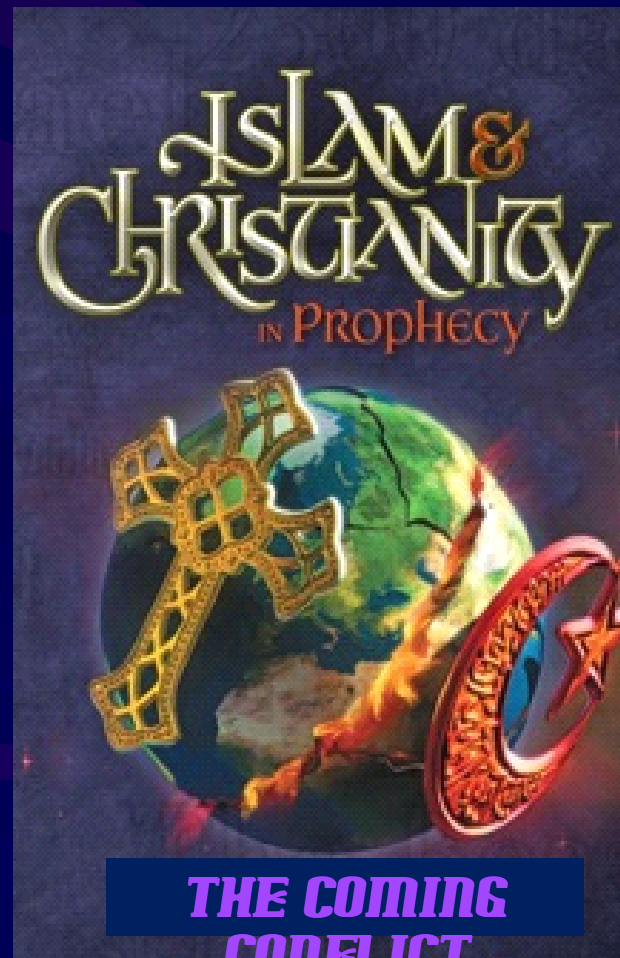
**THE COMING
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**ISLAM &
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IN PROPHECY



**THE COMING
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THE SUBJECT SATAN HATES





Holy Bible

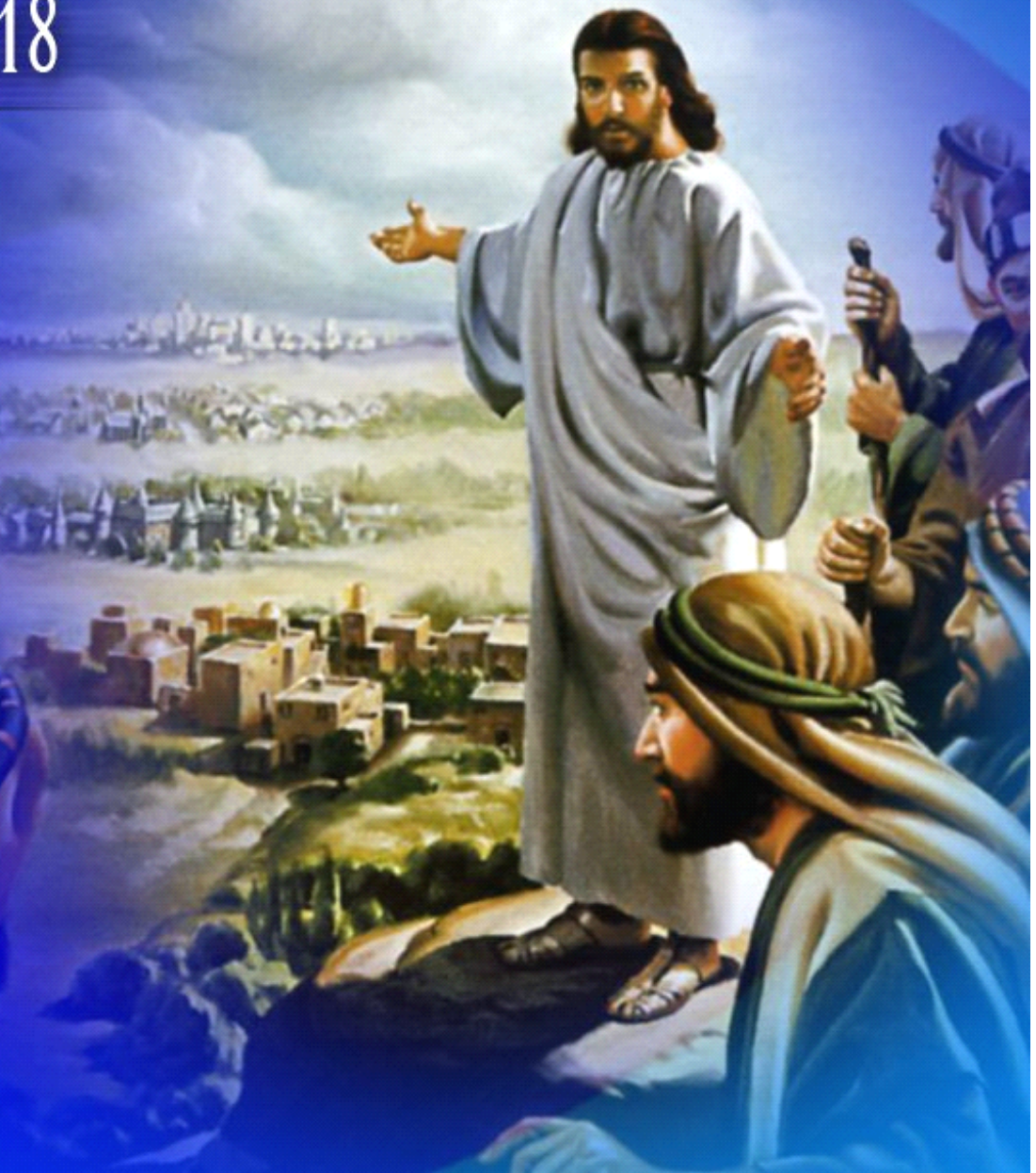
**Parting Words
are significant**

What command
did Jesus give
to His people
just before His
ascension?



Matthew 28:18

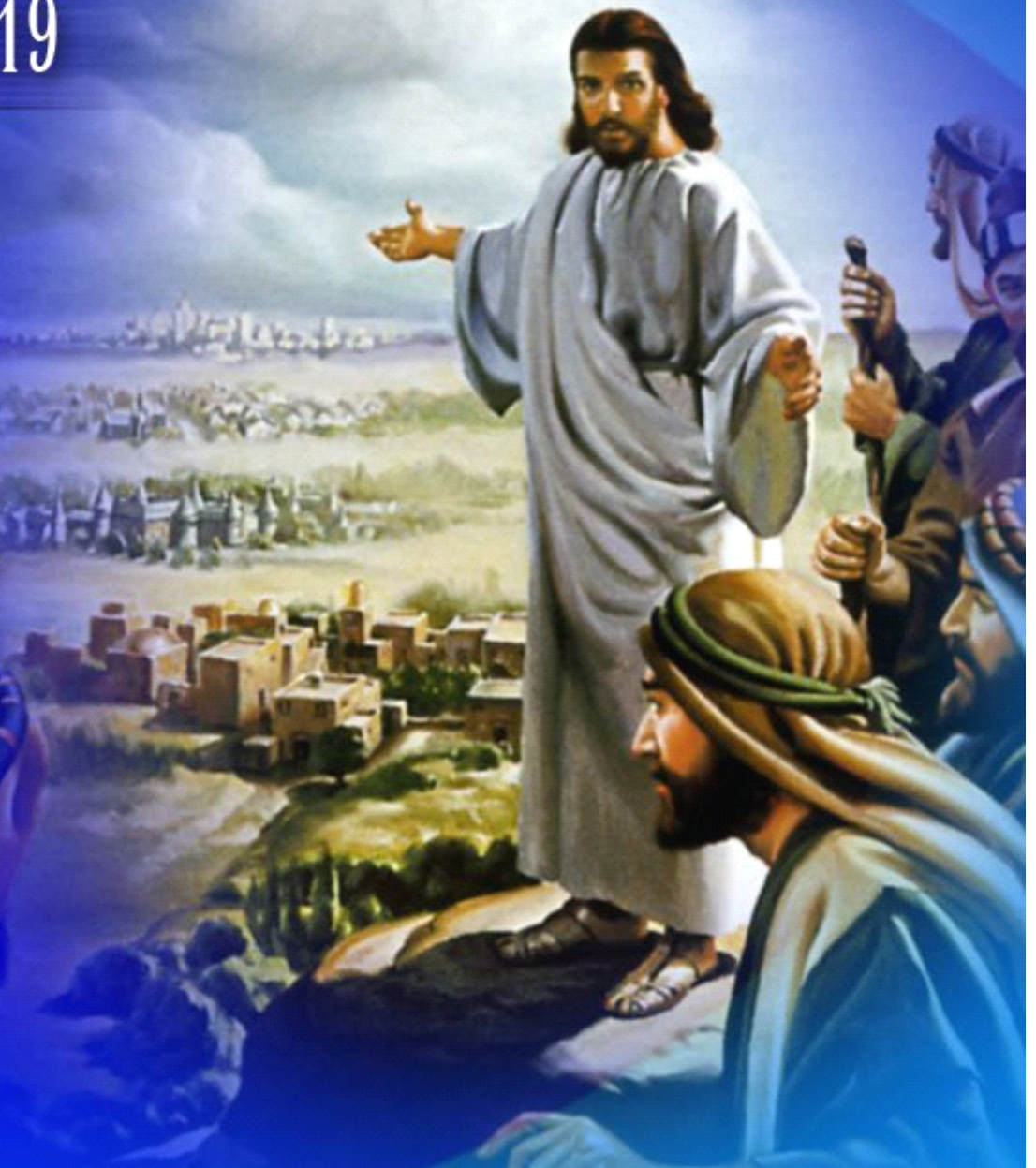
And Jesus came and
spoke unto them,
saying, All power is
given unto me in
heaven and in earth.

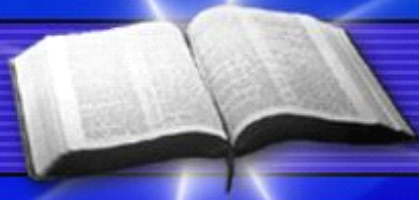




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Teaching them to
observe all things
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lo, I am with you always,
even unto the end of
the world. Amen.

The Great Commission
Preparation for Baptism
1. Teach them about Me
2. Observe My Commands



*B*aptism is mentioned
more than 80 times in
the New Testament.



Holy Bible

**Many Opinions
versus
A Thus says the Lord**

**How important
is baptism?**

Is it really necessary?



Mark 16:16

He that believeth and
is baptized shall be
saved; but he that
believeth not shall
be damned.



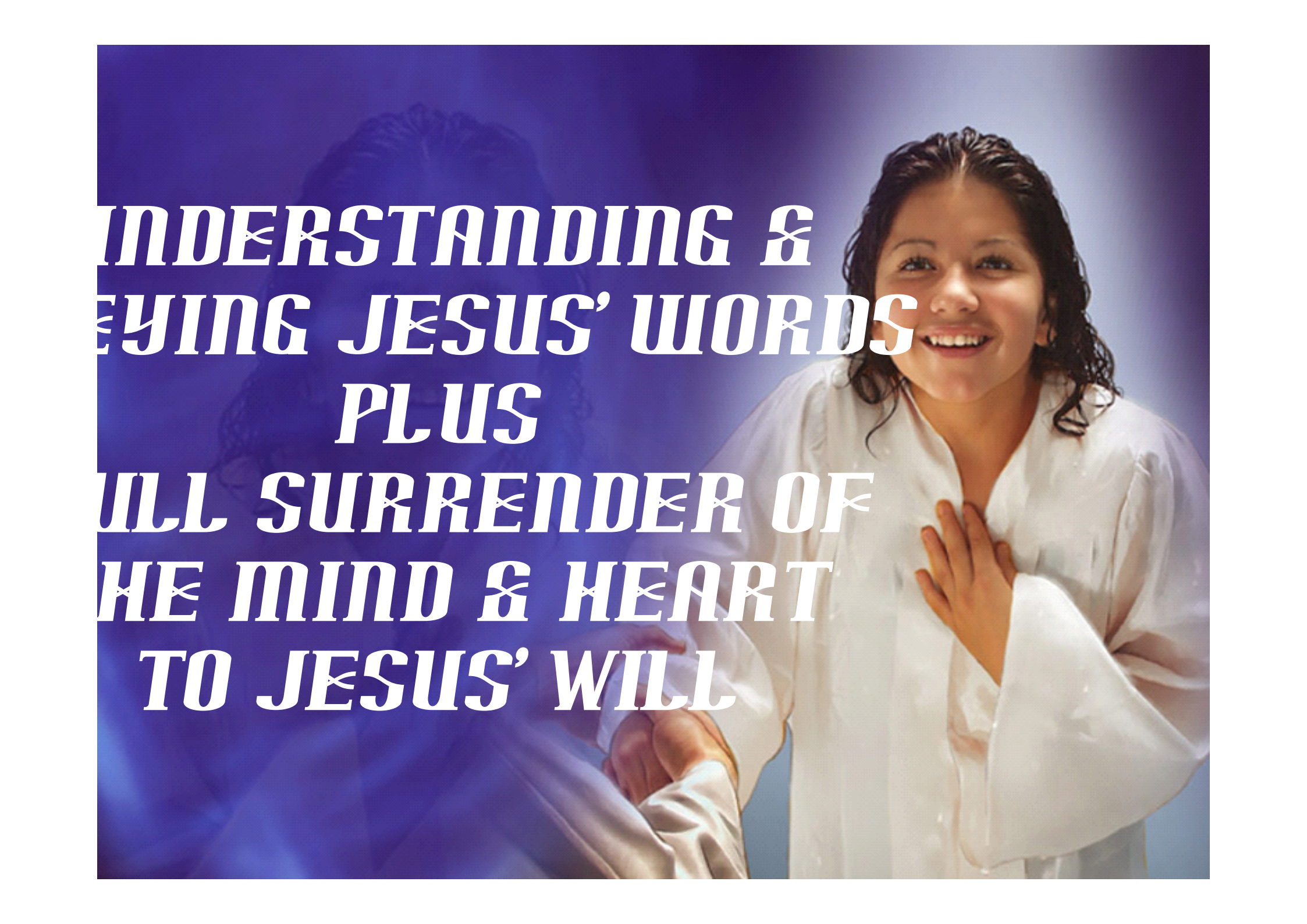
Baptism is
a symbol of a
commitment,
loyalty, and
allegiance to
Jesus Christ.

A Public Confession of Faith
Sign of loyalty to our Creator?



We have to
take a stand
and declare
another
allegiance.





