



“To Fulfill All Righteousness”

Matthew 3:13-17

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Water purification rituals:

- ❖ Egyptians
- ❖ Mesopotamians
- ❖ Hittites
- ❖ Hindus
- ❖ Hebrews
- ❖ Greeks



Mark 1:4

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.



John the Baptist:

- ❖ Total immersion
- ❖ Jews also needed to repent and “convert.”



Matthew 3:13-15

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

Matthew 3:16-17

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Laurence Hull Stookey:

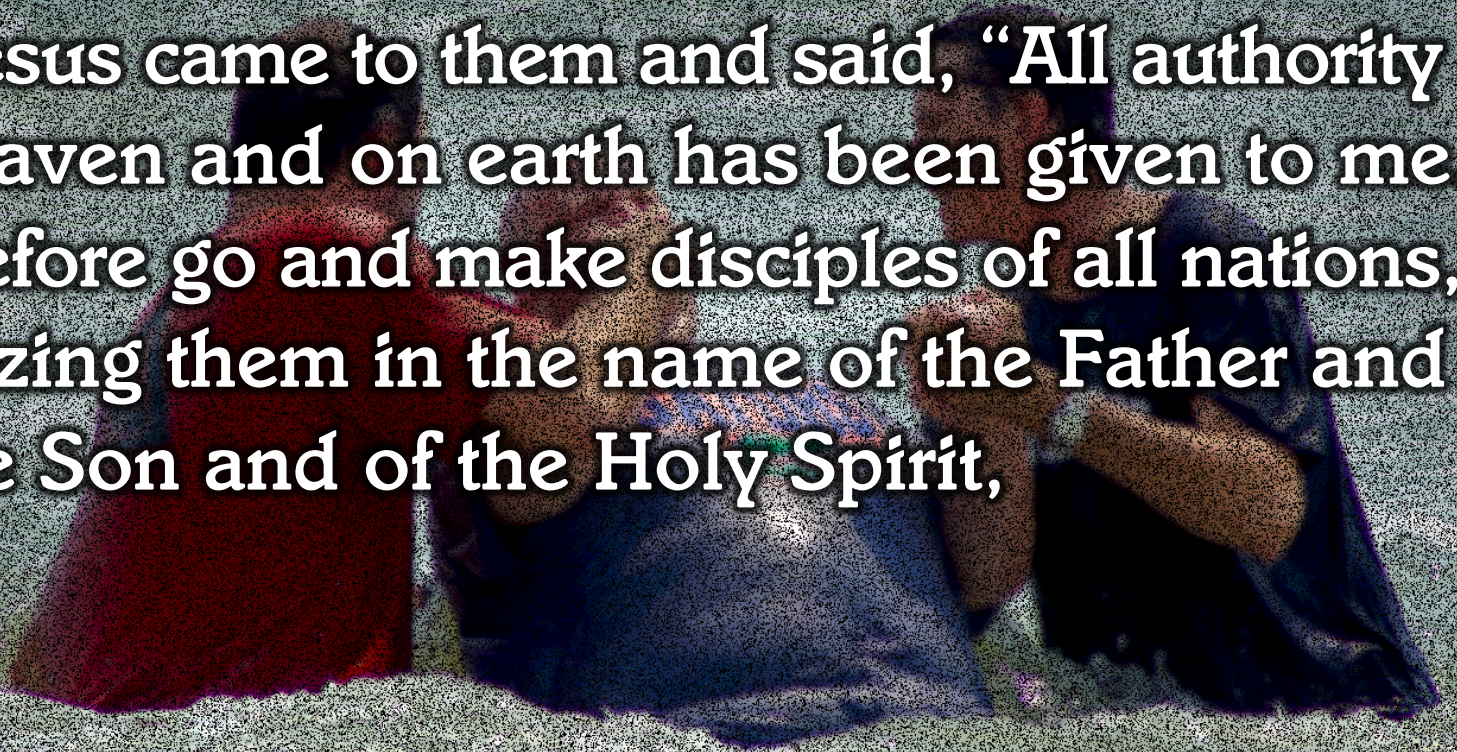
“‘To fulfill’ can be translated ‘to bring to completion or perfection.’ Jesus’ own baptism is thus an identifying sign about Jesus himself. He is the one who completes the intention of God, who brings to perfection all that God has envisioned since creation.”

