

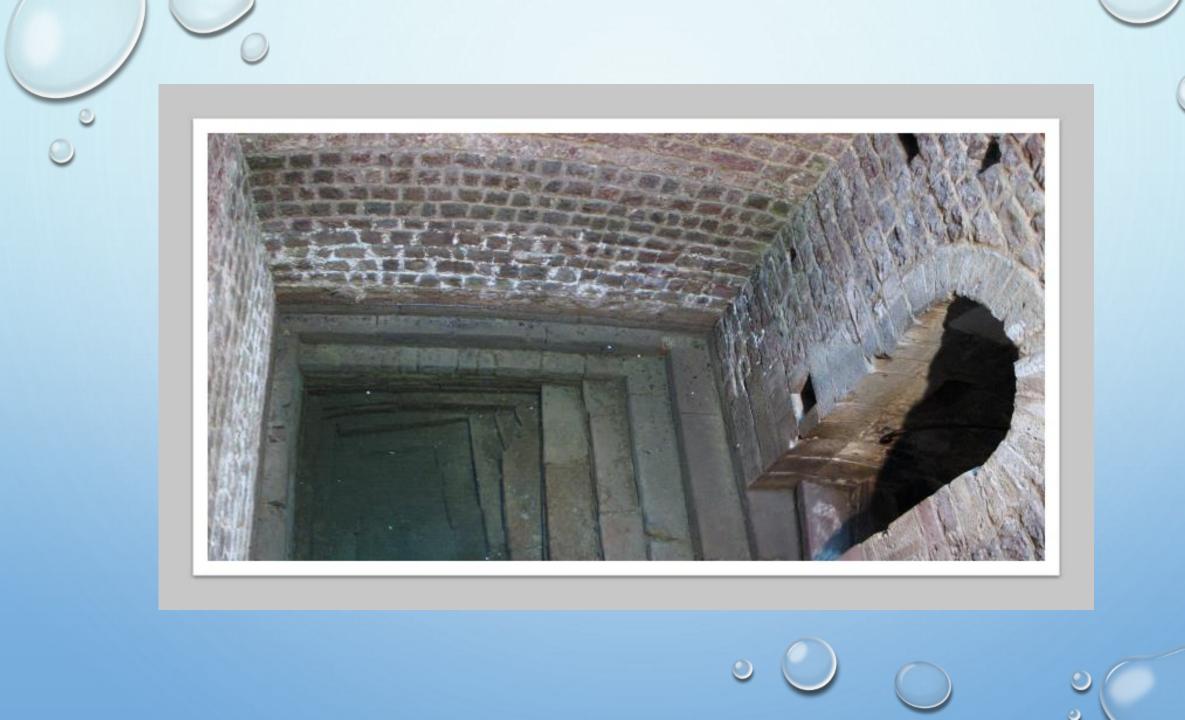


1. The Baptism of John

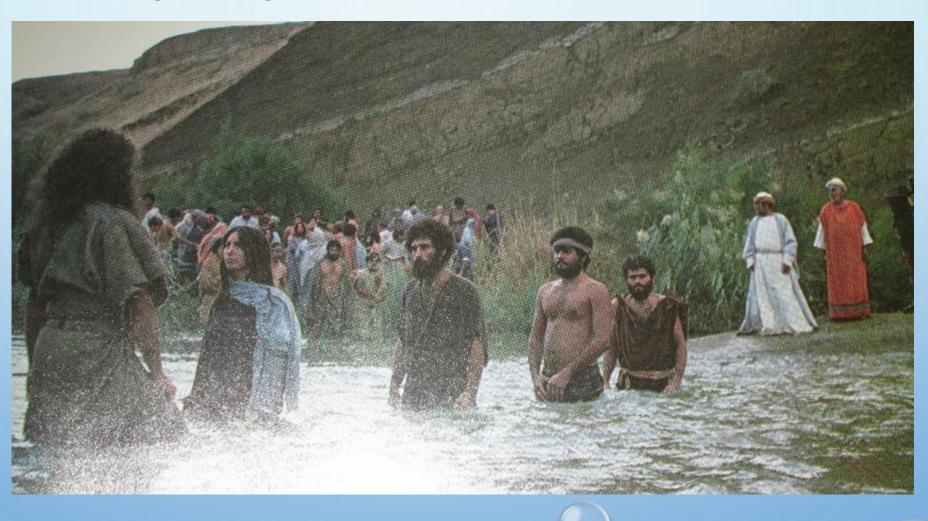


a) Jewish practice of Mikvah





b) John baptizing at the Jordan



c) Jesus baptised by John



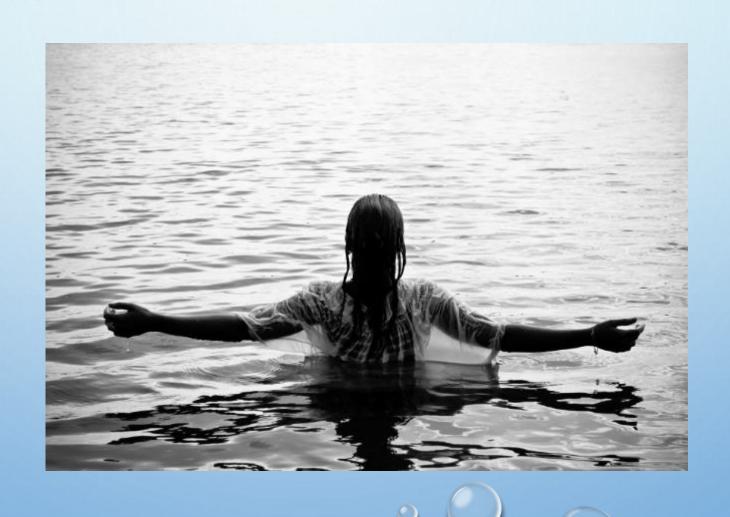
2. The Baptism of Jesus