**UNDERSTANDING &
HEARING JESUS' WORDS
PLUS
WILL SURRENDER OF
THE MIND & HEART
TO JESUS' WILL**



***PRIDE OF NICODEMUS
DEVASTATED***

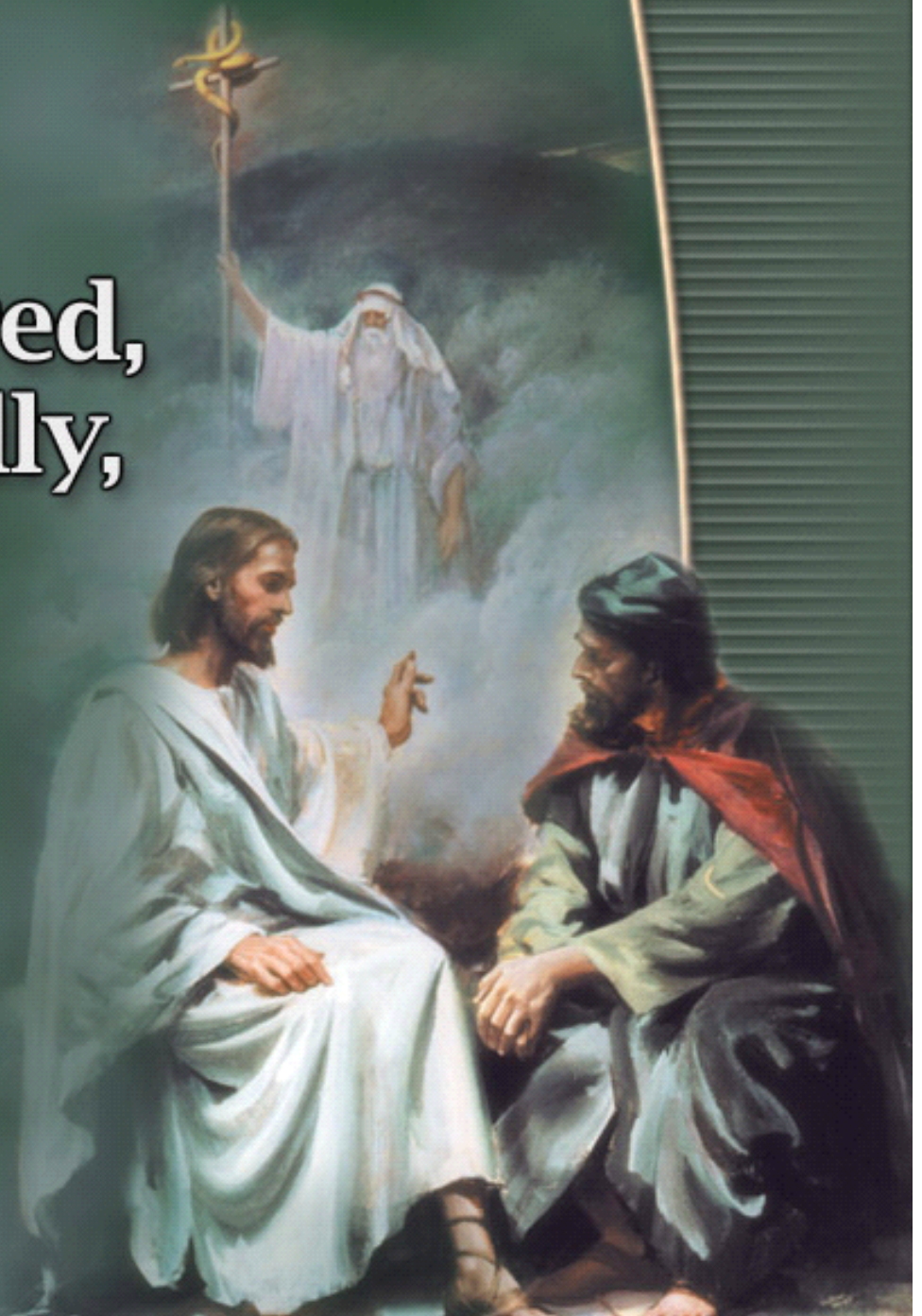


***ENTRANCE INTO GOD'S KINGDOM
REQUIRES A TOTAL
TRANSFORMATION OF LIFE***



JOHN 3:5

**“Jesus answered,
‘Most assuredly,
I say to you,
unless one
is born of
water and
the Spirit,**





JOHN 3:5

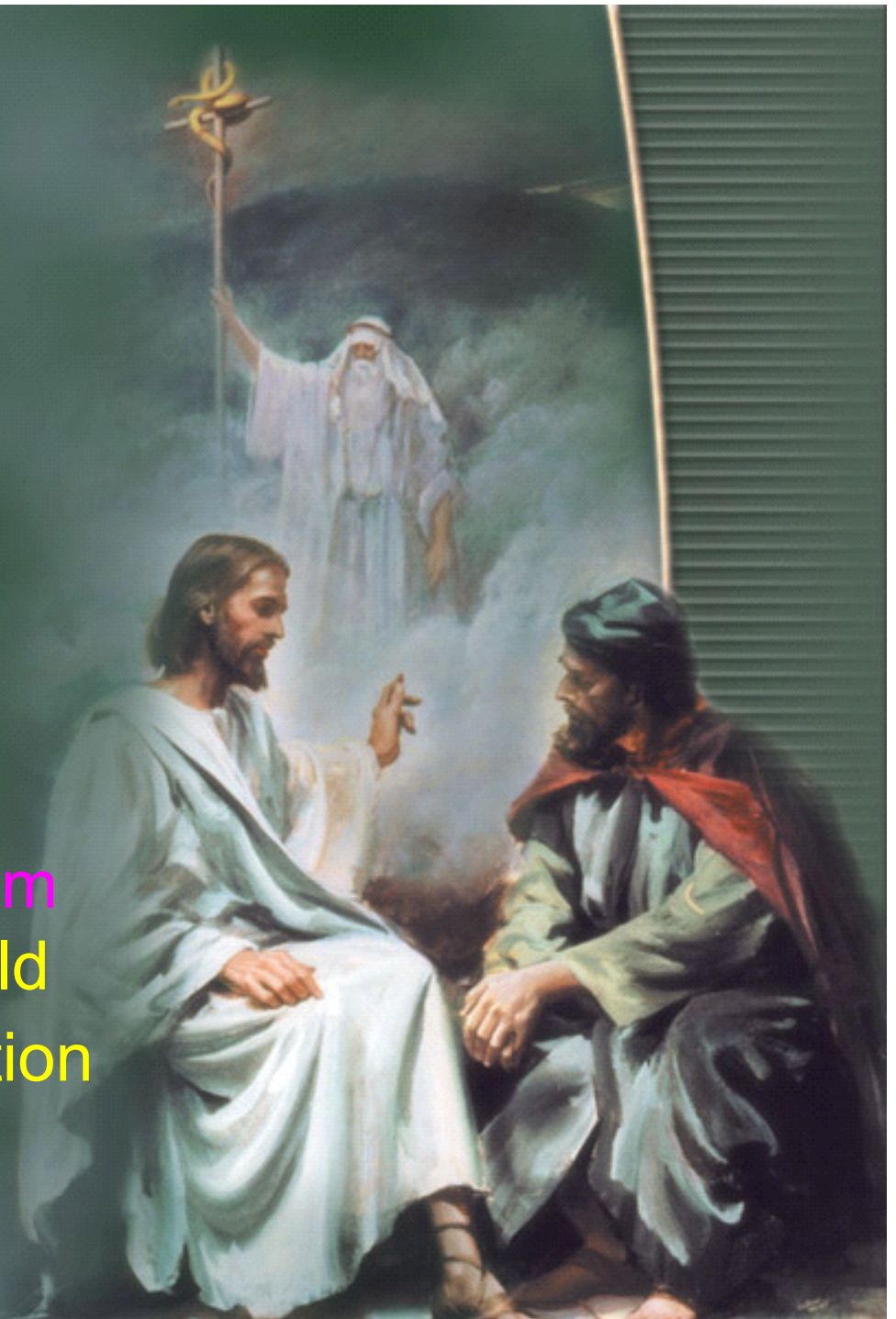
**he cannot
enter the
kingdom
of God.””**

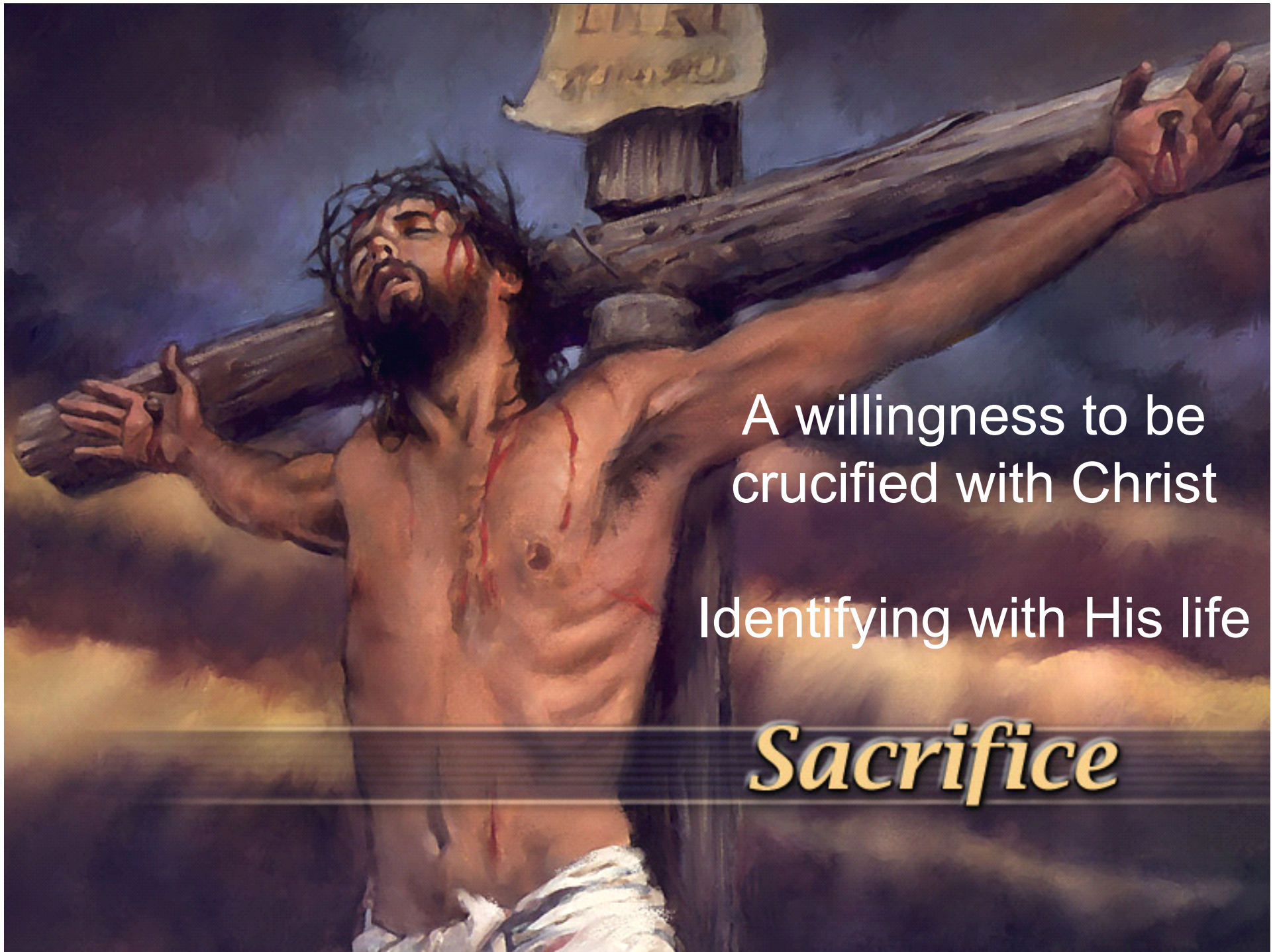
Death and Rebirth

Necessary to enter Kingdom

Not a modification of the old

But a complete Transformation





A willingness to be
crucified with Christ

Identifying with His life

Sacrifice

A photograph of a lit oil lamp and an open book. The lamp is on the left, with a flame in the center. The book is open in the foreground, with a pen resting on it. The background is dark.

Salvation

1. Preaching of Gospel

2. Belief in the Gospel

- **Walk in Jesus' Steps**
- **United with Divine Power**

3. Baptism

Faith without works is dead (James 2:20)
Isn't sensible to always do what God asks us to do?





Some might say: “What about the Thief on the Cross?”



Romans 6:3

Know ye not, that so
many of us as were
baptized into Jesus
Christ were baptized
into his death?

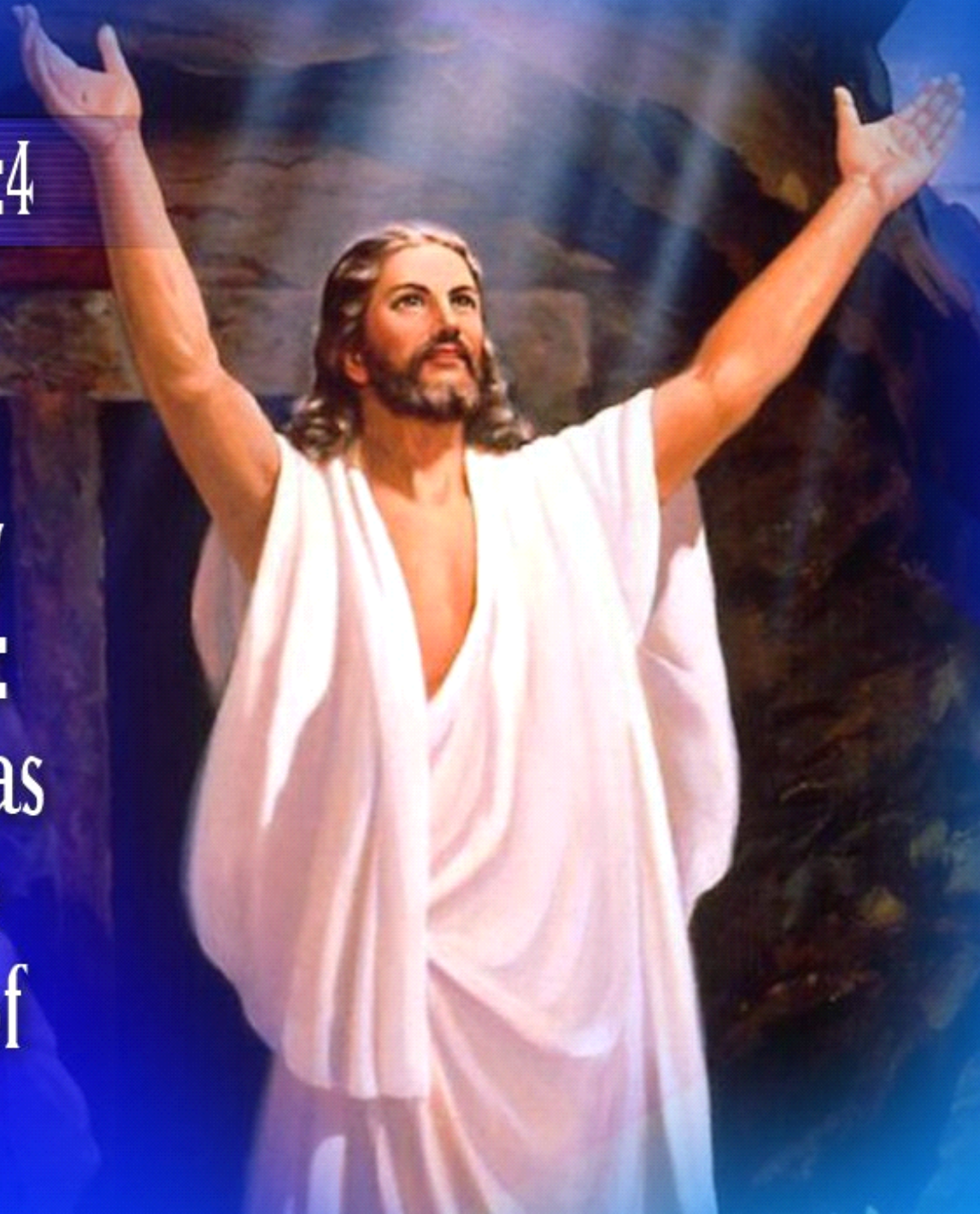
Significance of Baptism





Romans 6:4

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,





Romans 6:4

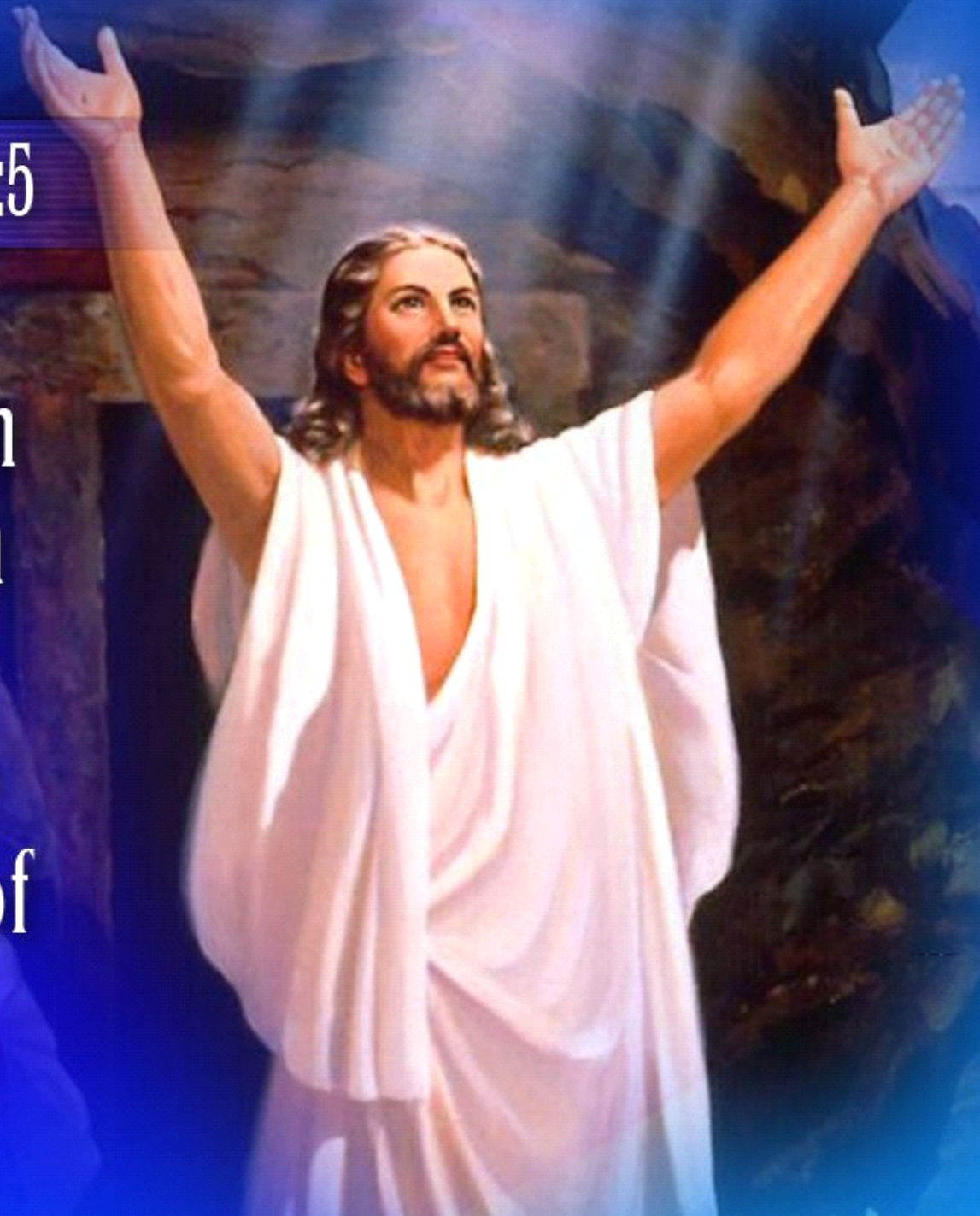
even so we also
should walk in
newness of life.





Romans 6:5

For if we have been
planted together in
the likeness of his
death, we shall be
also in the likeness of
his resurrection:



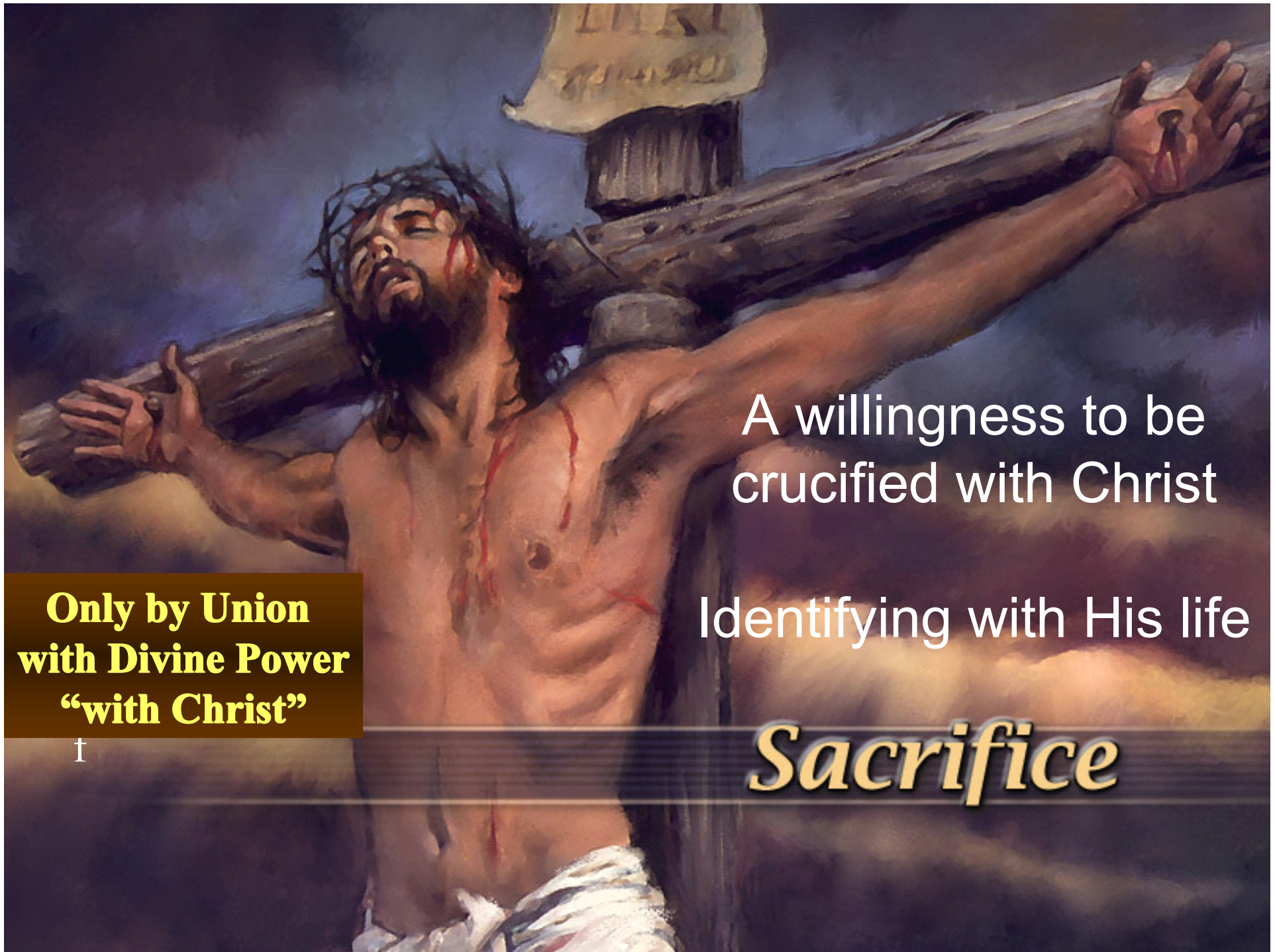


Romans 6:6

Knowing this, that our
old man is crucified
with him, that the
body of sin might be
destroyed, that
henceforth we should
not serve sin.