Mark 1:14-15

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

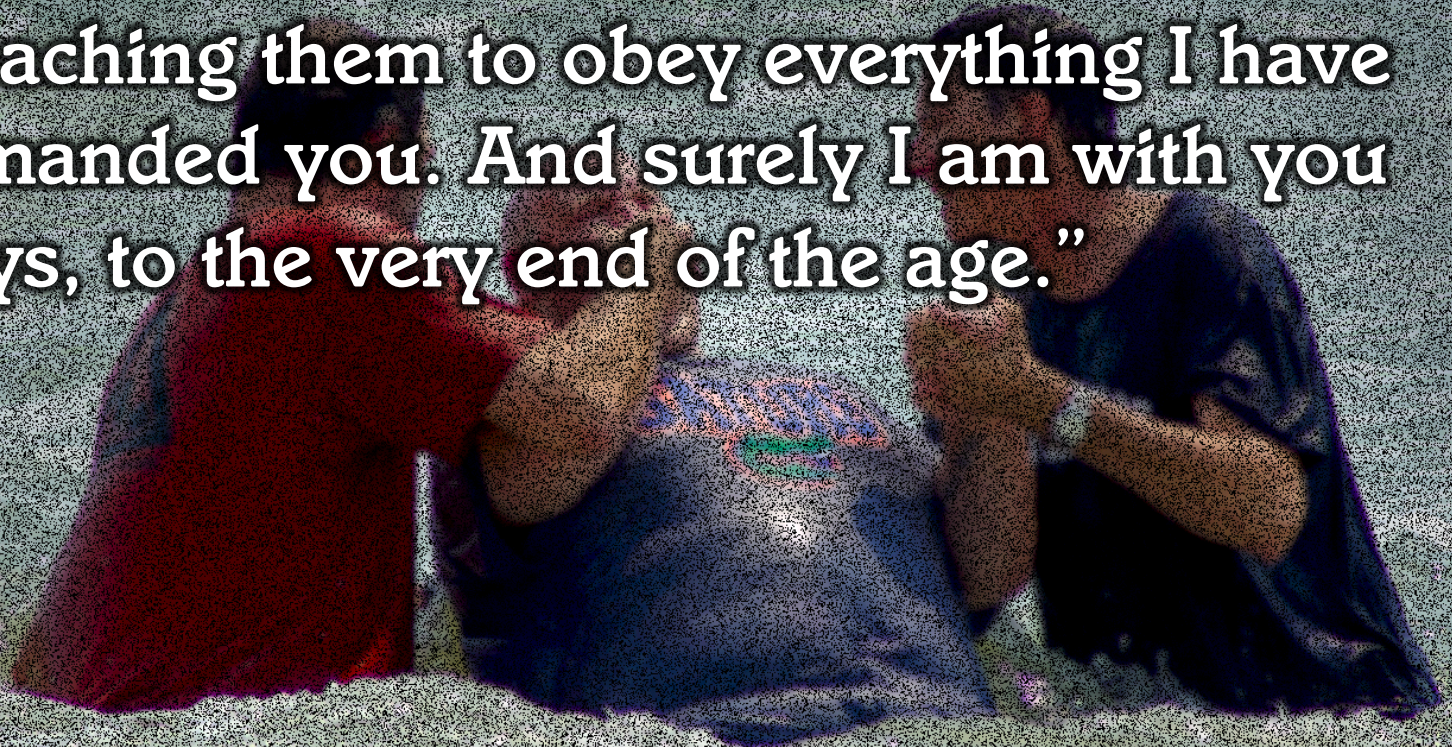
Matthew 28:18-19

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,



Matthew 28:20

“and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”



Great Commission verbs:

- ❖ Go
- ❖ Make disciples
- ❖ Baptizing
- ❖ Teaching



Acts 2:38-39

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off — for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

