



Baptism:

Meaning & Importance

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Various Scriptures



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



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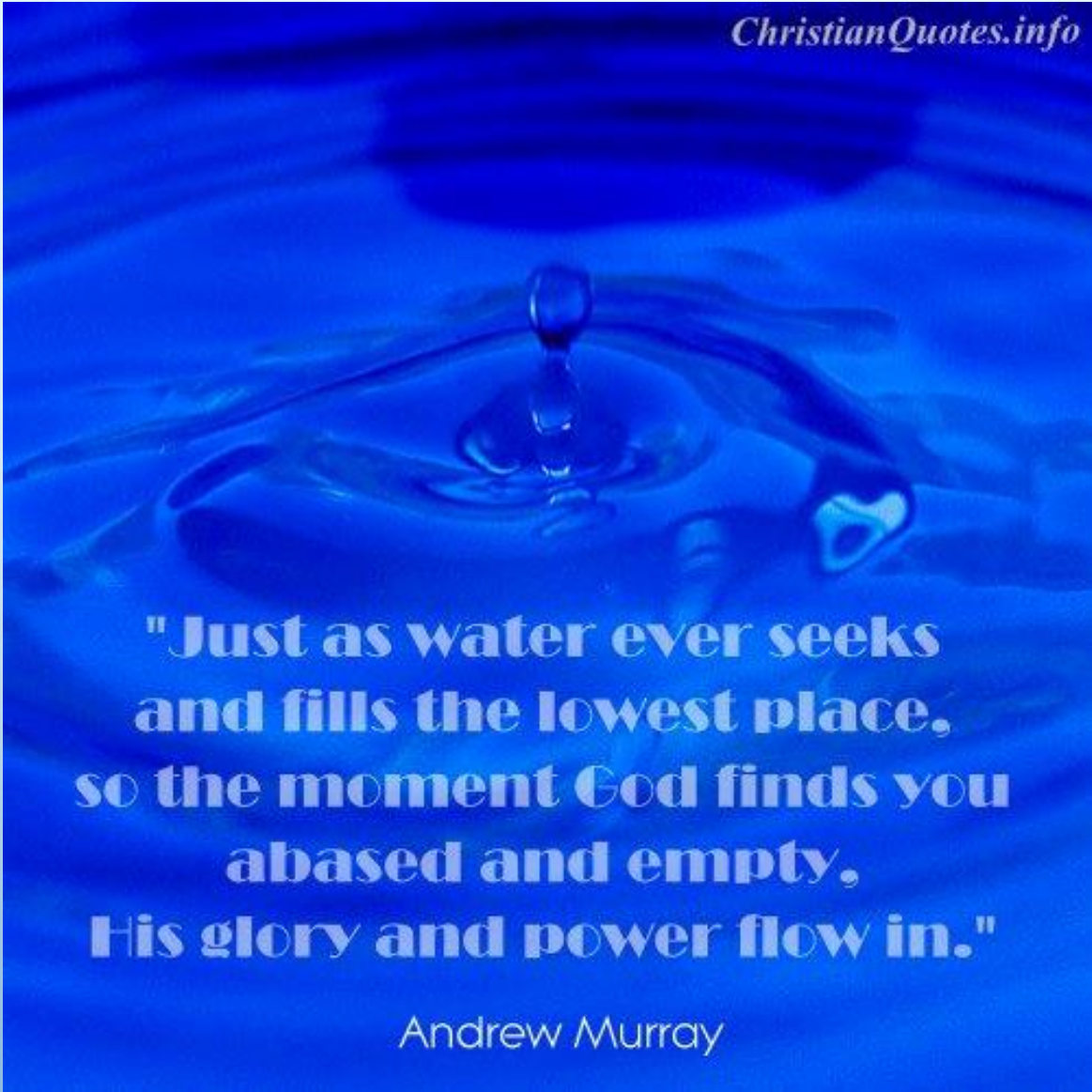
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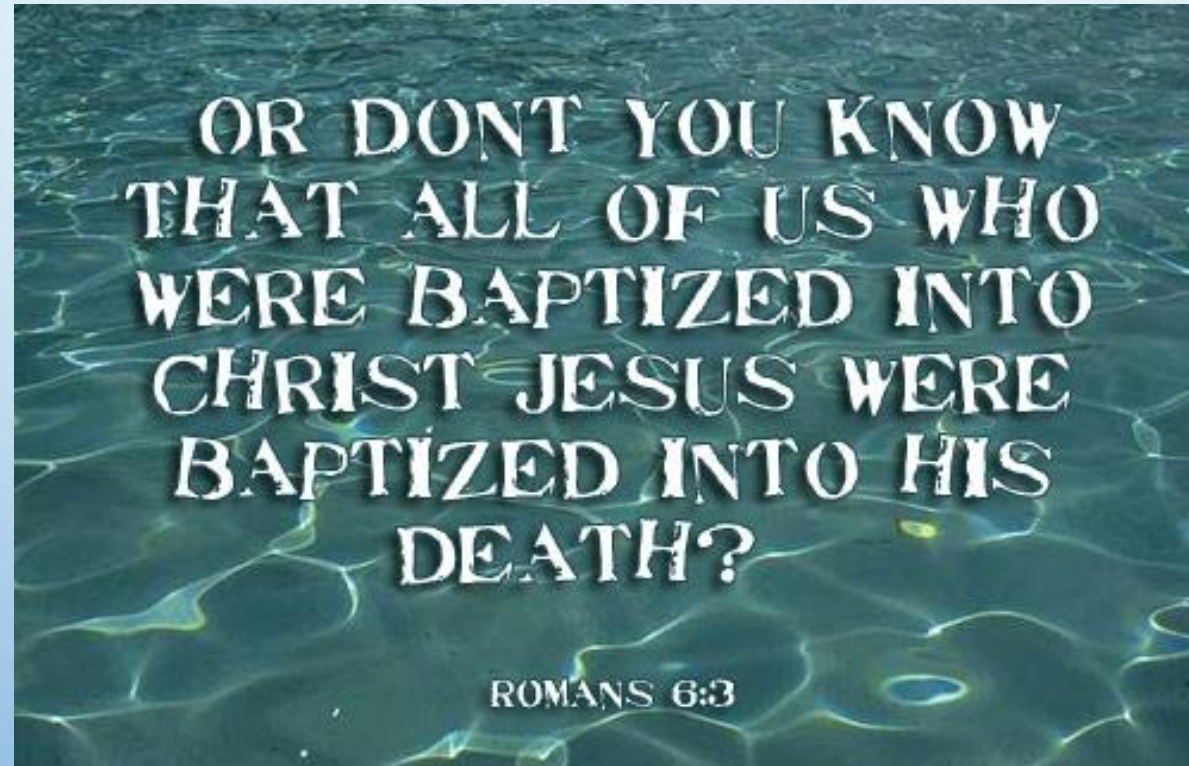
yourselves with Christ.