Katargeo = inoperative, inactive
Choosing to separate from sin
Carnal Mind → Mind of Christ





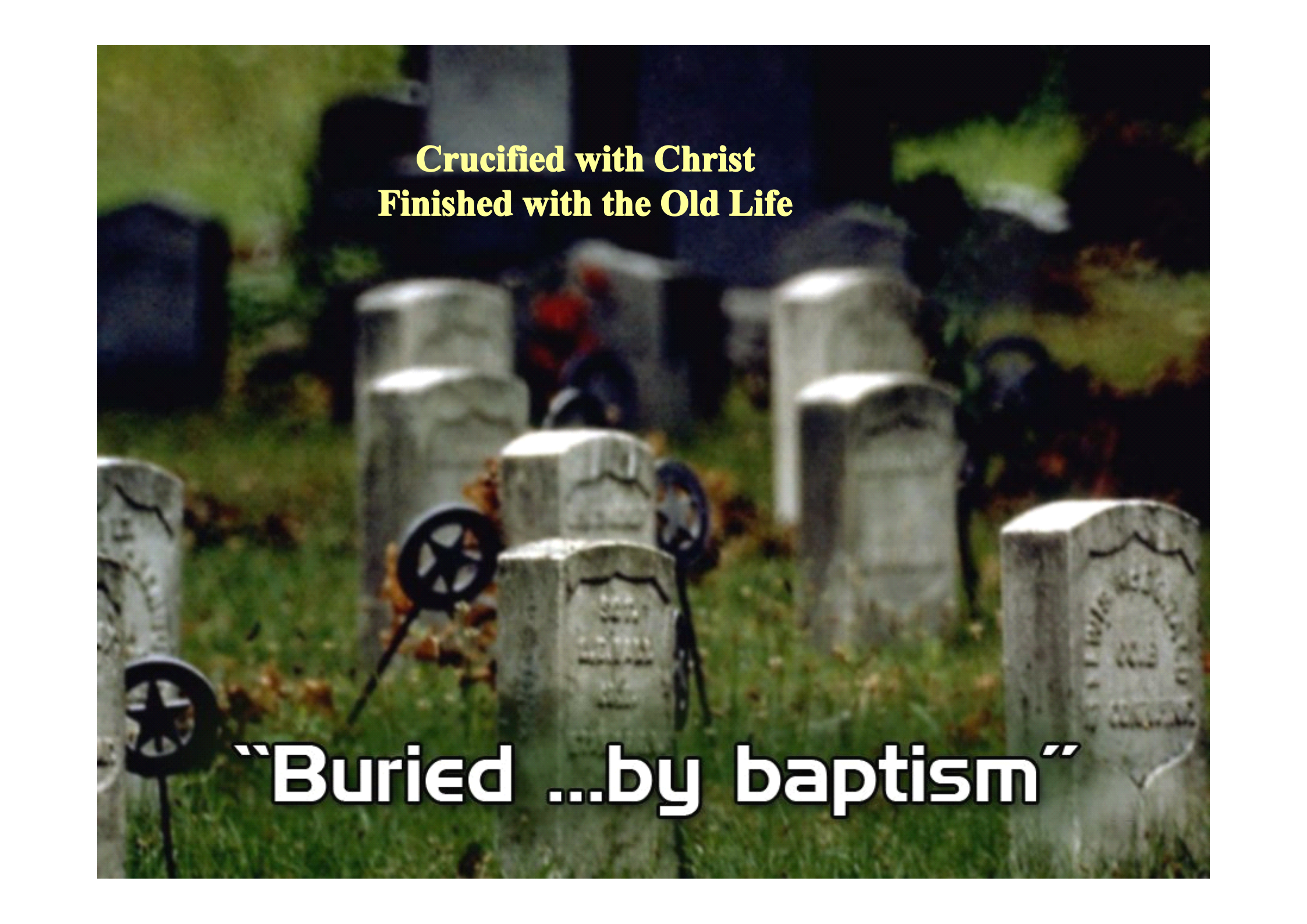
A willingness to be crucified with Christ

Identifying with His life

Sacrifice

**Only by Union
with Divine Power
“with Christ”**

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**Crucified with Christ
Finished with the Old Life**

“Buried ...by baptism”

A man in a dark suit is kneeling in prayer, holding a glowing orb. He is looking down at the orb with a focused expression. In the background, other people are visible, some holding glowing objects, suggesting a religious or spiritual ceremony. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the glowing orb and other lights in the background.

**Our old life of sin
is to be buried!**



Baptism



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1. Dying to old sinful way of life.



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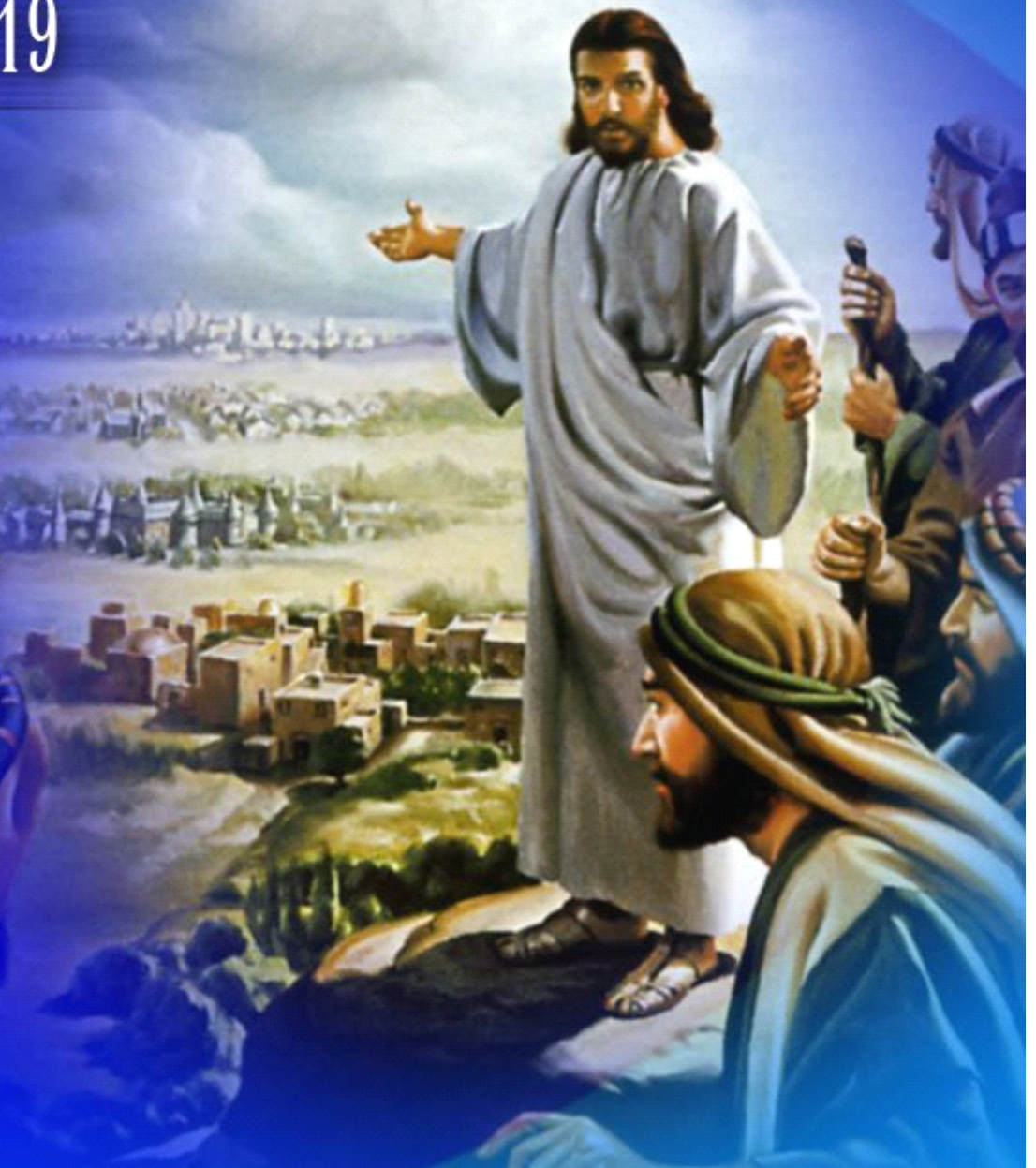
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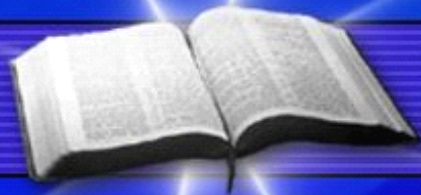
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2. Burying our sins in the watery grave.
3. Rising up again out of the water to walk a new life.



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**Teach them to obey
ALL
My Commandments**

**Intelligent vs. Emotional
Faith**



A still life photograph with a dark background. In the foreground, an open book with dense text is illuminated by a warm, golden light. A blue pen lies on the right page of the book. To the left, a glass oil lamp with a lit flame casts a soft glow. The overall mood is quiet and contemplative.

Baptism: A Public Confession of Faith

We are saved by the Faith of Jesus

* Romans 3:21-22

* Gal. 2:16

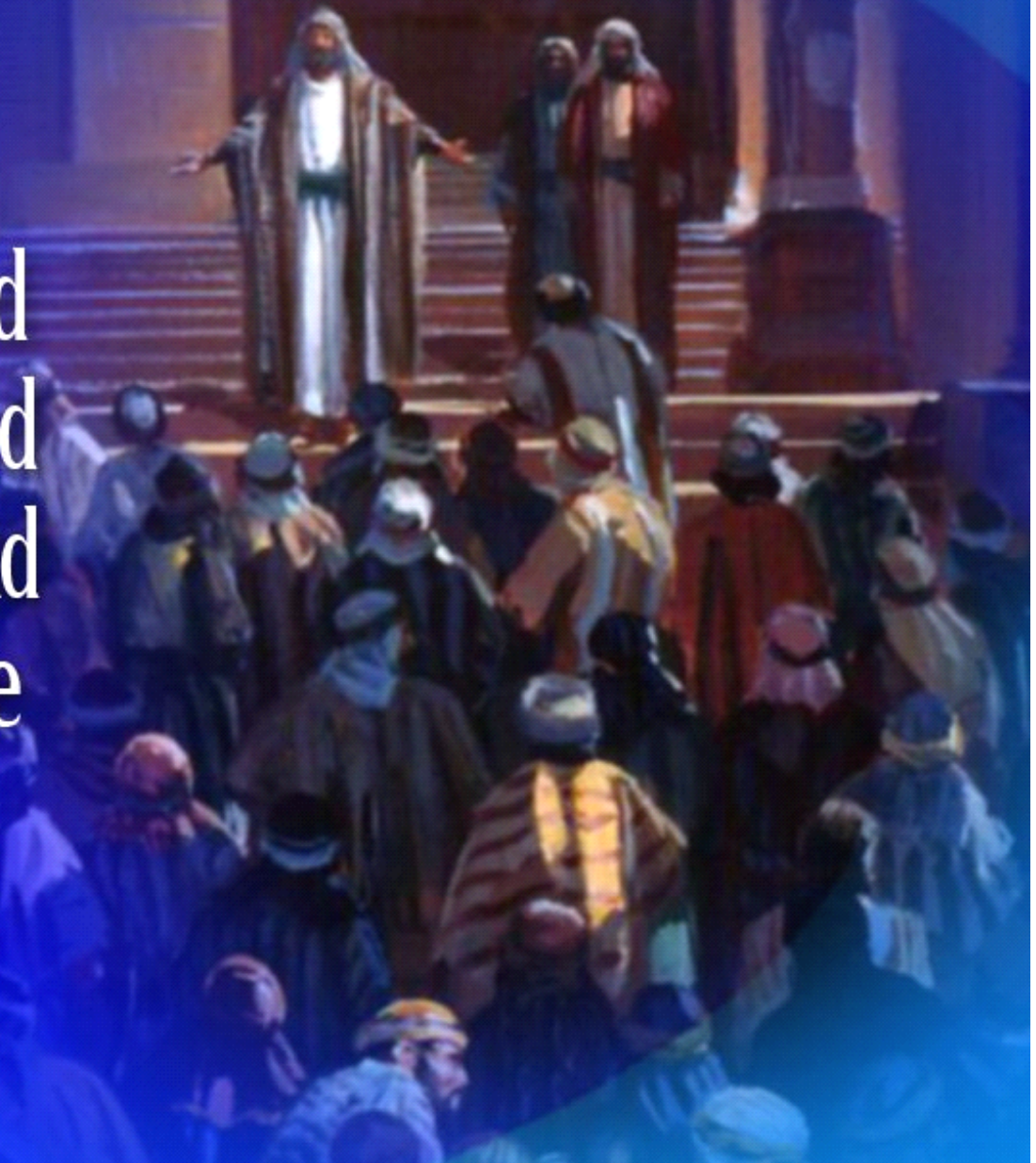
* Rev. 14:12

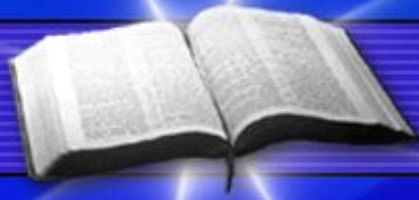
* Author & Finisher of Faith



Acts 2:37

Now when they heard
this, they were pricked
in their heart, and said
unto Peter and to the
rest of the apostles,
Men and brethren,
what shall we do?



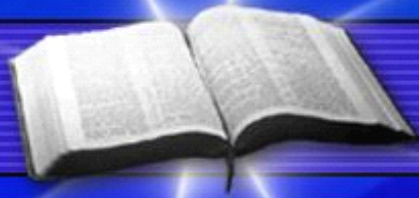


Acts 2:38

Then Peter said unto
them, Repent, and be
baptized every one
of you in the name
of Jesus Christ for the
remission of sins,

Not Optional

Irrespective of class or position
In Name of Jesus only?
(Jesus stumbling block to Jews)
Repent & Goodness of God



Acts 2:38

and ye shall receive
the gift of the
Holy Ghost.

Holy Spirit's Work

Electrified - Yelling & Rolling???
Sanctification & Reflecting Christ

Chosen for salvation thru
belief in the truth and
sanctification by the Spirit
(2 Thes. 2:13)



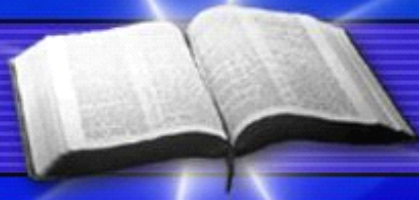


Not a towelette that scrubs off sin
No magic in the water



Baptism is not
a magical ritual

No power in the water;
*But power in the Spirit
that transforms*



2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any man
be in Christ, he is a *new*
creature: old things
are passed away;
behold, all things
are become new.

Old habits disappear

Poker, alcohol, cursing, gossip
licentious movies, certain books

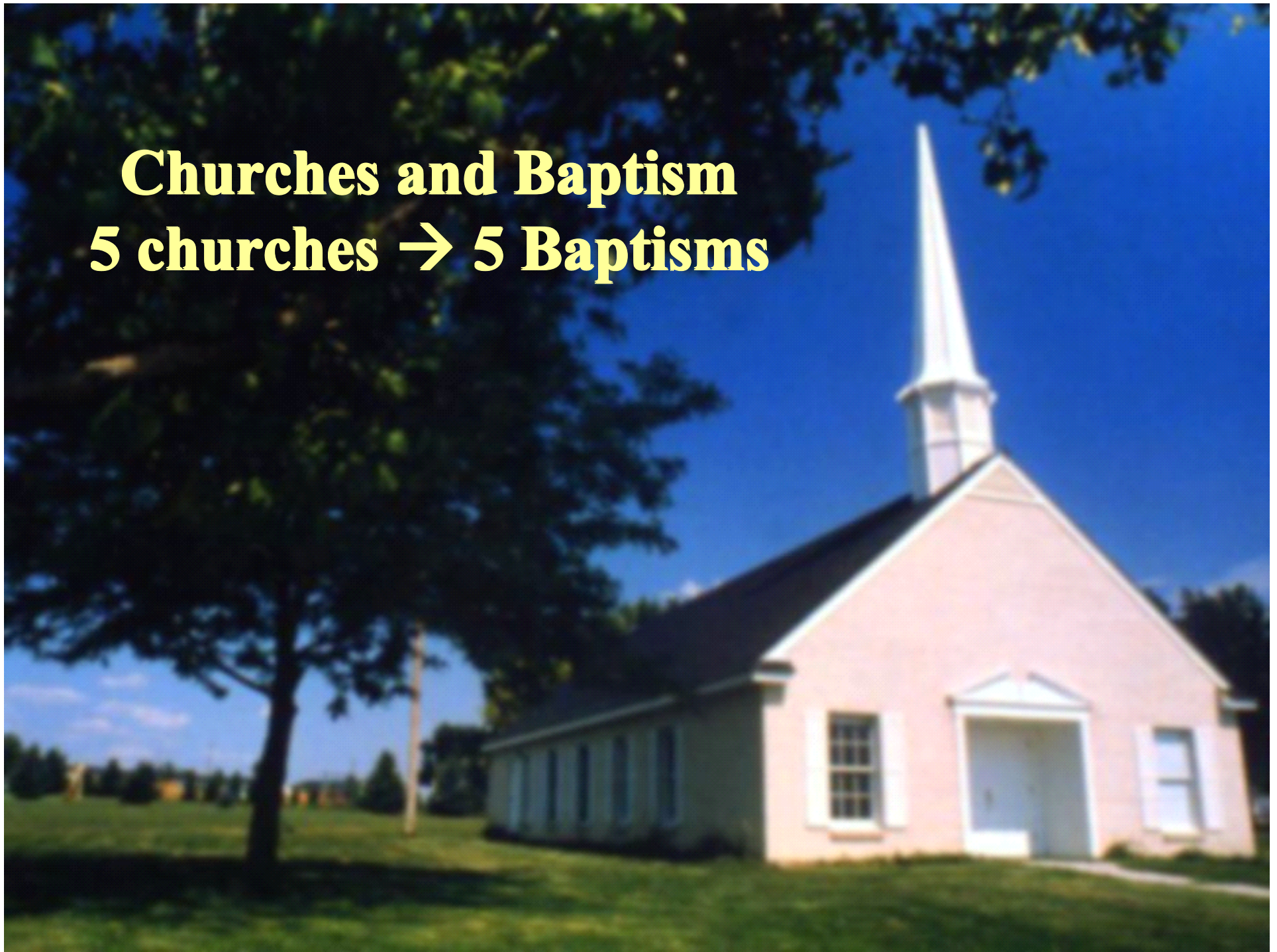




Christ is the New Creation
Divinity + Humanity
In Christ → A New Creation

**Our old life of sin
is to be buried!**

Churches and Baptism
5 churches → 5 Baptisms





Ephesians 4:4, 5

There is one body, and
one Spirit, even as ye are
called in one hope of your
calling; one Lord, one
faith, one baptism.

How Many?





Ephesians 4:5

One Lord, one faith,
one baptism.