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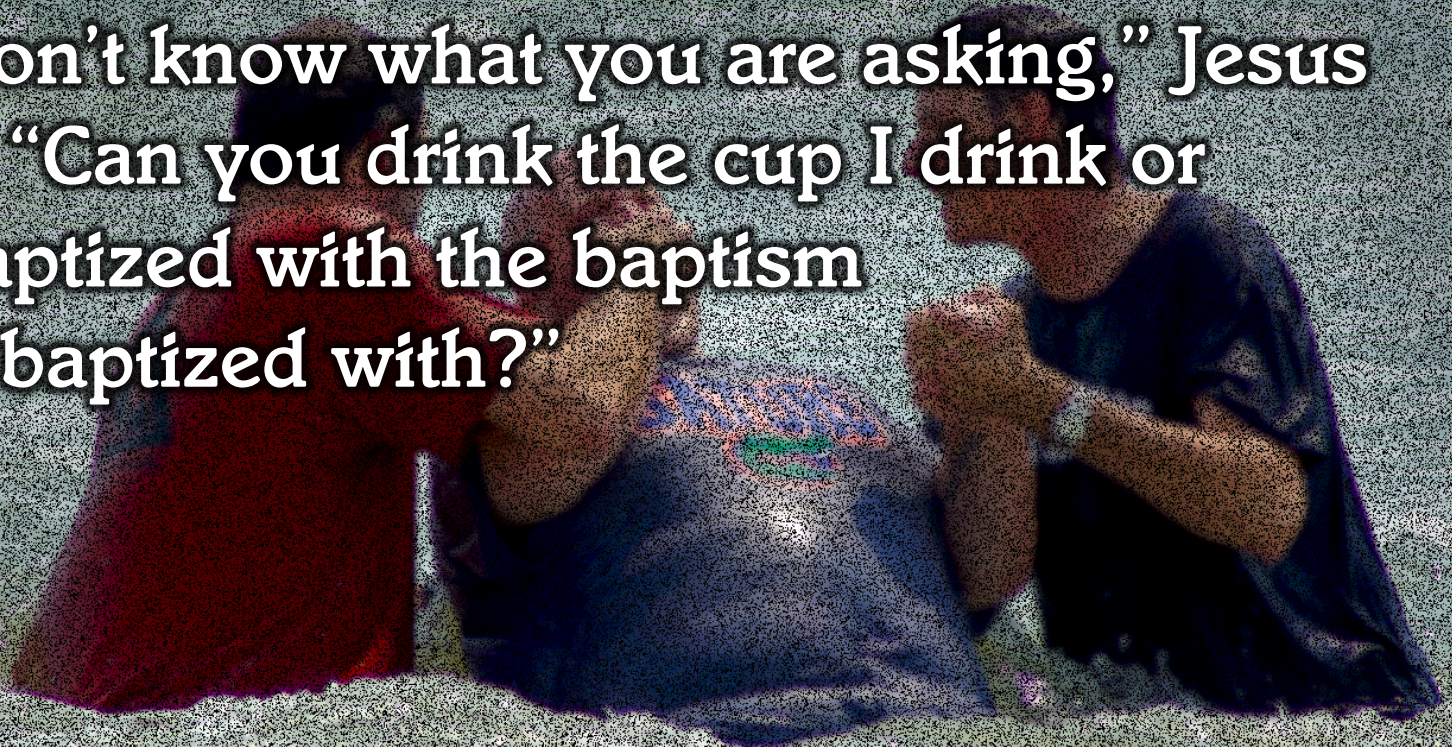
Death, burial, resurrection:

- ❖ Mark 10:38
- ❖ Luke 12:50
- ❖ Romans 6:1-4
- ❖ Colossians 2:12



Mark 10:38

“You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

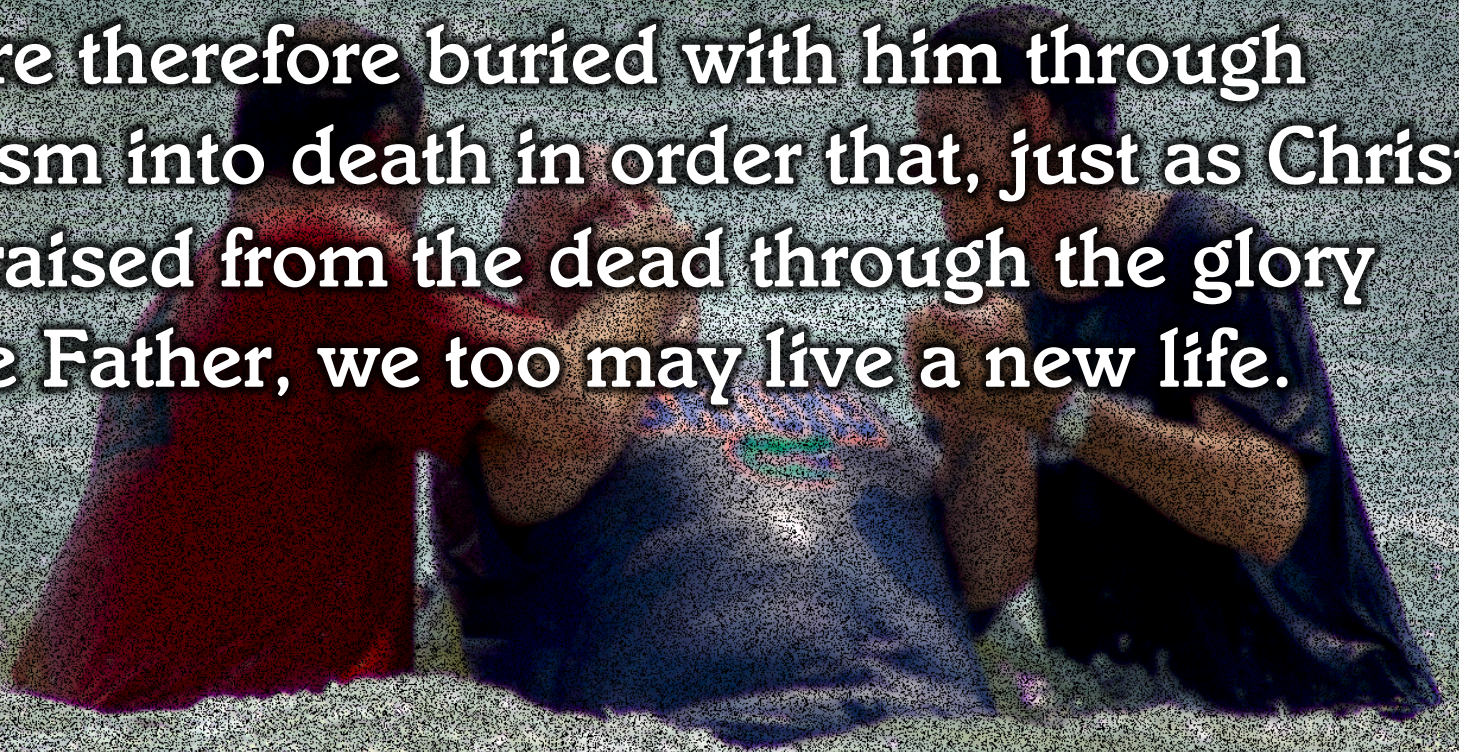


Romans 6:1-3

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

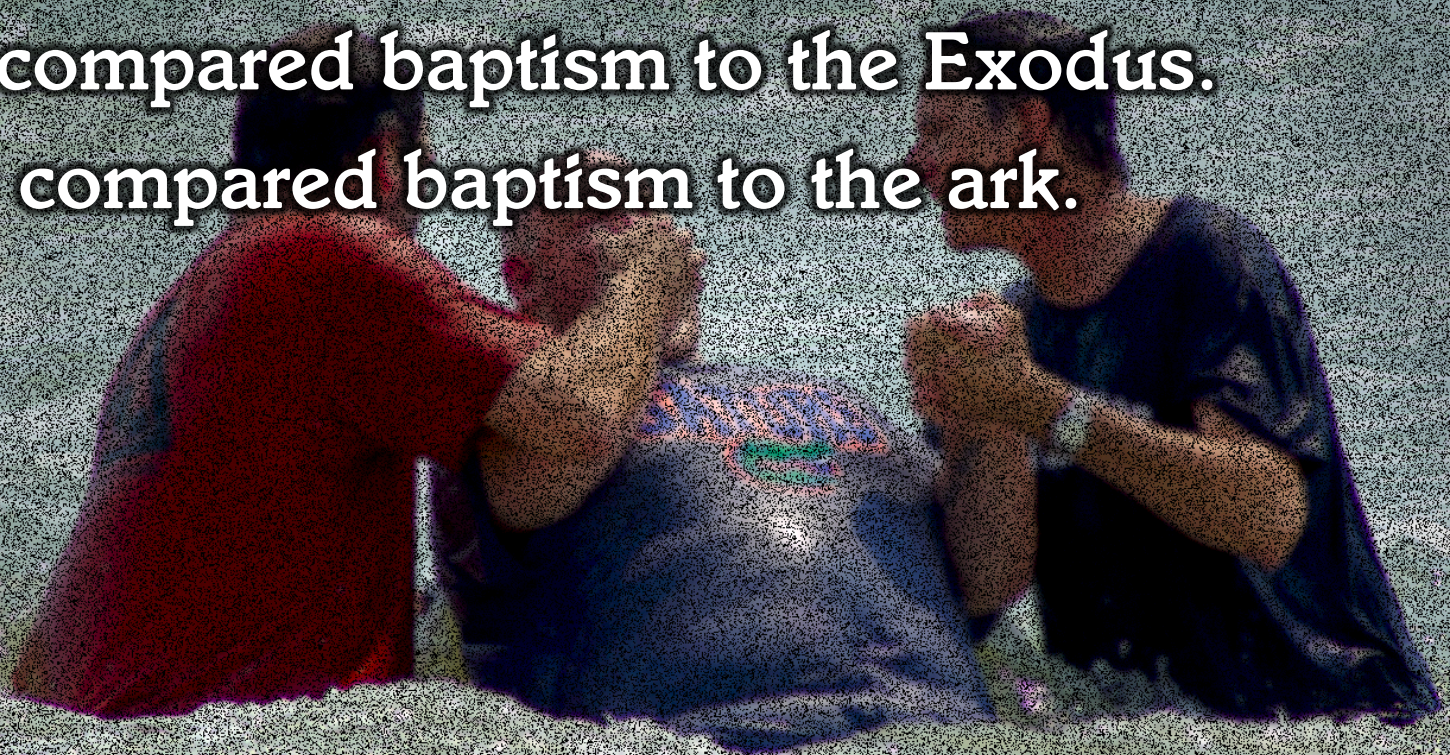
Romans 6:4

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.