**"Just as water ever seeks
and fills the lowest place,
so the moment God finds you
abased and empty,
His glory and power flow in."**

Andrew Murray

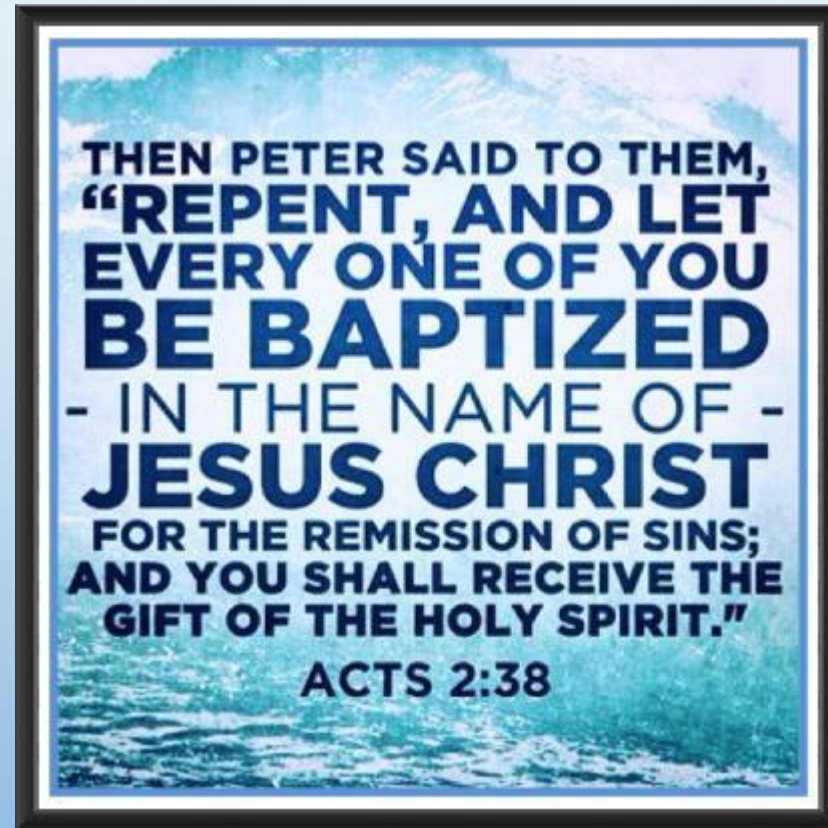
d) It was expounded by the apostles in the epistles