Devil is an expert at devising counterfeits

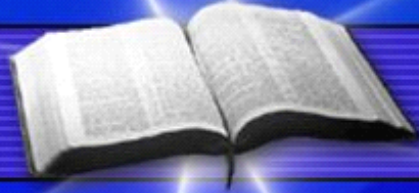




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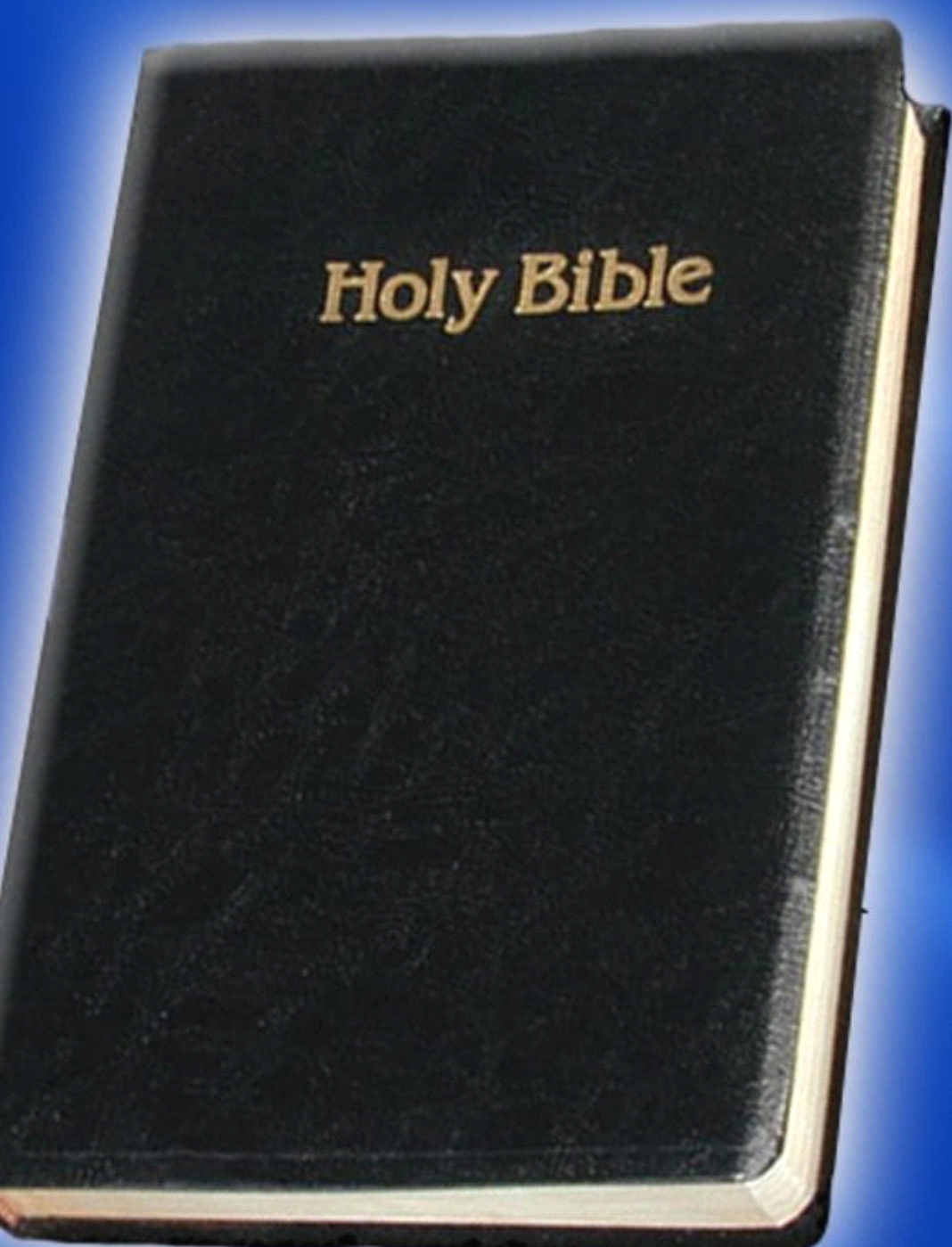
SPRINKLING - POURING -



1 Peter 2:21

For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that **ye should follow his steps.**



A black, textured Holy Bible with gold lettering on the cover. The words "Holy Bible" are printed in a serif font. The book is shown at an angle, revealing the edges of the pages.

Holy Bible

How was
Jesus, who is
our example,
baptized?



JOHN 1:29

**“... Behold!
The Lamb of
God who takes
away the sin
of the world!”**

**Bearing Your
Sin & Guilt**

Is. 53; 2 Cor. 5:19





MATTHEW 3:14 N I V

**“...I need to
be baptized
by You...”**

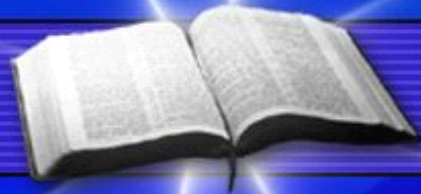
**A Corporate
Repentance
on behalf of mankind**



MATTHEW 3:15 N I V

“... Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness ...”

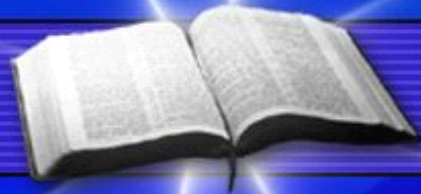




Matthew 3:16

And Jesus, when he was
baptized, went up
straightway out of the
water: and, lo, the
heavens were opened
unto him,

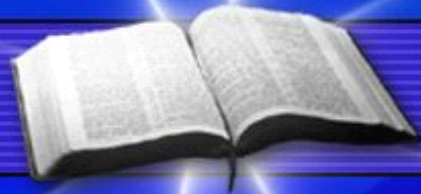




Matthew 3:16

and he saw the Spirit
of God descending
like a dove, and
lighting upon him.



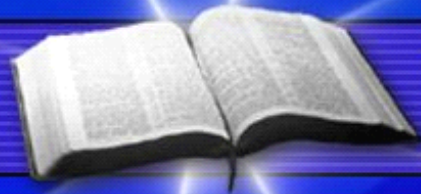


Matthew 3:17

And lo a voice from
heaven, saying, This
is my beloved Son,
in whom I am
well pleased.

With you too!

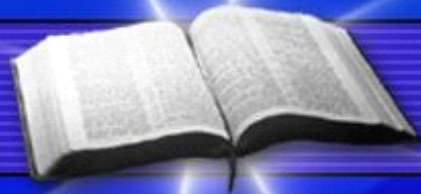




Mark 1:9

And it came to pass
in those days, that
Jesus came from
Nazareth of Galilee,
and was baptized of
John in Jordan.

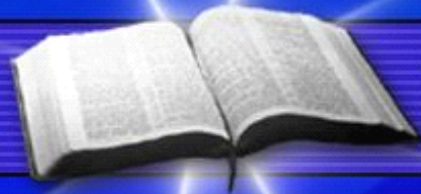




Mark 1:10

And straightway
coming up out of the
water, he saw the
heavens opened, and
the Spirit like a dove
descending upon him:





Mark 1:11

And there came a
voice from heaven,
saying, Thou art my
beloved Son, in whom
I am well pleased.





“The Anointed One”

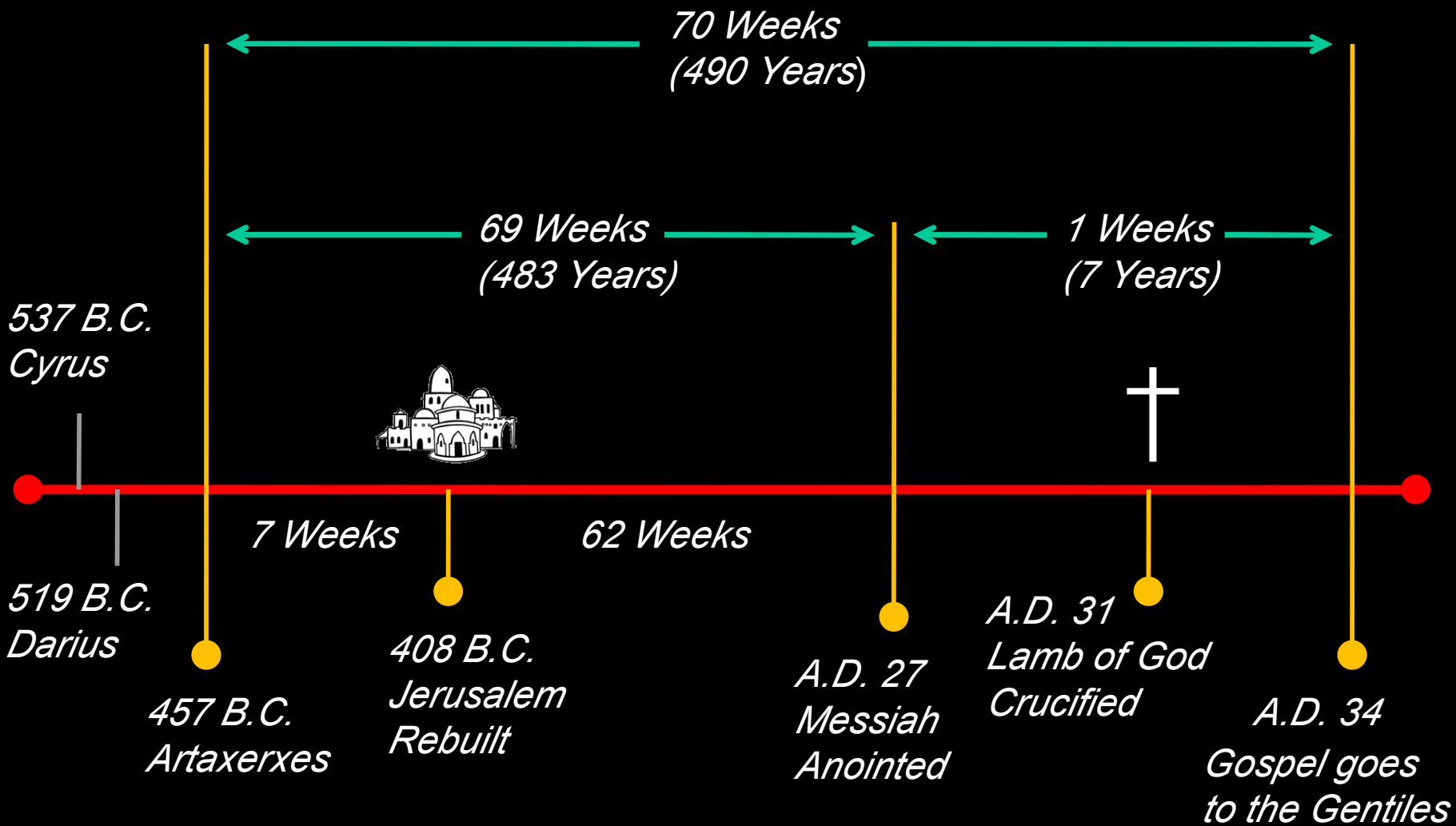
Began His
public Ministry

“The Time is” Fulfilled

Mark 1:15 (70th Week of Daniel)

**“The Kingdom of God is at hand;
repent and believe the gospel.”**

Restoration of Image of God in man



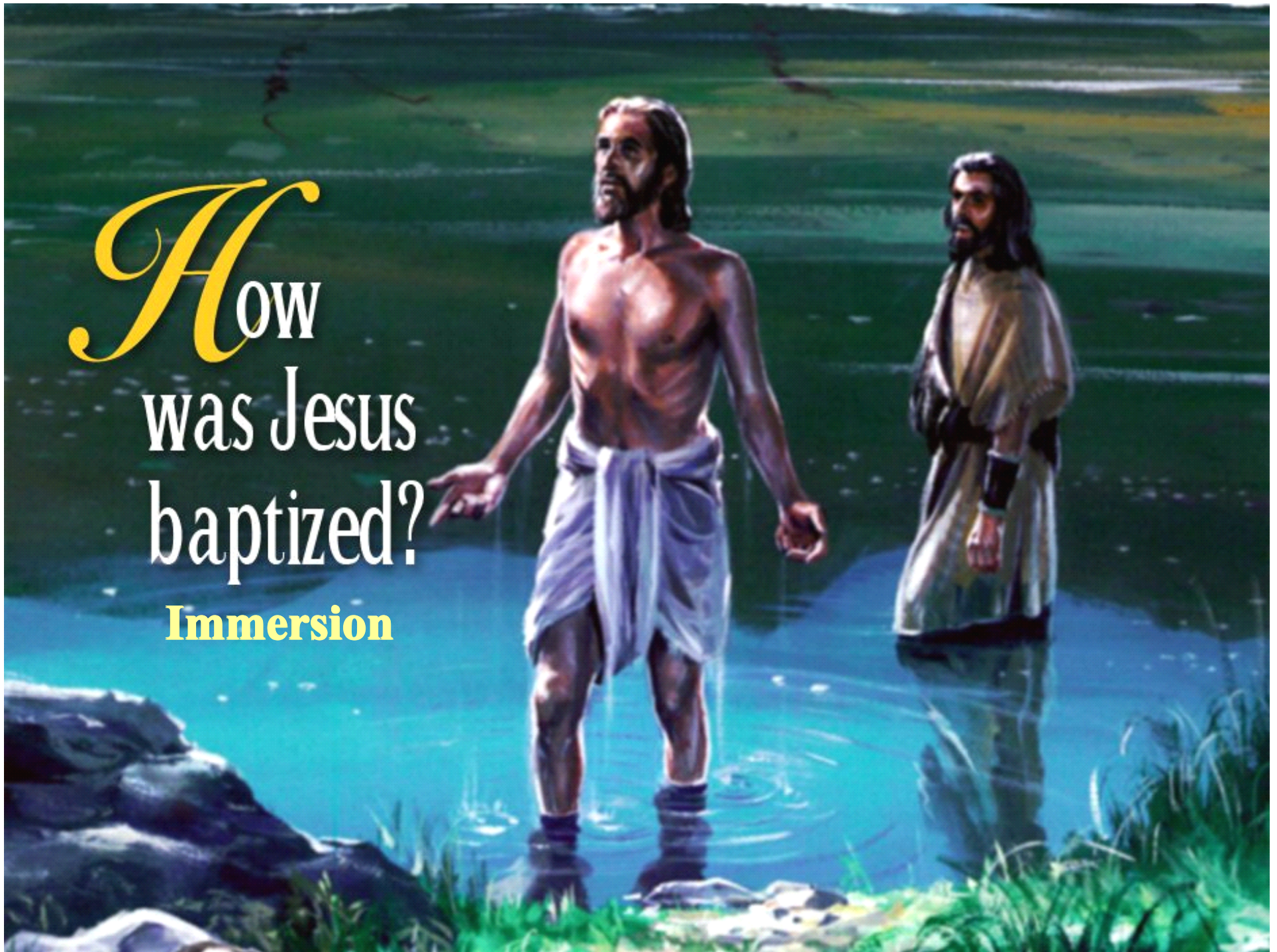
ACTS 10:38 K J V

**“... God anointed
Jesus of
Nazareth with
the Holy Ghost
and with power:**



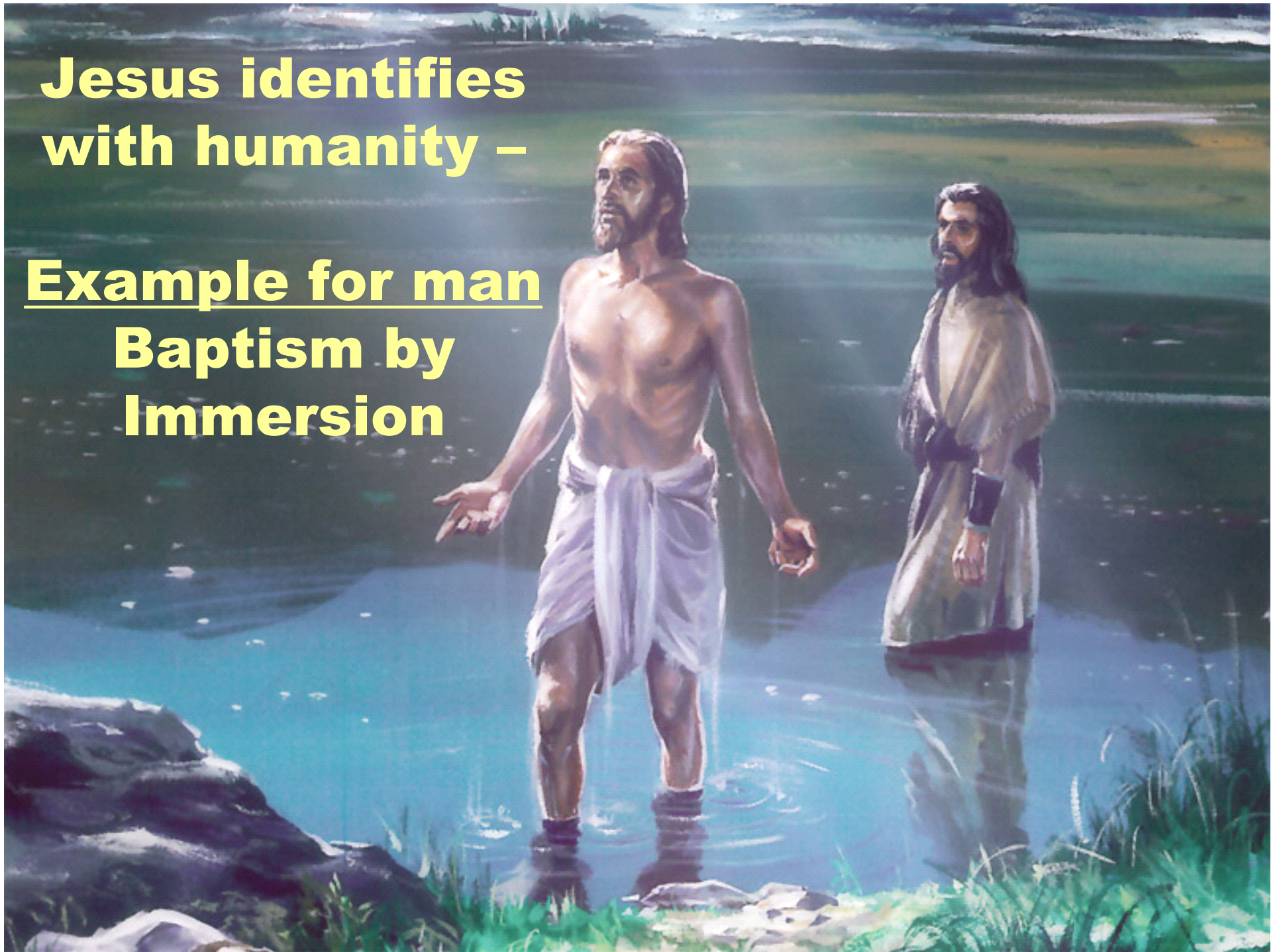
How
was Jesus
baptized?

Immersion



**Jesus identifies
with humanity –**

**Example for man
Baptism by
Immersion**





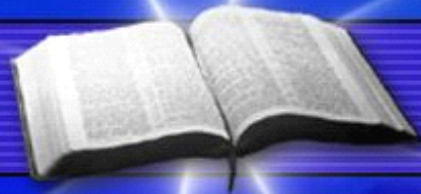
Colossians 2:12

Buried with him in baptism, wherein
also ye are risen with him through
the faith of the operation of God,
who hath raised him from the dead.

Buried in a watery grave



**If One died for all
then all died.
2 Cor. 5:14**



John 3:23

And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.

Sprinkling ruled out

Jordan River



Holy Bible

**A True Seeker
A Divine Appointment**

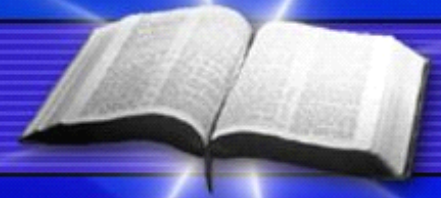
How did Philip
baptize the
treasurer of
Ethiopia?