a) Jesus commanded the Church to practice it! Matt.28:19



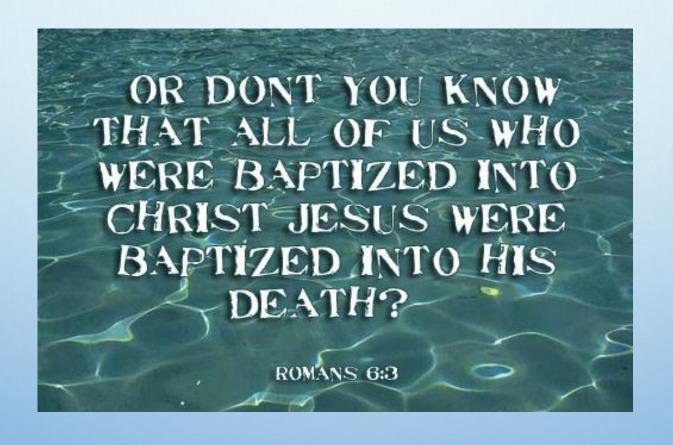
b) The Holy Spirit commanded each individual to Obey it!
Acts 2:38



c) It was the Universal practice of the NT Church



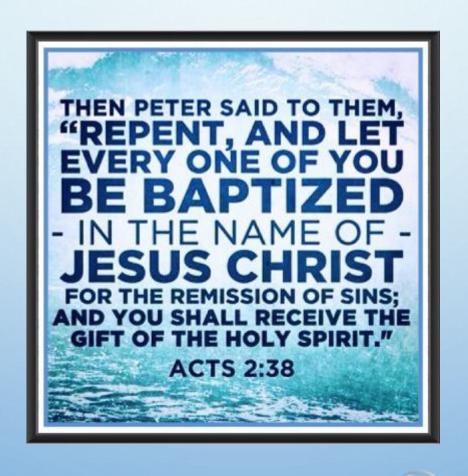
d) It was expounded by the apostles in the epistles