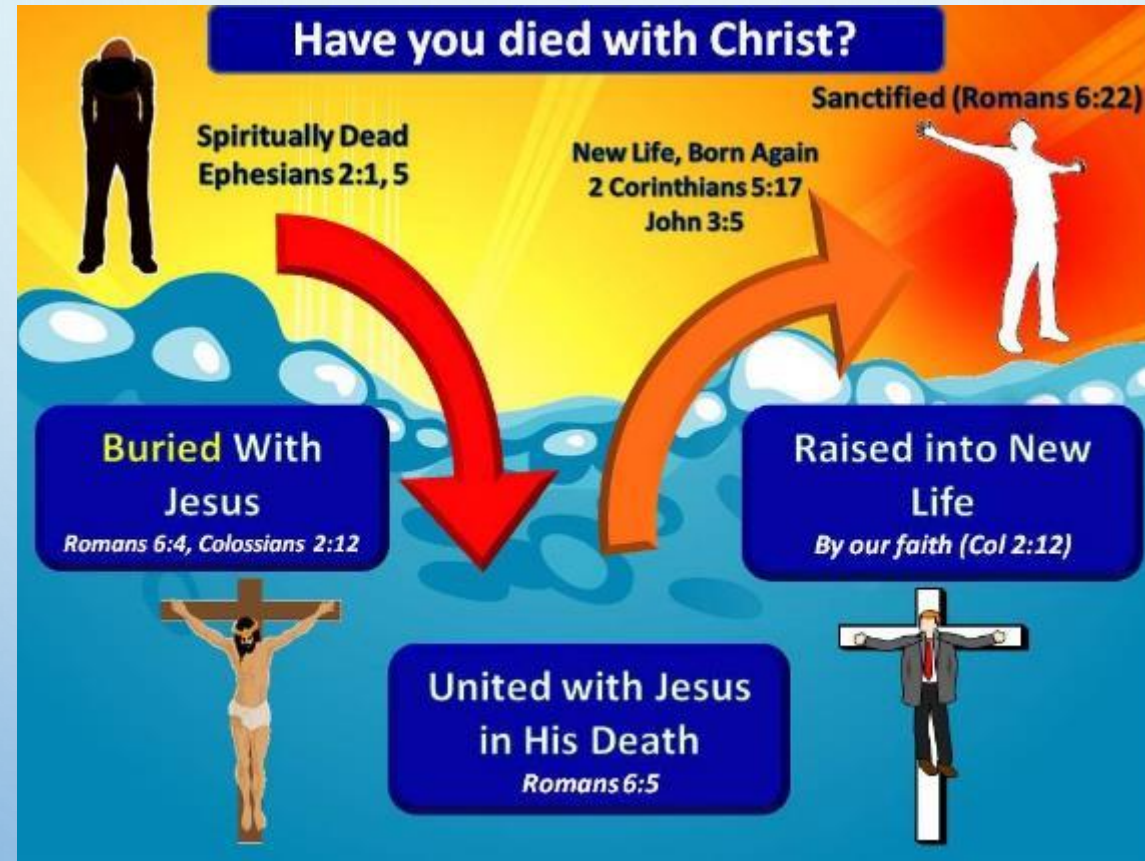
3. Baptism: Identification with Christ



a) Baptism is a Symbol of Repentance & Cleansing



b) Baptism Illustrates an Inward Change