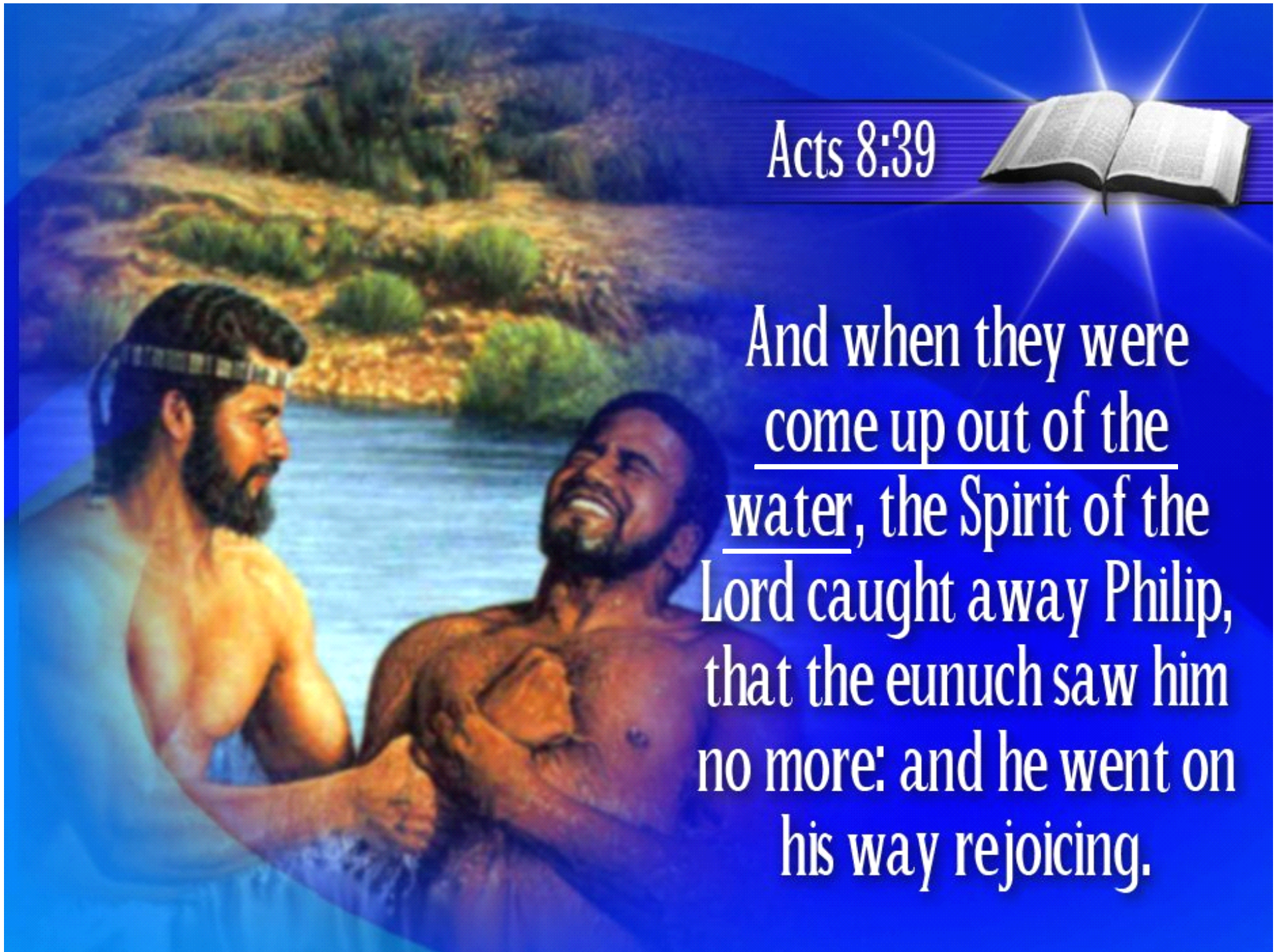
Acts 8:38

And he commanded
the chariot to stand
still: and they went
down both into the
water, both Philip
and the eunuch; and
he baptized him.

Acts 8:39



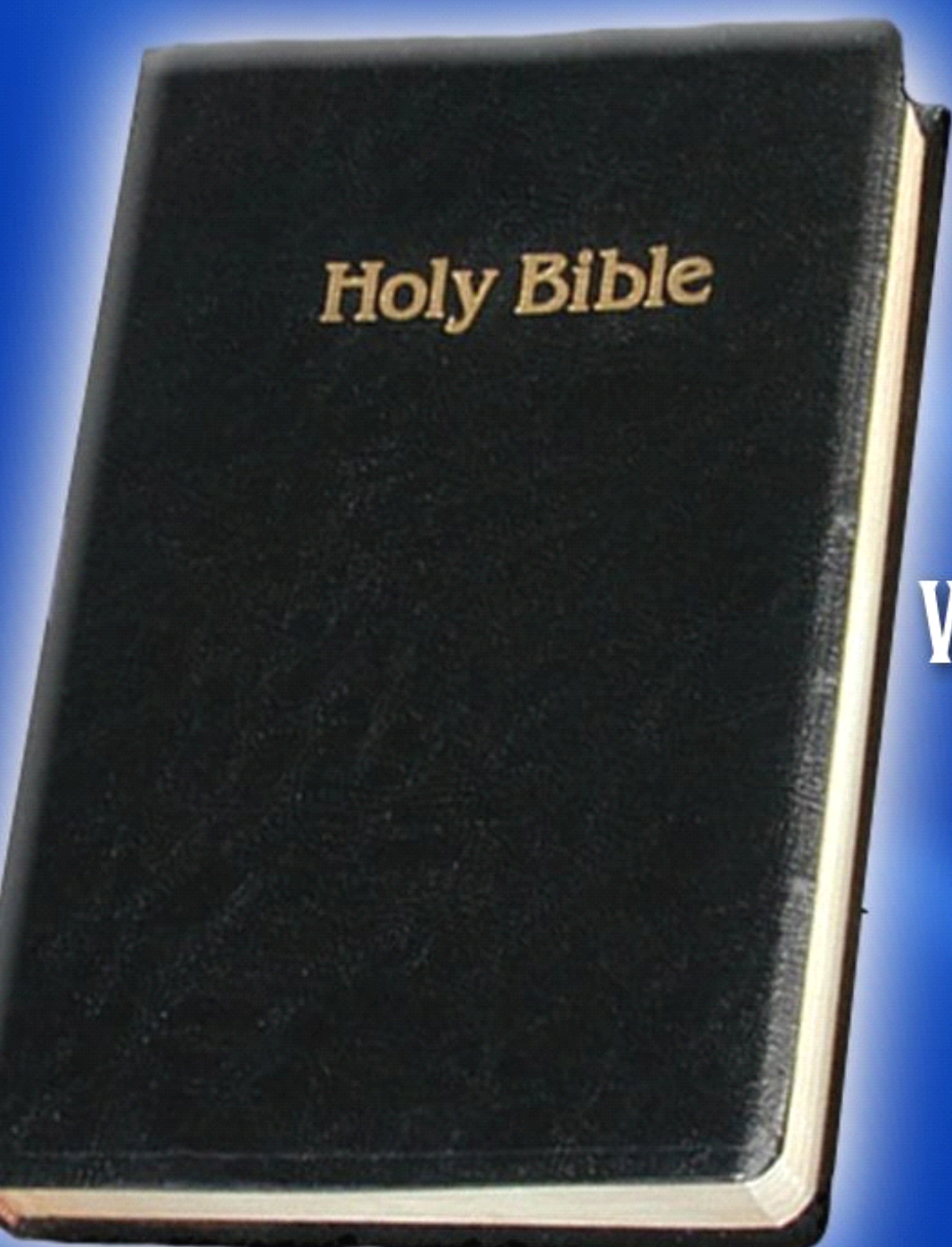
And when they were
come up out of the
water, the Spirit of the
Lord caught away Philip,
that the eunuch saw him
no more: and he went on
his way rejoicing.





**A True Seeker & Honest Heart
Buried the old man - Risen a New man**

**Here by coincidence?
Divine appointment tonight**



Holy Bible

What does the
word “baptize”
mean?



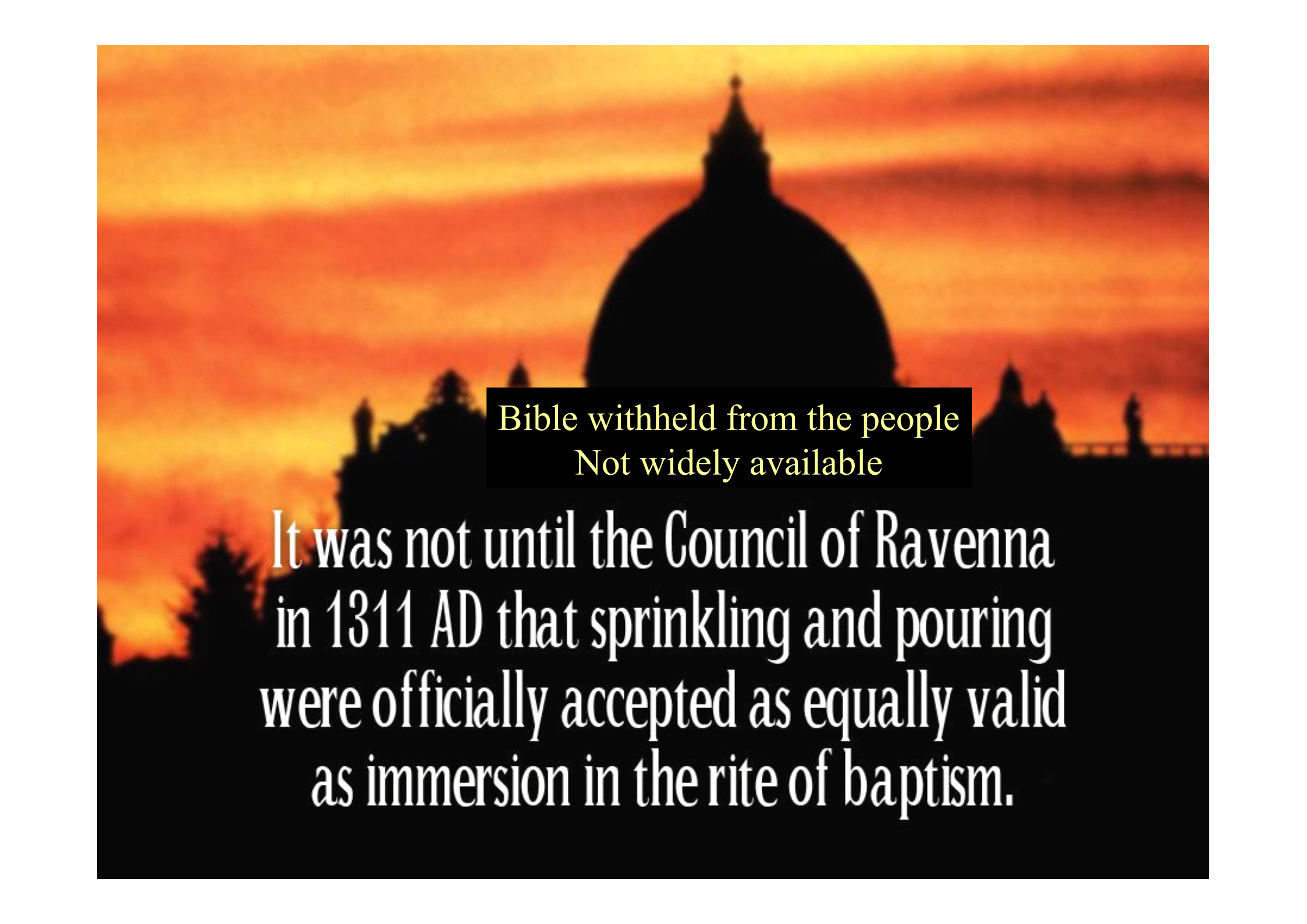
Baptism

What does it mean



The Greek word,
“baptizo” means
“to dip”, to “immerse”,
to plunge underwater.

How did the change occur?

The background of the slide is a photograph of a large, dark silhouette of a dome, likely a cathedral or church, set against a vibrant sunset sky. The sky transitions from a deep orange at the bottom to a bright yellow at the top. The dome is the central focus, with its spire pointing upwards. Other smaller silhouettes of architectural elements are visible in the background.

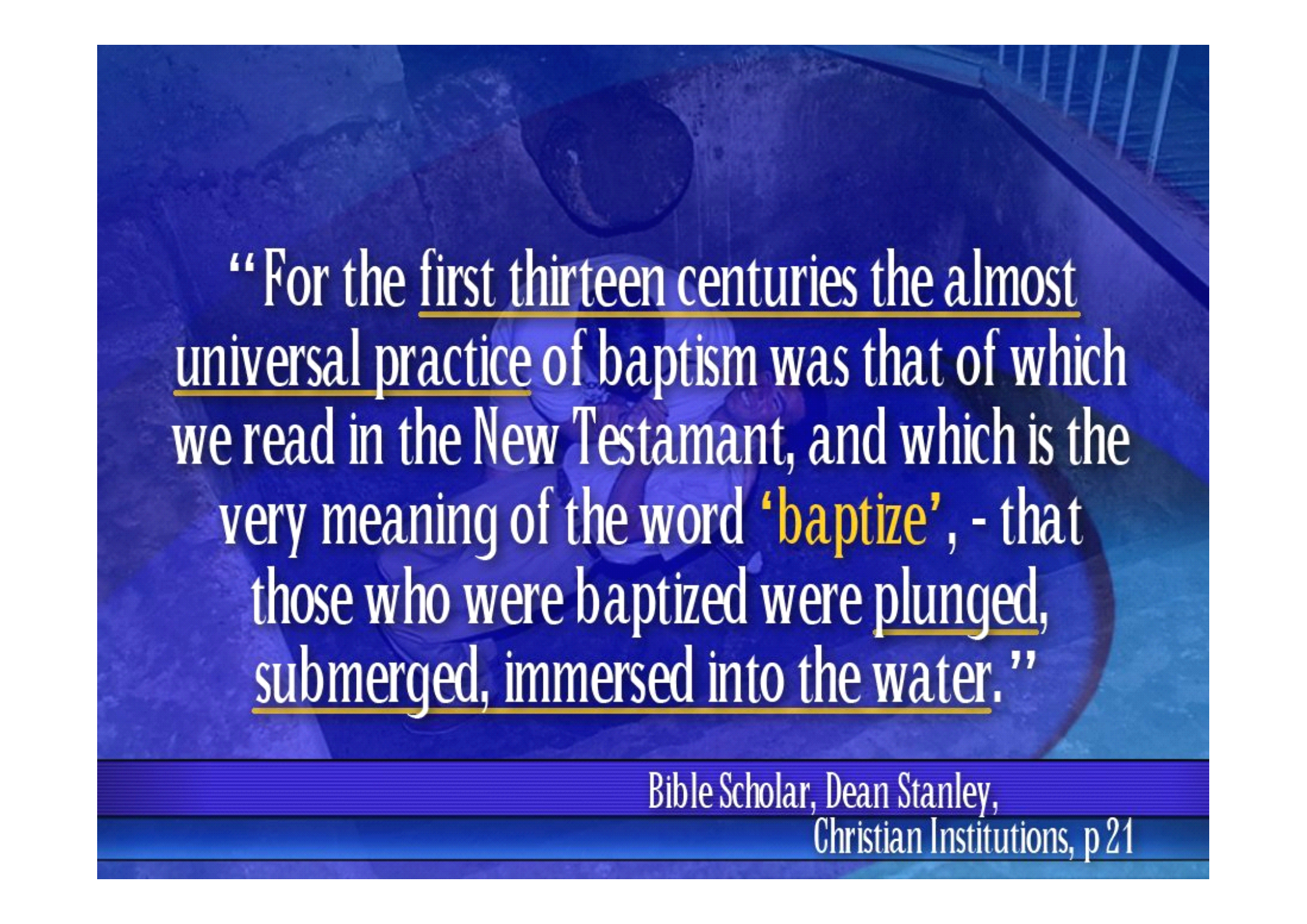
Bible withheld from the people
Not widely available

It was not until the Council of Ravenna
in 1311 AD that sprinkling and pouring
were officially accepted as equally valid
as immersion in the rite of baptism.



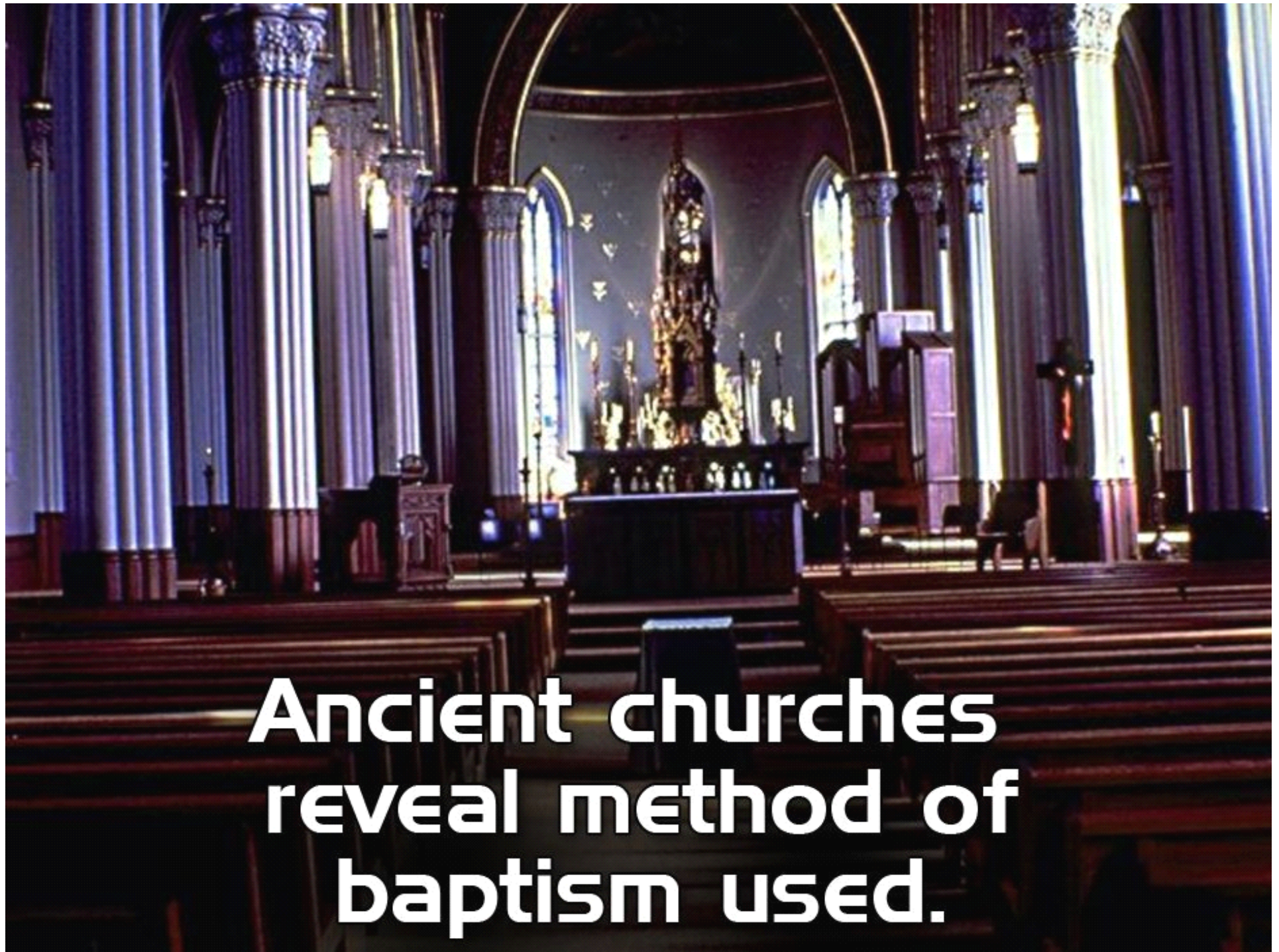
Medieval Dark Ages

- Baptism perverted
- Immortal Soul Idea
- Eternal torment
- Sunday Sacredness

A photograph of a baptism in a stone pool, overlaid with a blue gradient and white text. The text is a quote from a Bible scholar, with several words underlined. The word 'baptize' is highlighted in yellow. The background shows a person being baptized in a stone pool, with a person standing behind them.