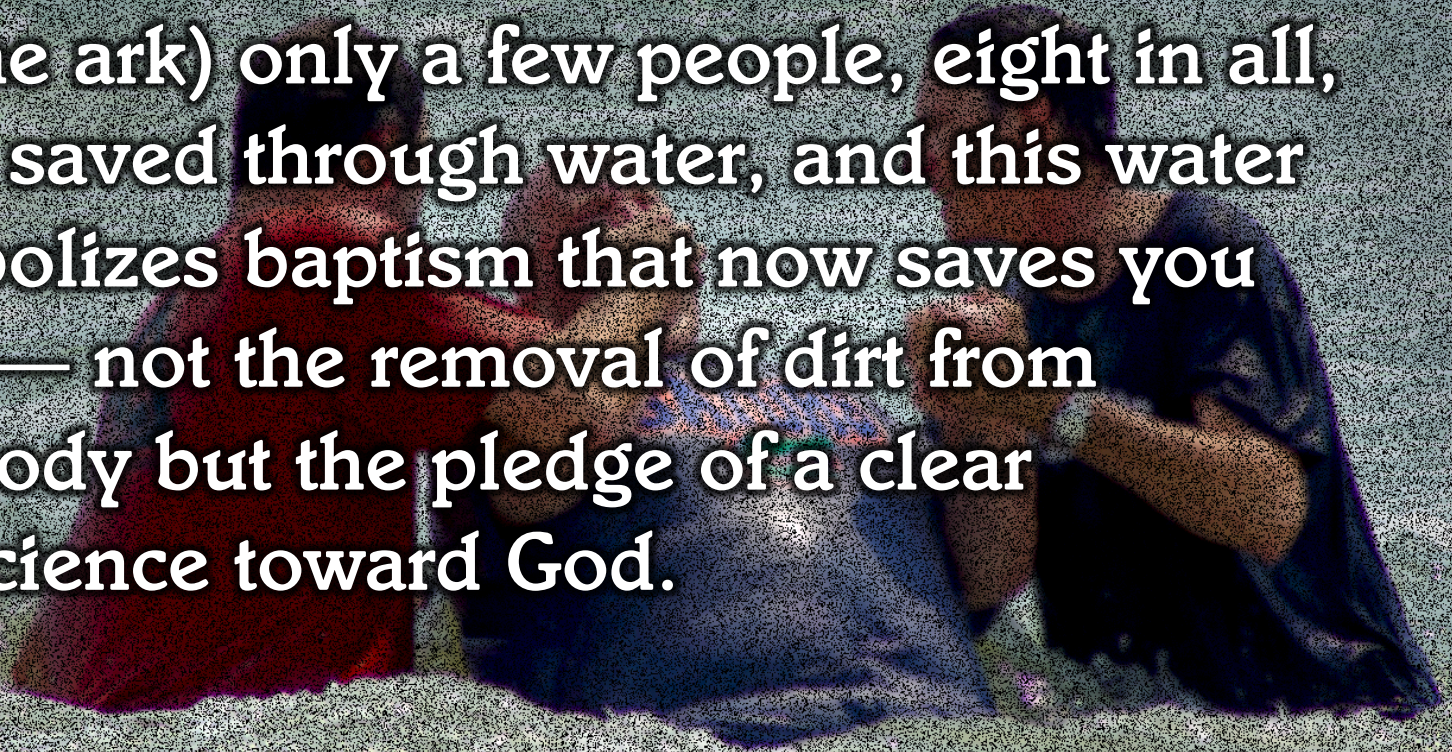
Old Testament metaphors:

- ❖ Paul compared baptism to the Exodus.
- ❖ Peter compared baptism to the ark.



1 Peter 3:20-21

In it (the ark) only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also — not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God.