c) Baptism marks Identification with His Church

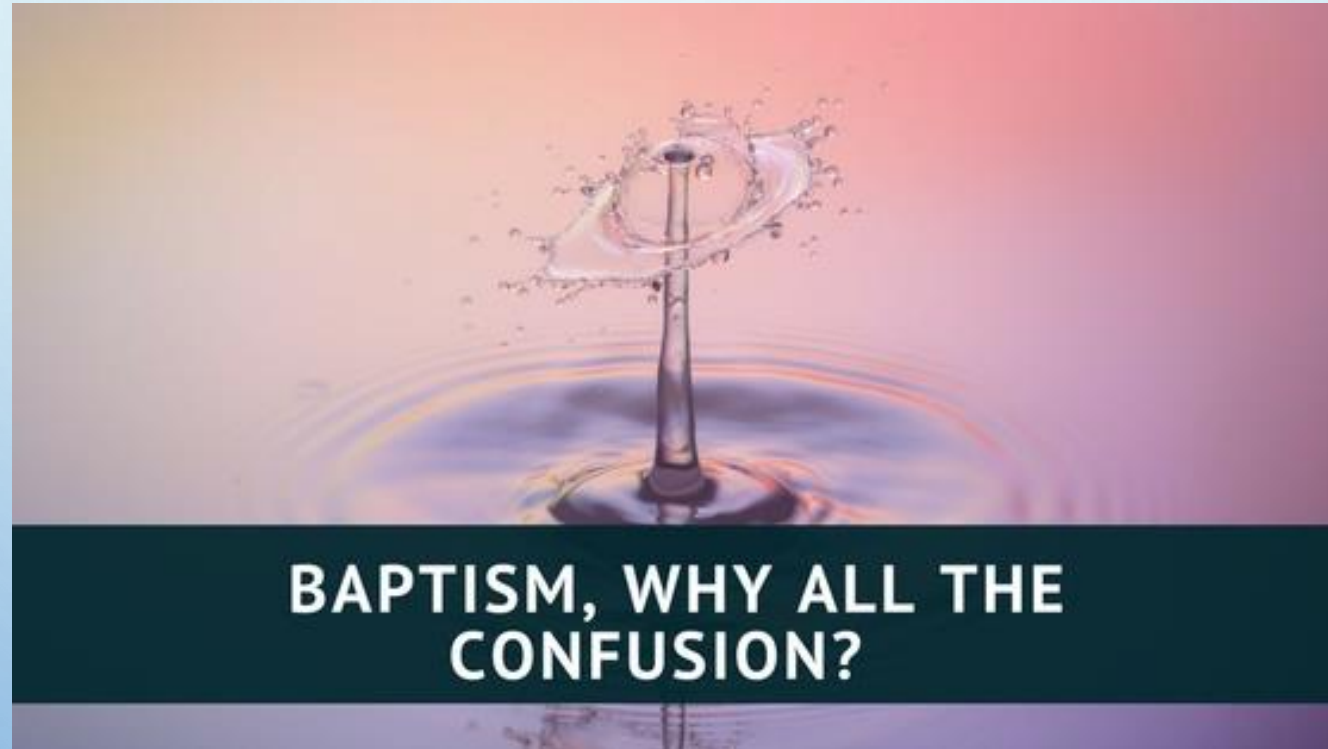


4. Baptism: Reasons for Ignoring It