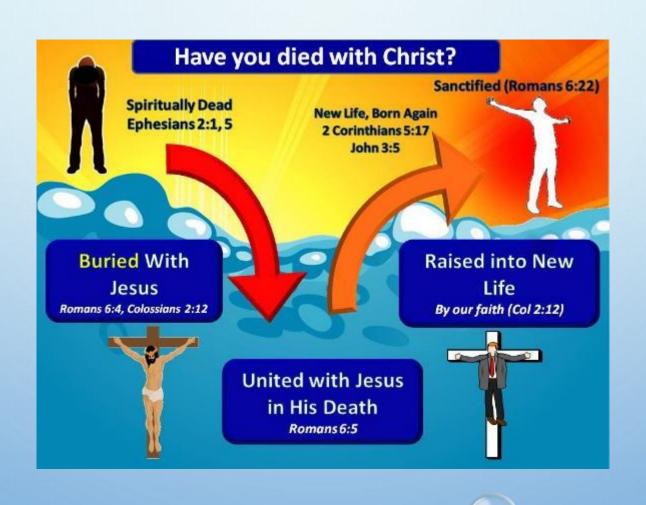
3. Baptism: Identification with Christ



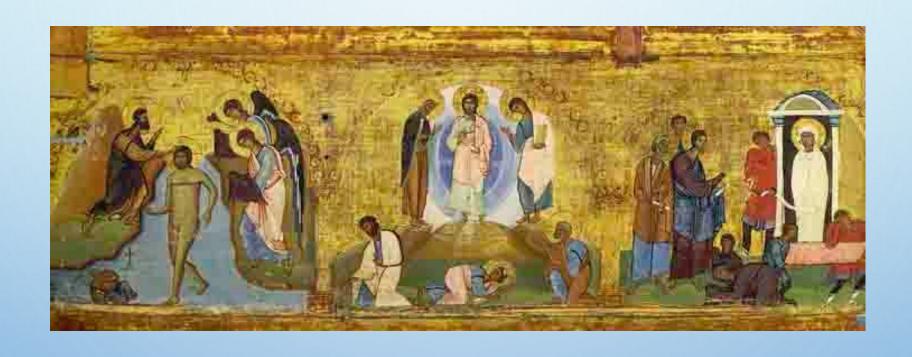
a) Baptism is a Symbol of Repentance & Cleansing



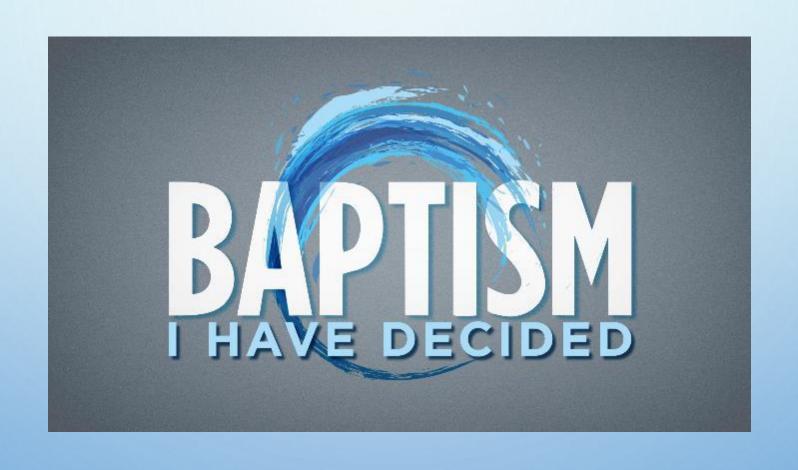
b) Baptism Illustrates an Inward Change



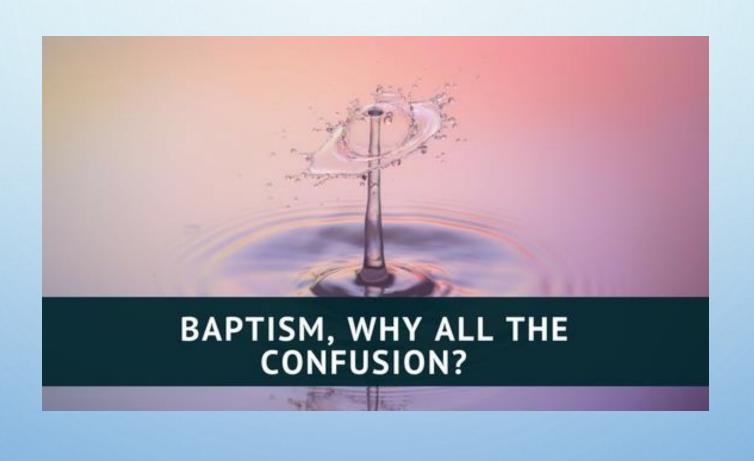
c) Baptism marks Identification with His Church