1 Corinthians 10:1-2

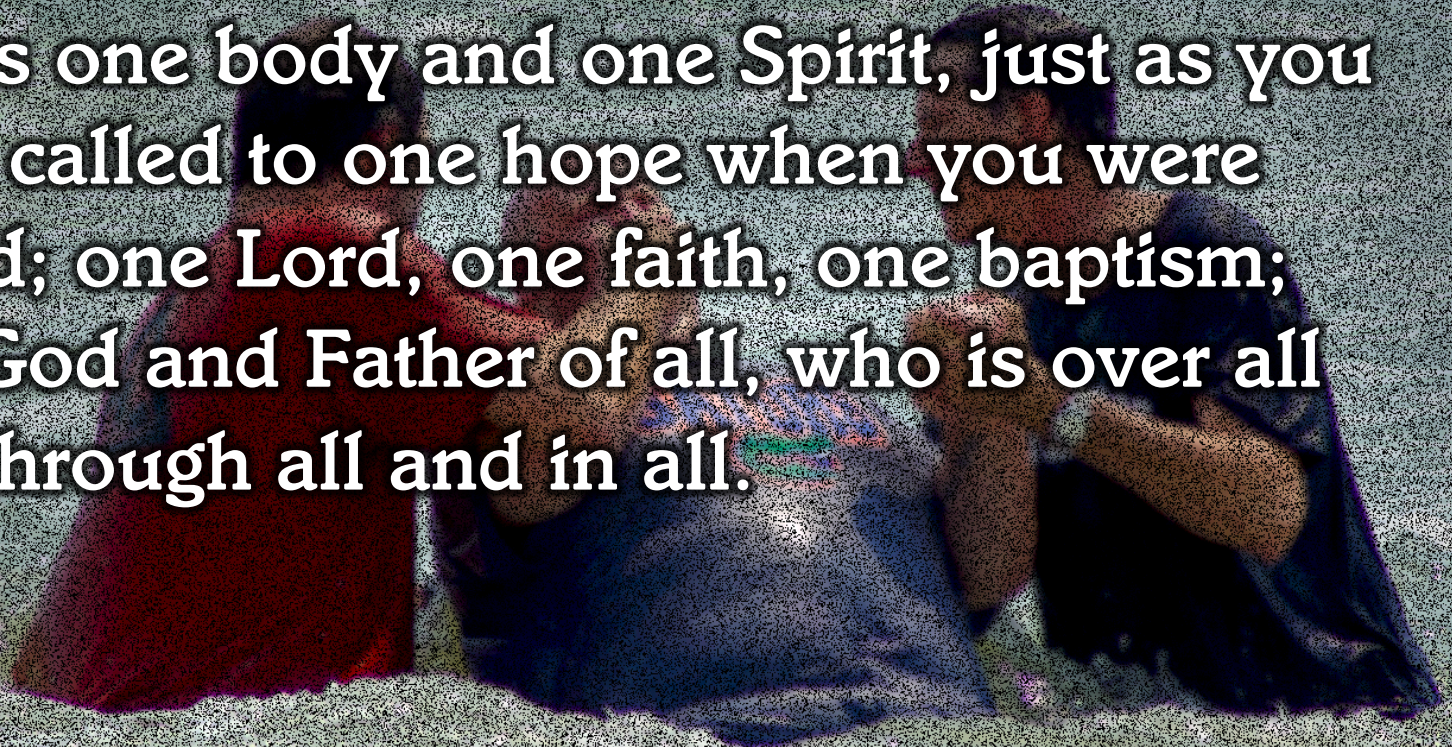
For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

Laurence Hull Stookey:

“Paul is suggesting that as a fragmented band of refugees found a new identity in the Exodus and its aftermath in the covenant at Sinai, so those who are baptized into Christ thereby find a new identity through their covenant with God.”

Ephesians 4:4-6

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.



Brenda Colijn:

“The New Testament views baptism as an indispensable public rite of the believing community through which the new believer identifies with the death and resurrection of Christ and with the body of Christ.

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“The act of baptism brings community discernment, support and sanction to bear on the individual’s experience of new birth and new life. Thus while baptism is not the means of regeneration, it is a necessary representation of it to the believer, the faith community and the world.”

Baptism disputes:

- ❖ Immersion vs. sprinkling
- ❖ Infants?