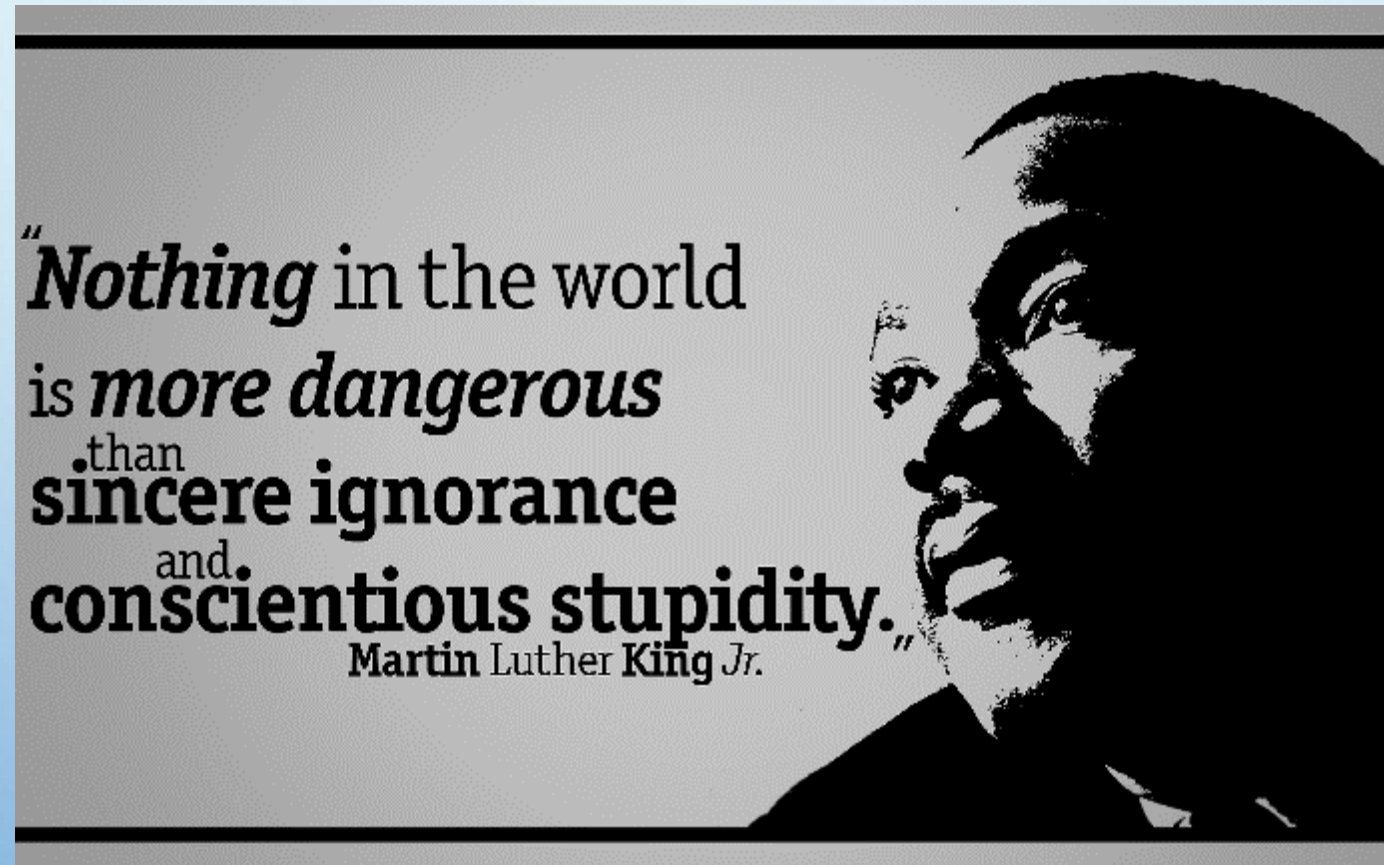
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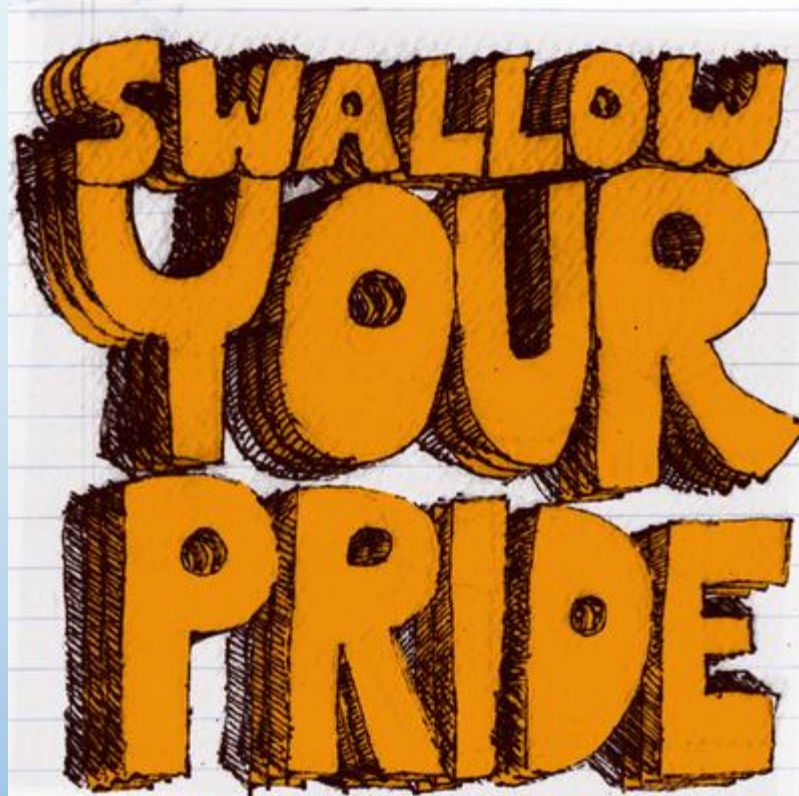
a) Reason one: **CONFUSION**