“For the first thirteen centuries the almost universal practice of baptism was that of which we read in the New Testament, and which is the very meaning of the word ‘**baptize**’, - that those who were baptized were plunged, submerged, immersed into the water.”

Bible Scholar, Dean Stanley,
Christian Institutions, p 21



**Ancient churches
reveal method of
baptism used.**



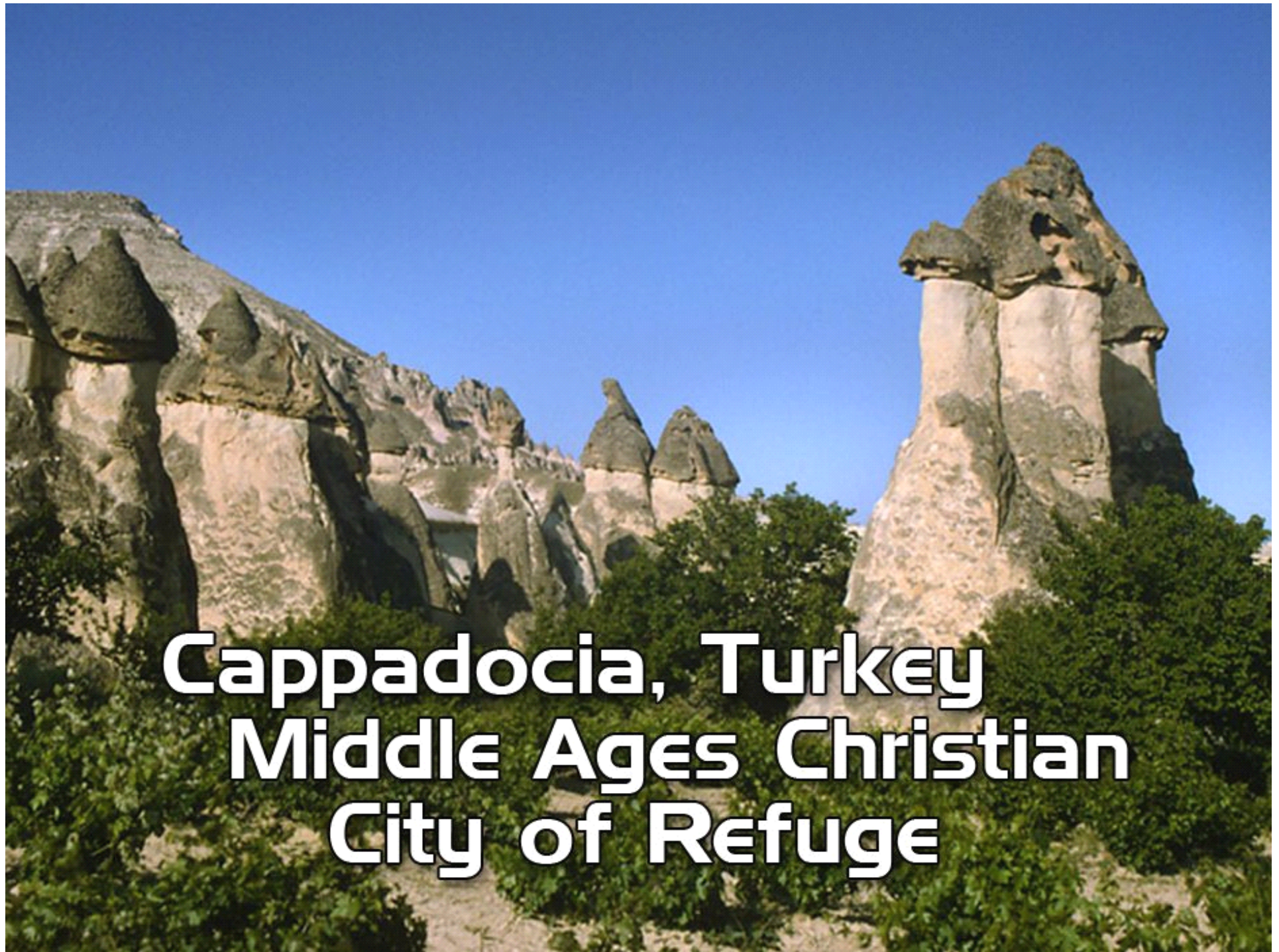
**First Century
Church in Philippi**

Churches in Rome

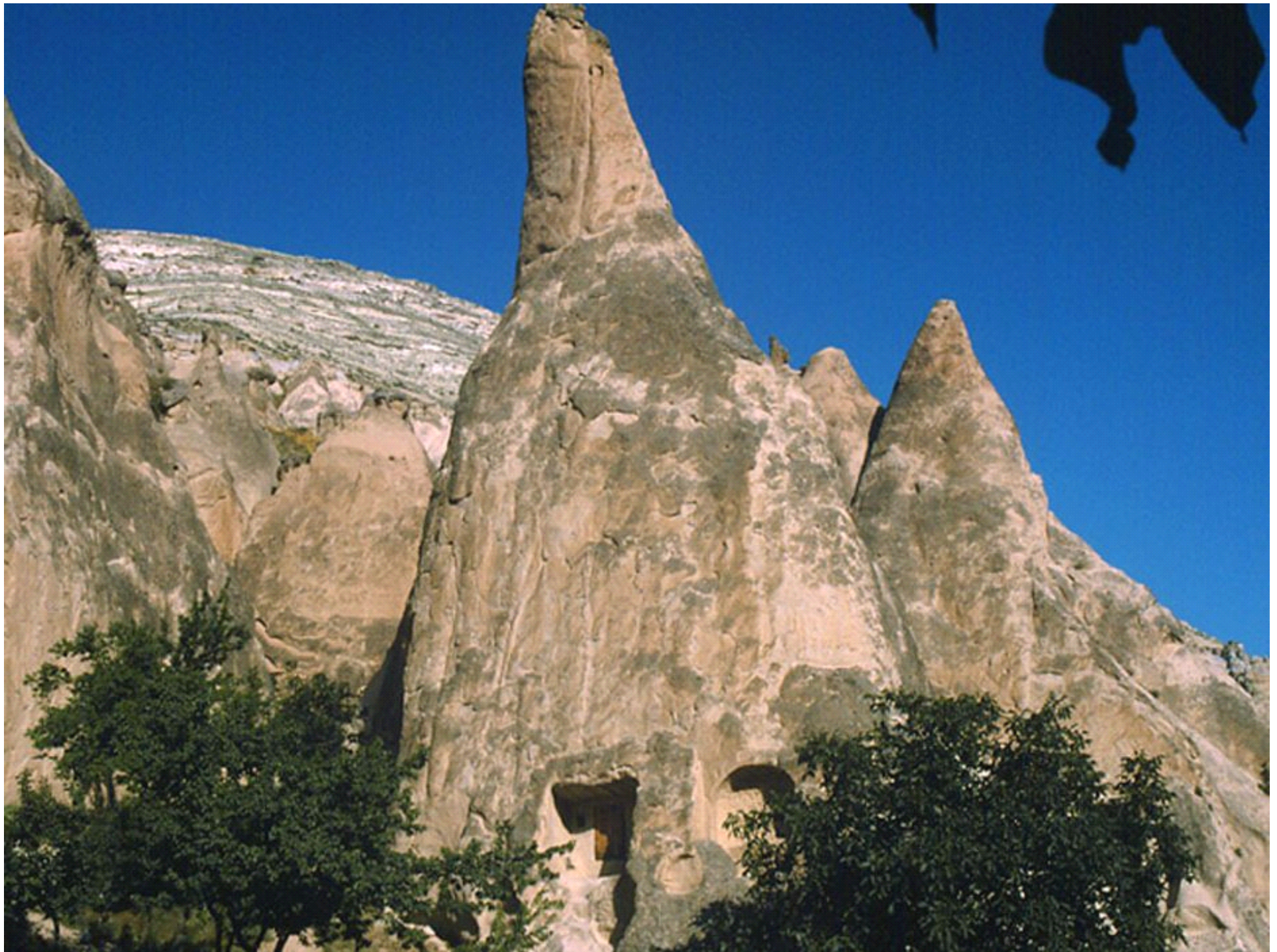




Baptistry in Rome



Cappadocia, Turkey
Middle Ages Christian
City of Refuge





Pouring Water

Coca Cola

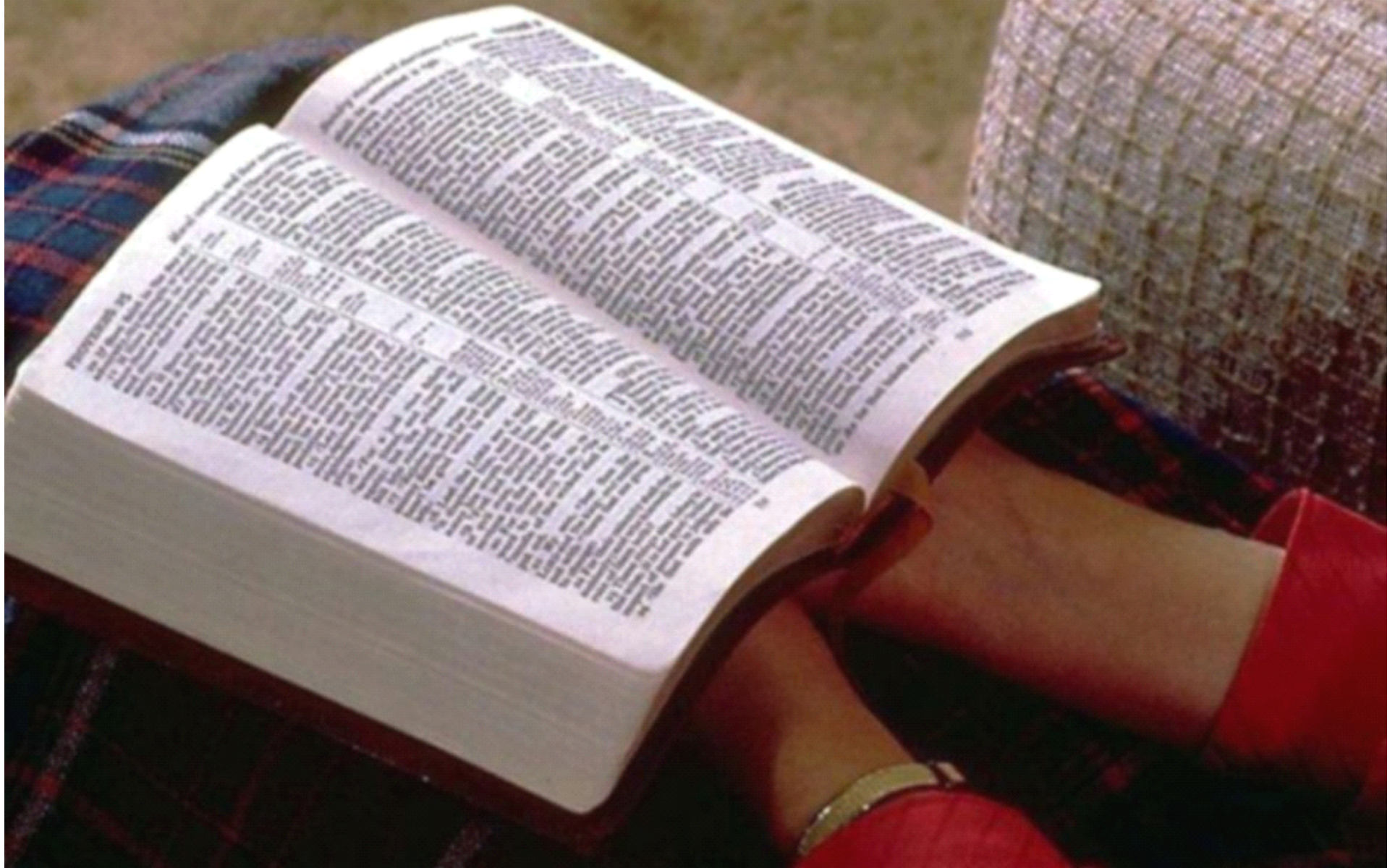
Rose Pedals

Sprinkle garden hose

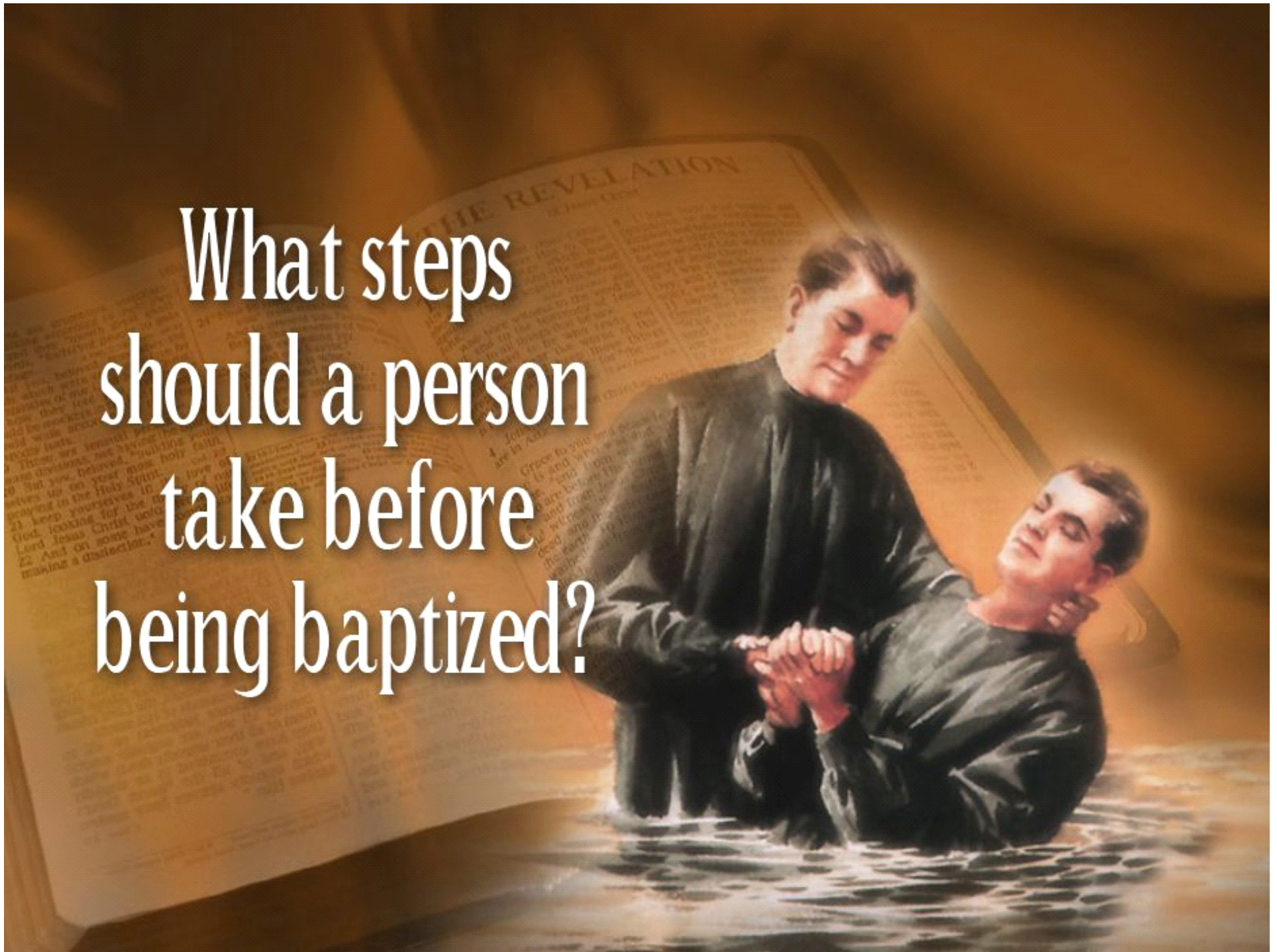
Call Apple → Orange

Romans 6

Prerequisites for Baptism



What steps
should a person
take before
being baptized?





Steps to Baptism

1. Repent - a genuine sorrow for sin.

Acts 2:37

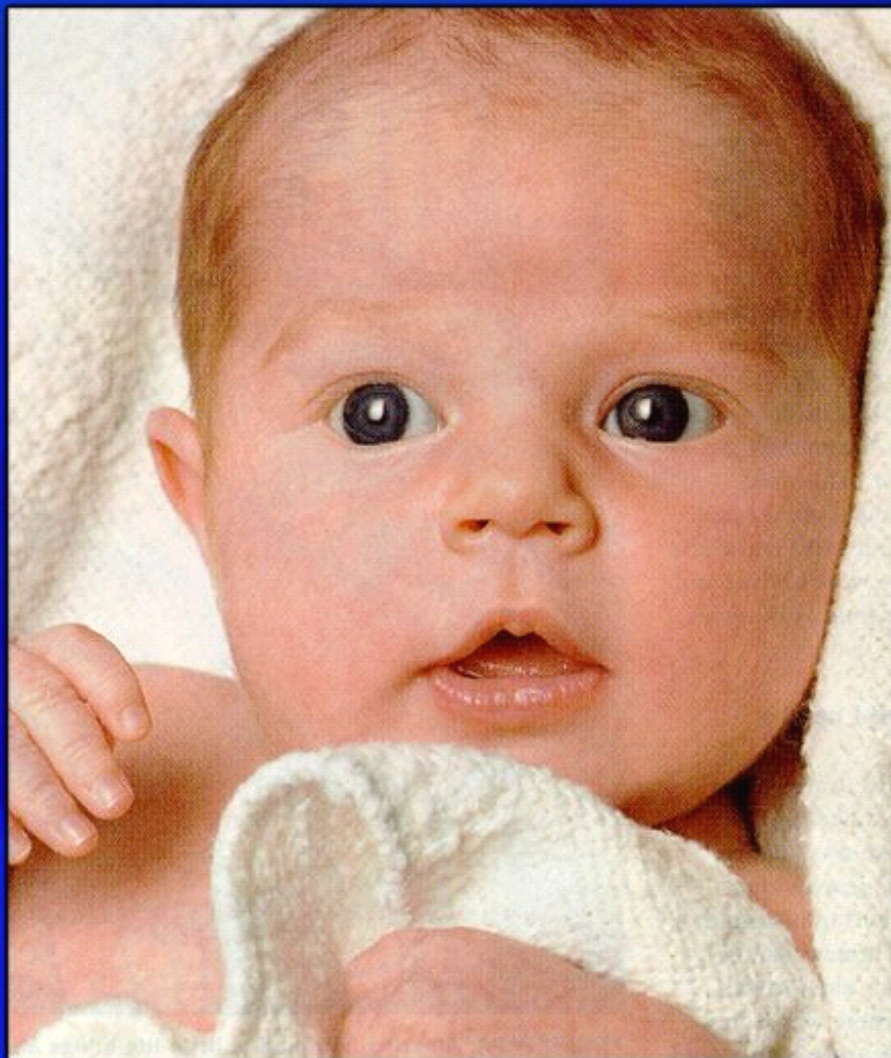
2. Believe - an acceptance of Jesus
as both Saviour and Lord.