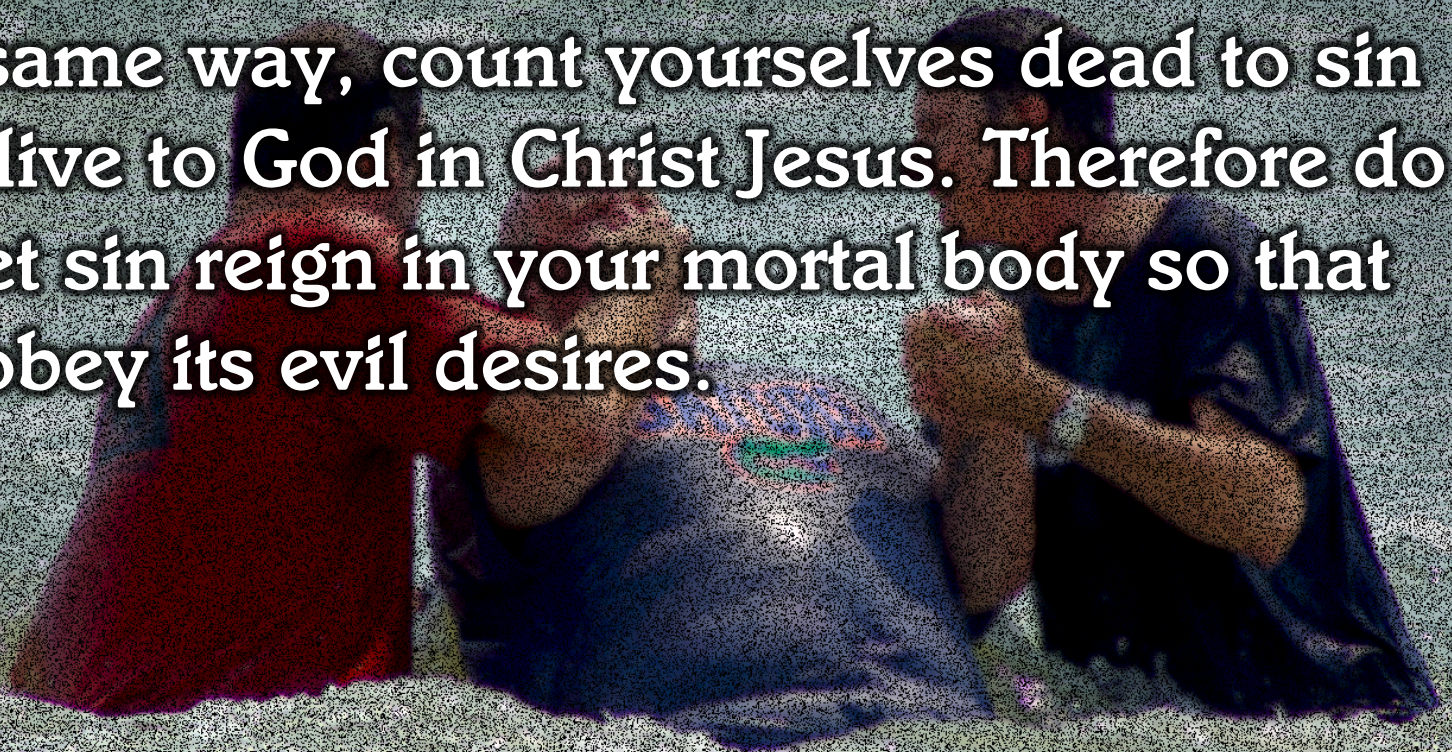
Laurence Hull Stookey:

“Although churches differ on these matters, all agree that baptism is incorporation into Christ’s community of the new creation by the grace of the Spirit.”