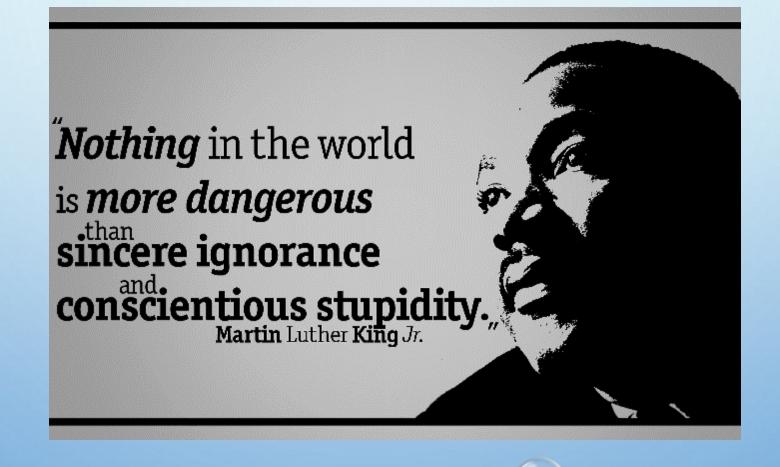
4. Baptism: Reasons for Ignoring It



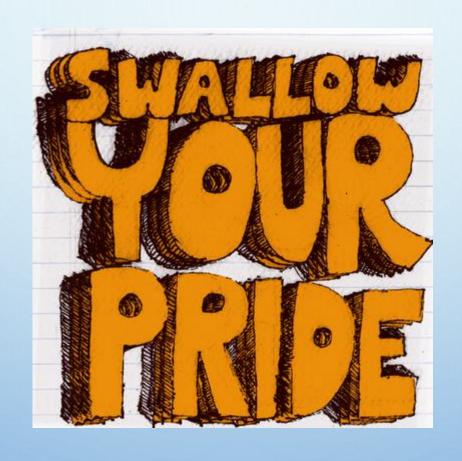




b) Reason two: IGNORANCE



c) Reason three: PRIDE



c) Reason four: INDIFFERENCE

Definition

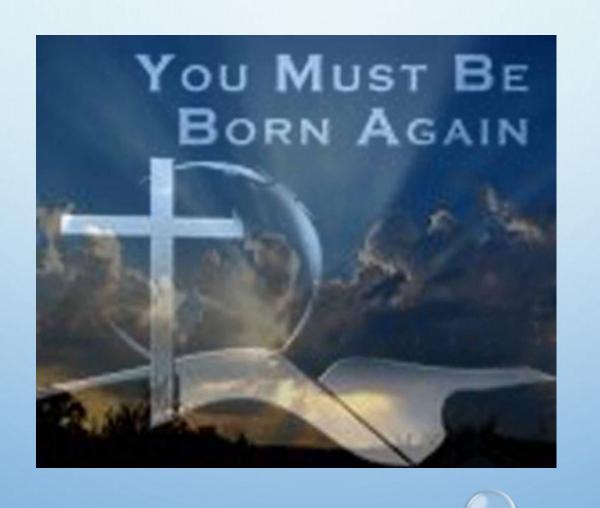
- Indifference is the state of feeling where you just don't care about taking an action,
- The problem with indifference is that sometimes you are aware that doing that thing or taking that action will get you much benefit but still you do nothing.



d) Reason five: Defiance



d) Reason six: Not Born Again



PURPOSE OF WATER BAPTISM

- A. Water Baptism-Acknowledgement
- Water baptism is the means God has chosen by which we identify with Him.
- it is a test of our obedience. On the basis of the work that God has begun in us in repentance, we present ourselves to the ministry as a candidate for water baptism. When we are immersed in water we take on His name and acknowledge His lordship over our lives.
 - For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (Galatians 3:27).
- This is also a public acknowledgement or testimony to the world that we have chosen to be identified with the followers of Christ. It is an outward sign or symbol that demonstrates that God is doing an inward work in our lives.