John 3: 3, 5

**New
Birth**

3. Learn - Instruction in the essentials
of Biblical faith.

Mt. 28:20



Repent / Believe / Teach = NO
Child Dedication = YES



Conditions:

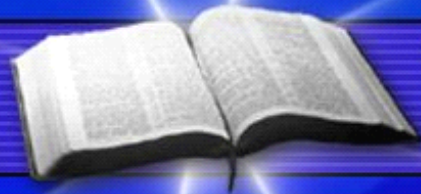
- 1. Repent**
- 2. Believe**
- 3. Learn**

Child Dedication - Yes



Holy Bible

What does the Bible say about those who put the teachings of men before the truth of God?



Matthew 15:9

But in vain they
do worship me,
teaching for doctrines
the commandments
of men.

**Worshipping in Vain?
Accepting Traditions**



The Choice

Bible
God's Law
Jesus Teachings
Divine Command
Truth
Genuine
God's Way

Tradition
Human Rules
Human Thoughts
Human Substitute
Error
Counterfeit
Man's Way

Satan's plan to confuse:

1. First, **DECEIVE** the church about the **MODE** of baptism.
2. Then, **CONFUSE** the church about the **MEANING** of baptism.
(Romans 6)
3. And finally, **CONVERT** the church to a **MISTAKEN DAY OF WORSHIP** to fill the void created when it forgot that baptism was the institution God gave the church to commemorate the resurrection of Christ.

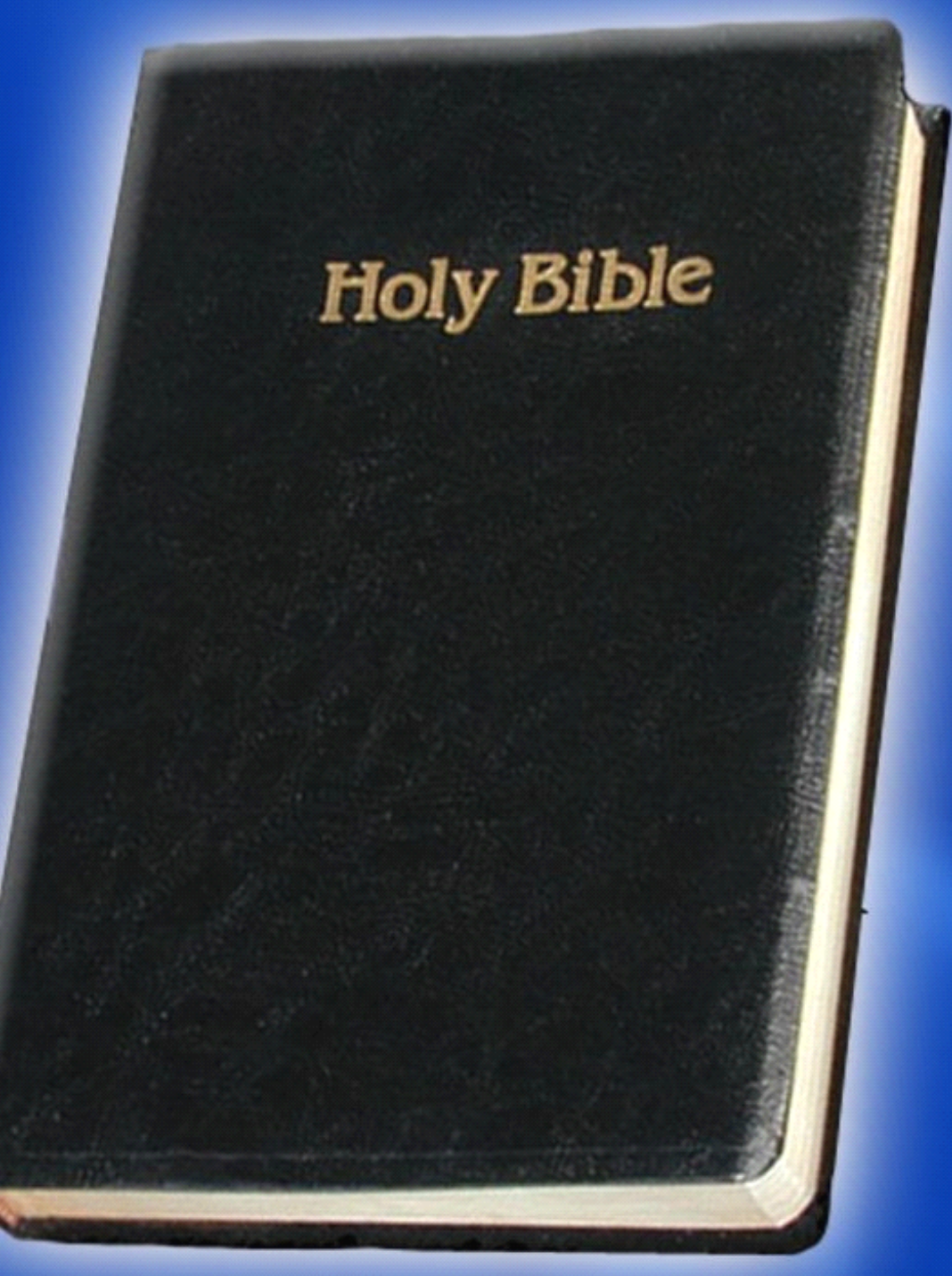


Baptism
doesn't mean
you're perfect;
it means you're
committed.

Committed to Christ
Growing in Grace unto
perfection

Baptism
can give us a
new sense of
direction, a
new freedom,
and a new
spiritual
power.





Holy Bible

What blessed
ceremony can
be compared
to baptism?



Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, love your
wives, even as Christ
also loved the
church, and gave
himself for it.





Galatians 3:27

For as many of
you as have been
baptized into Christ
have put on Christ.

A New Name of the Husband
Marriage to Christ
Romans 6 & 7



Taking a Public Stand The Exodus





Outside the door
Take a public stand





A photograph of a church service. In the foreground, a woman with long red hair is looking upwards with her eyes closed, appearing to be in prayer or a state of spiritual reflection. She is wearing a dark blue top. To her left, a man in a white shirt is seen from the side, also looking upwards. In the background, several other people are visible, some with their hands raised in a gesture of praise or prayer. The lighting is dim, typical of a church interior.

**Opportunity for
Public Confession
Belief
Repent
Learn**

“Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven.” Mt. 10:32

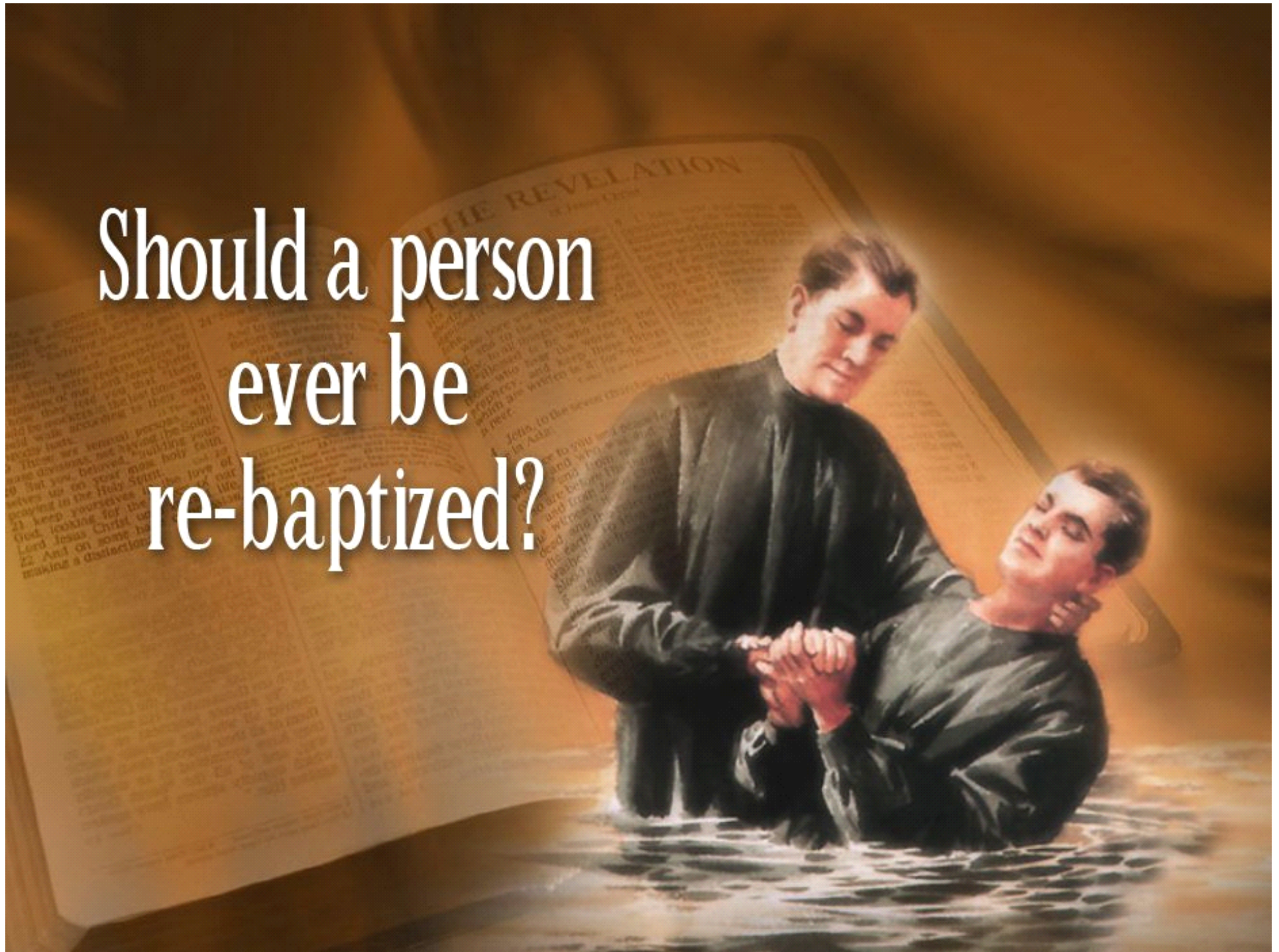


Who should be Baptized?



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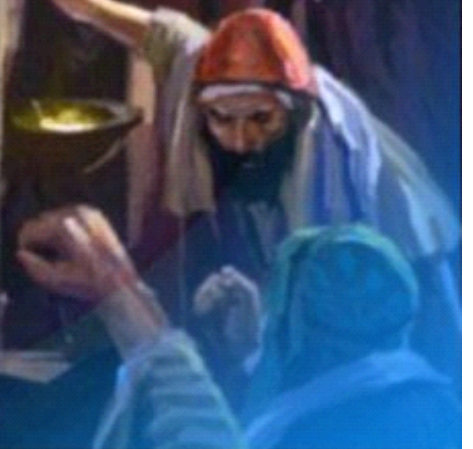
Should a person
ever be
re-baptized?





Acts 19:1

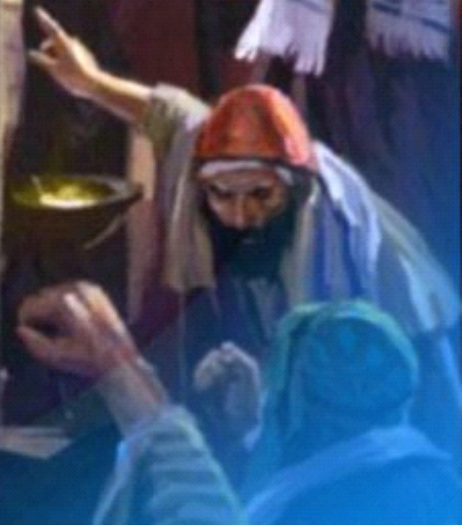
And it came to pass,
that, while Apollos
was at Corinth, Paul
having passed
through the





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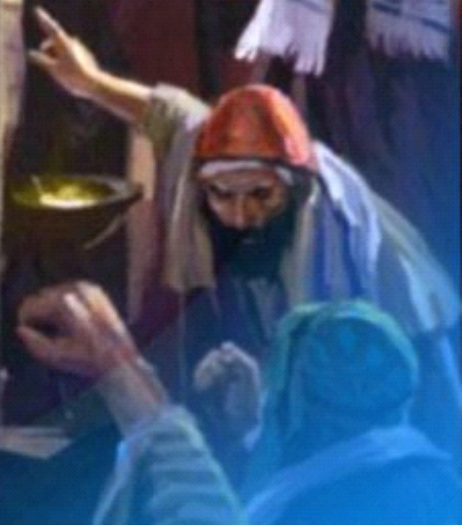
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Ephesus: and finding
certain disciples,





Acts 19:2

He said unto them,
Have ye received the
Holy Ghost since
ye believed?

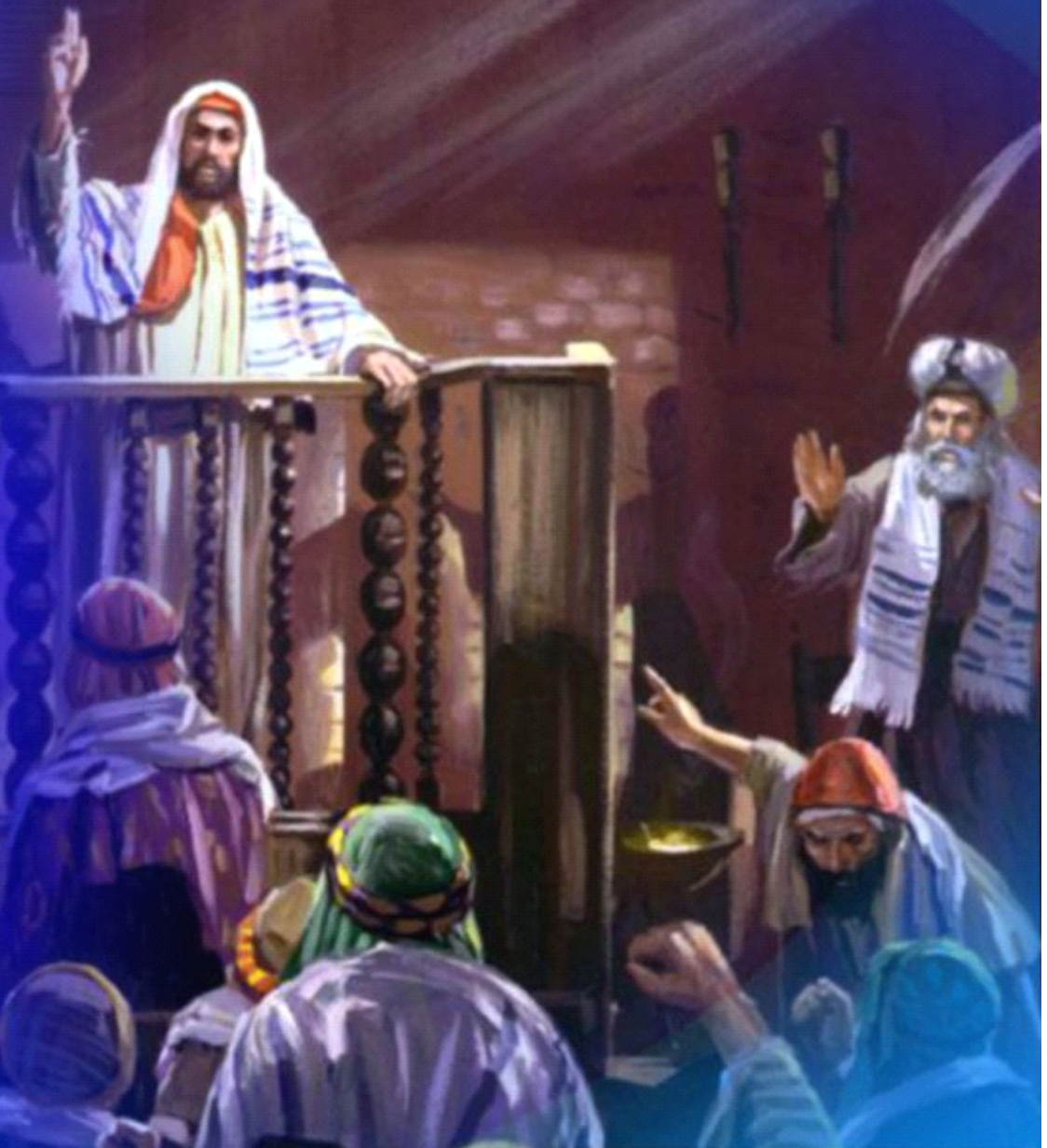




Acts 19:2

And they said unto
him, We have not so
much as heard
whether there be
any Holy Ghost.

Lack of Understanding

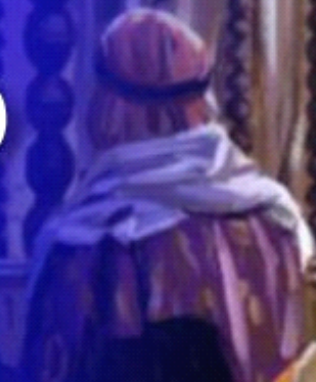
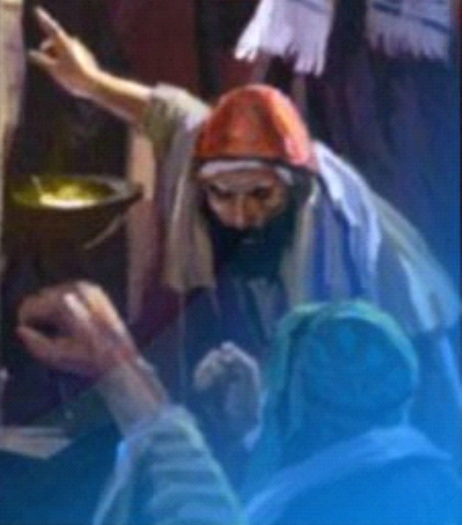




Acts 19:3

And he said unto
them, Unto what then
were ye baptized?
And they said, Unto
John's baptism.