Romans 6:11-12

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

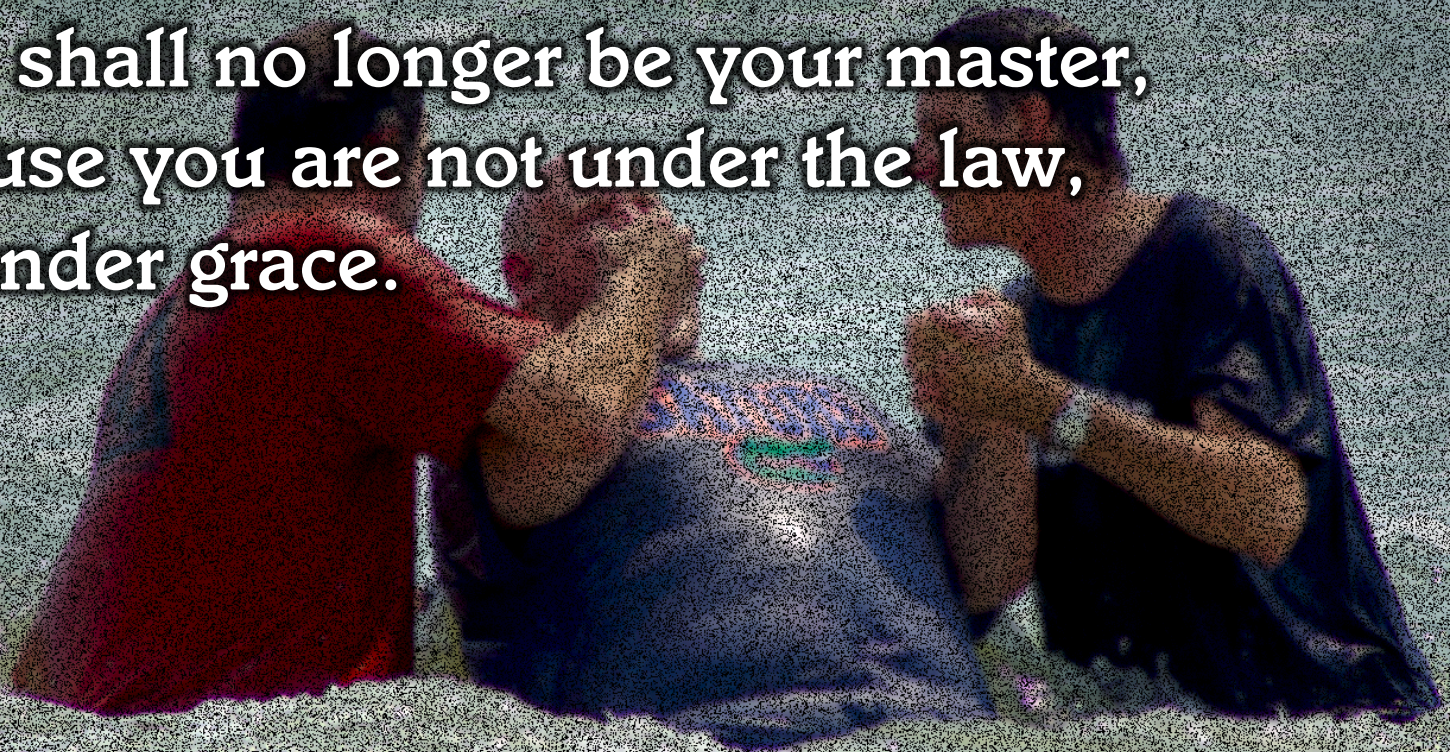


Romans 6:13

Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.

Romans 6:14

For sin shall no longer be your master,
because you are not under the law,
but under grace.



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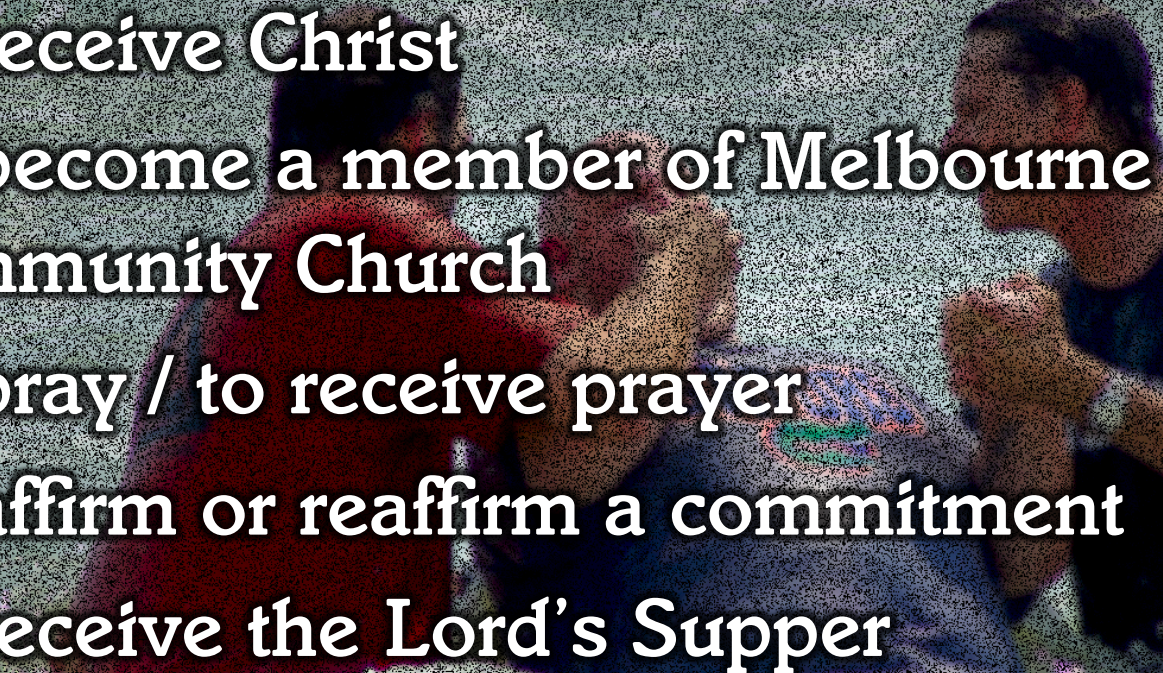
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Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
 - ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
 - ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
 - ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
 - ❖ To receive the Lord's Supper
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