b) Reason two: **IGNORANCE**



c) Reason three: **PRIDE**





Baptism is bowing before the Father
and letting him do his work.

— *Max Lucado* —

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c) Reason four: **INDIFFERENCE**

Definition

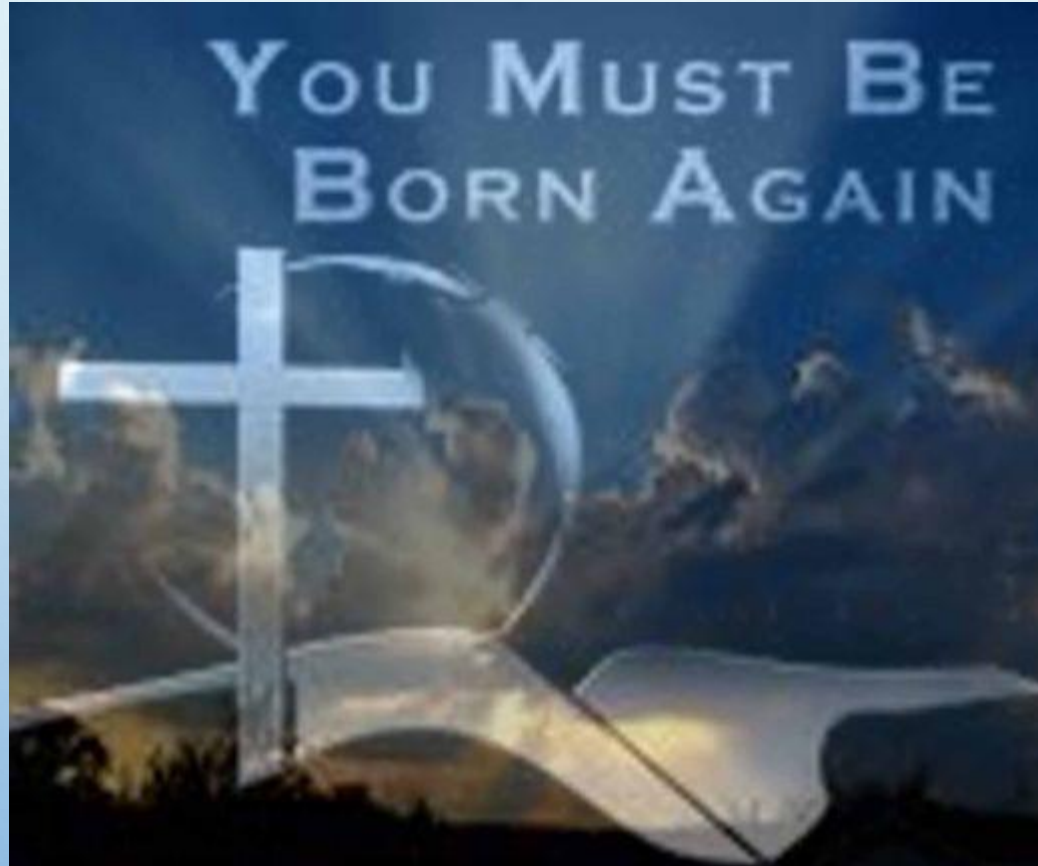
- Indifference is the state of feeling where you just don't care about taking an action,
- The problem with indifference is that sometimes you are aware that doing that thing or taking that action will get you much benefit but still you do nothing.



d) Reason five: **Defiance**



d) Reason six: **Not Born Again**





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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.



HE WILL TRANSFORM YOU
INTO HIS LIKENESS.
YOU DO THE BEHOLDING,
HE DOES THE
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