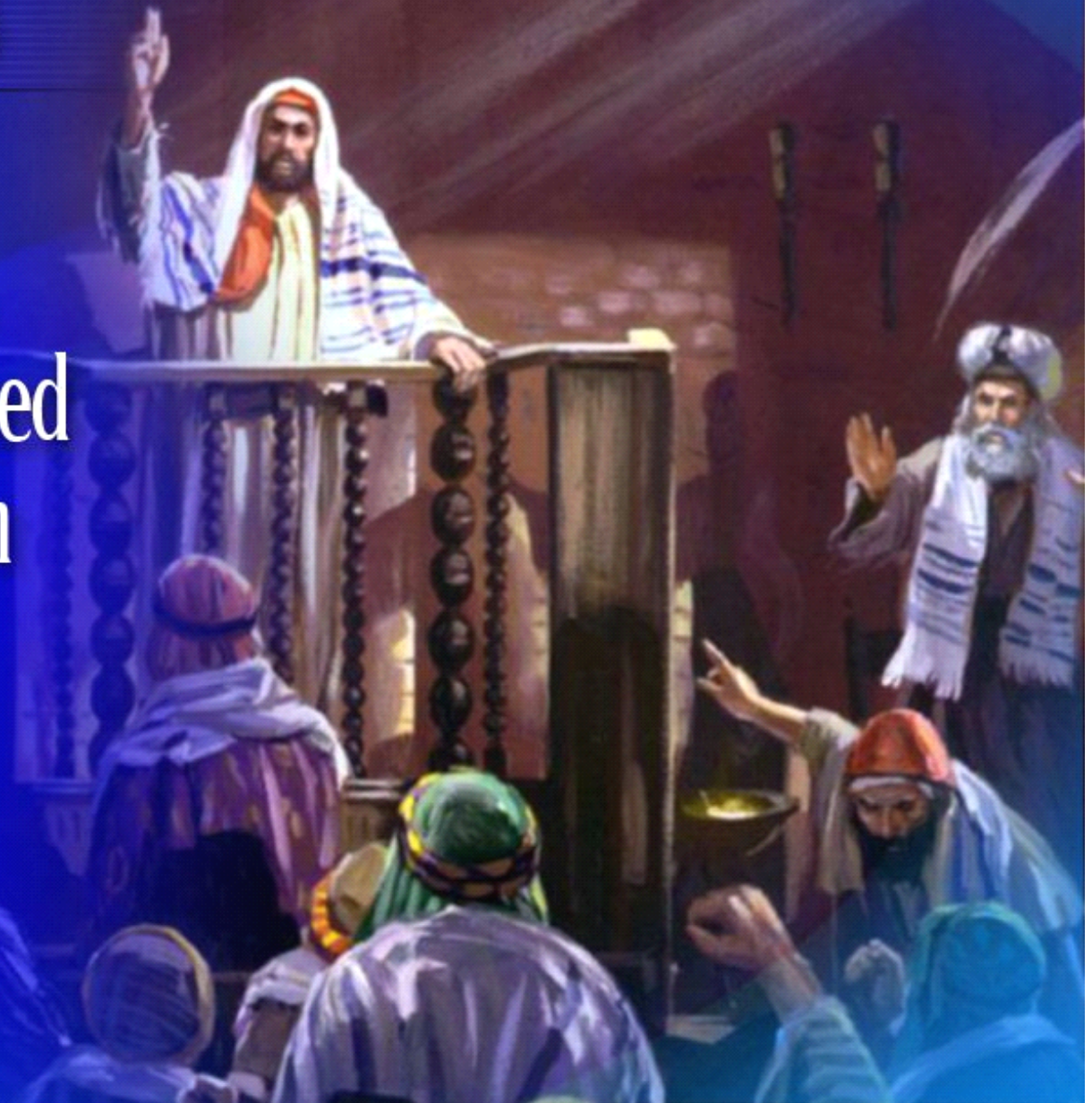
A Good Baptism





Acts 19:4

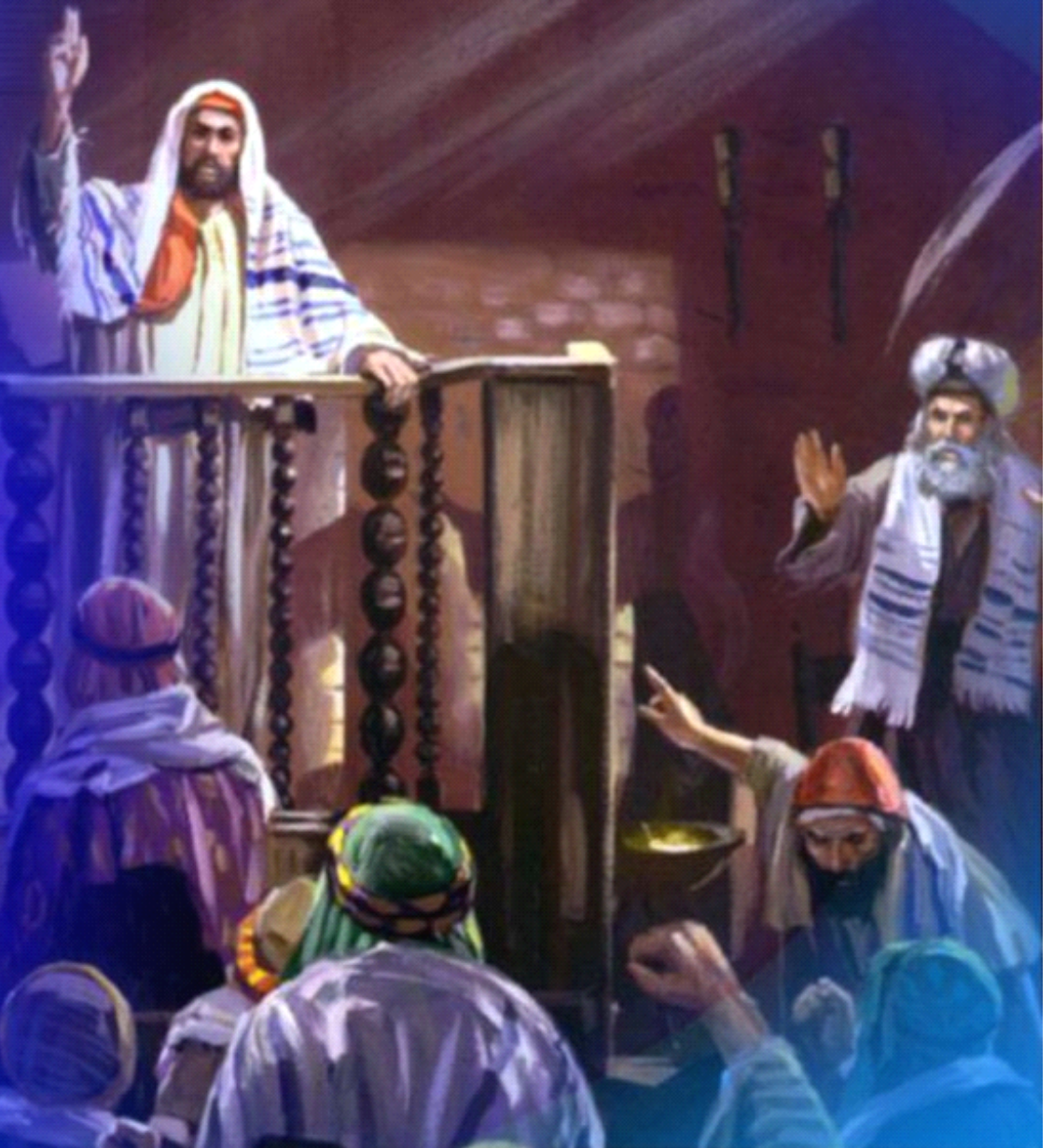
Then said Paul,
John verily baptized
with the baptism
of repentance,





Acts 19:4

saying unto the
people, that they
should believe on
him which should
come after him, that
is, on Christ Jesus.





Acts 19:5

When they heard
this, they were
baptized in the
name of the
Lord Jesus.

Further Understanding
Rebaptized





What happens when
we are **Baptized**





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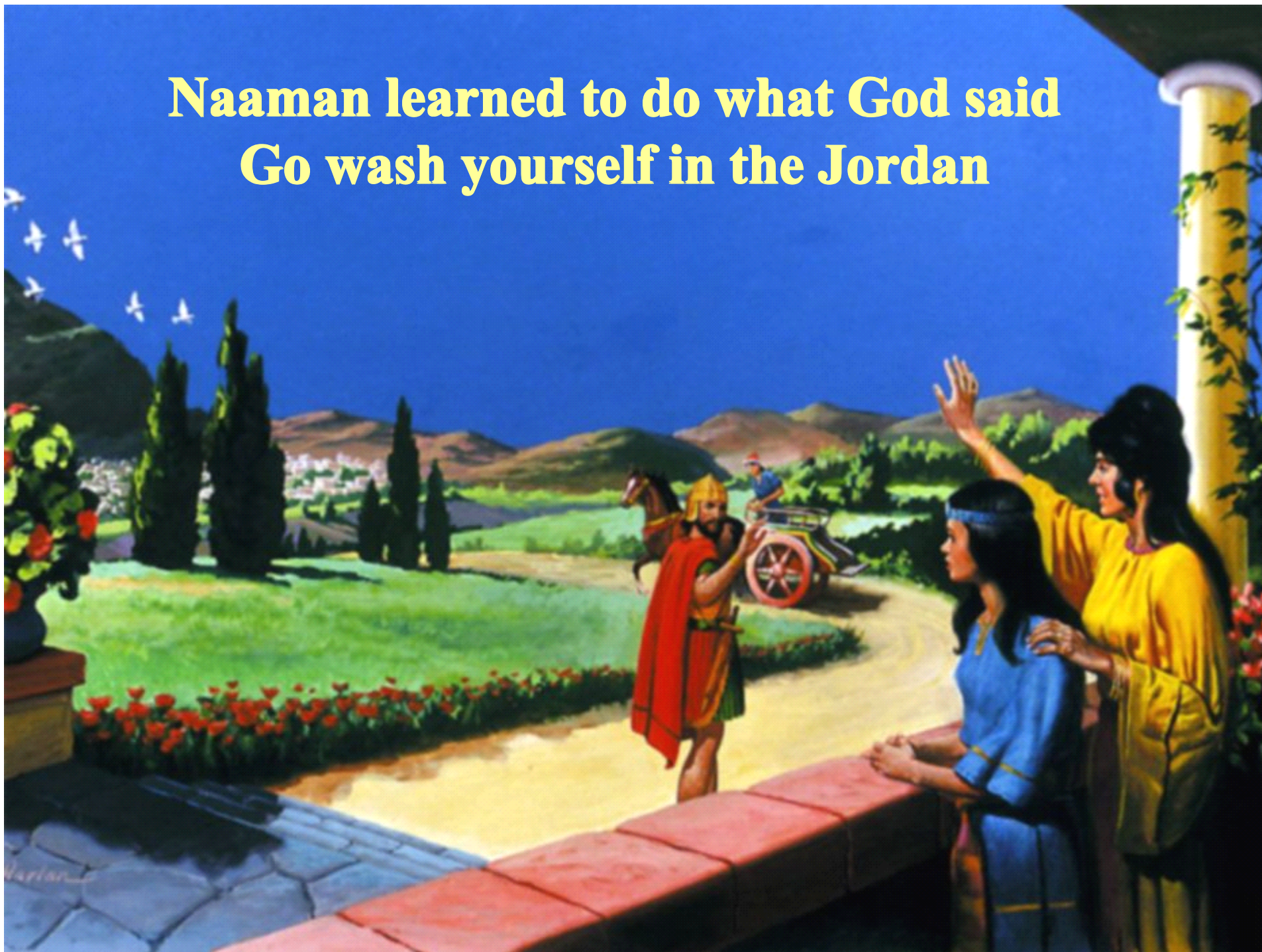
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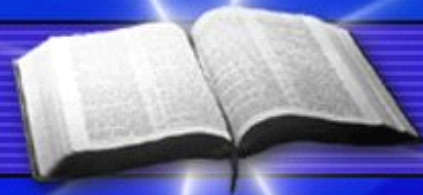
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3. We are adopted into God's family.

Those led by the Spirit of God are sons of God (Rom. 8)
Those receiving Him become sons of God (John 1)

**Naaman learned to do what God said
Go wash yourself in the Jordan**





2 Kings 5:10

And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.





Why not the River Pharpar in Damascus?
One time!



**Was it the water that cleansed him?
He believed God's Word**

**When God Commands:
What a difference a River makes
What a difference a Day makes
Obedience to the Word**

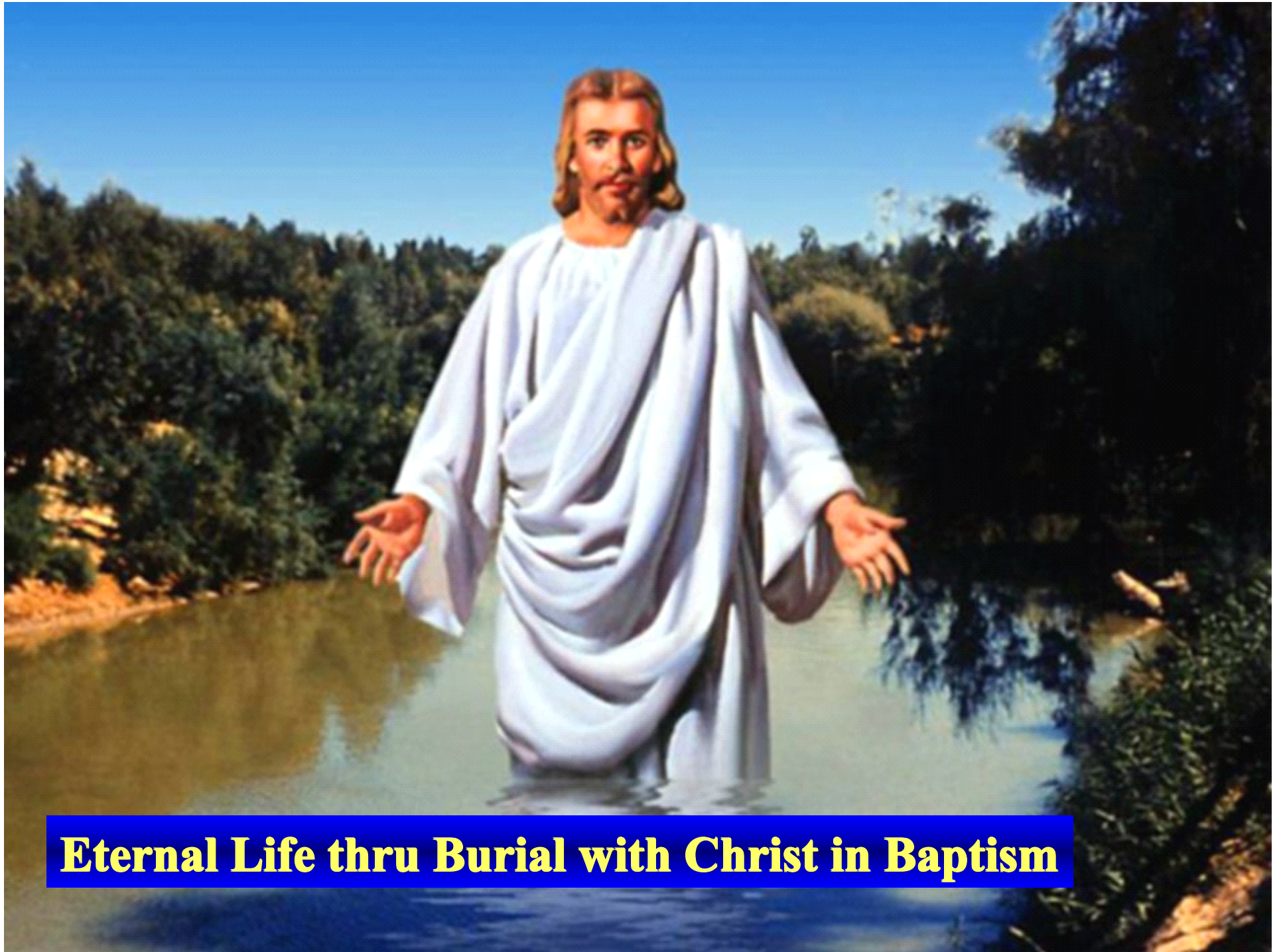


No Need to go to the Jordan River

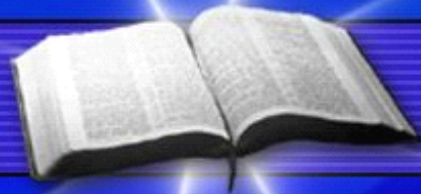
Jordan River

Just go to baptistery with clean warm water





Eternal Life thru Burial with Christ in Baptism



Acts 22:16

And now why tarriest
thou? arise, and be
baptized, and wash
away thy sins, calling
on the name of
the Lord.

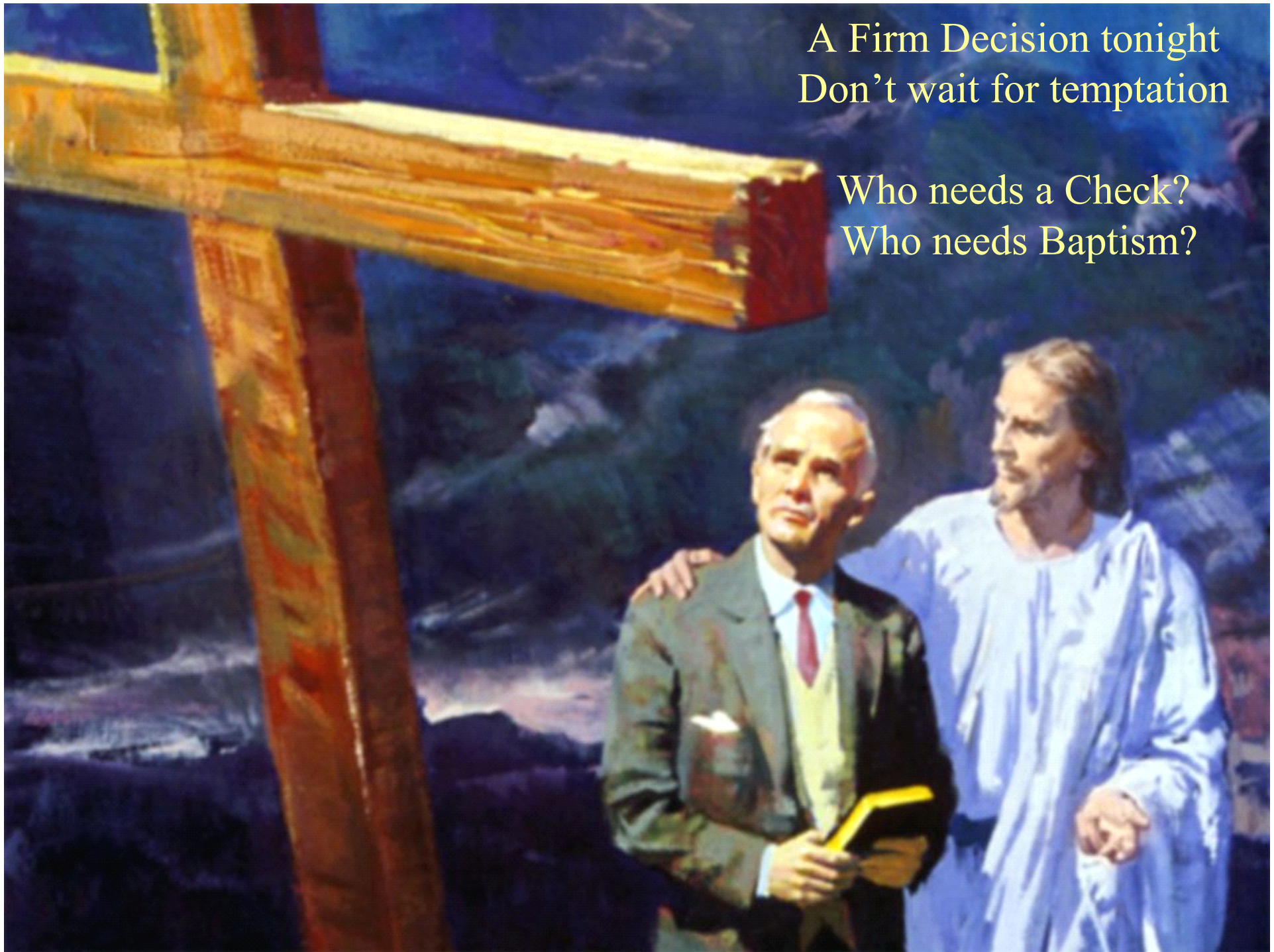
Don't delay any longer

**Public Allegiance to Jesus
Rejection of Satan's kingdom**



A Firm Decision tonight
Don't wait for temptation

Who needs a Check?
Who needs Baptism?





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If you know these things
Happy are you if you do them
John 13





**Why are you waiting?
Arise and be baptized.**