

A close-up photograph of water ripples on a dark blue surface. The ripples are concentric circles, with the largest one in the upper center. The water is dark blue, and the ripples create a shimmering effect. The text "GOD CHOSE WATER" is overlaid at the bottom in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

**GOD CHOSE WATER**



# **WATER**

- God created
- Essential to life
- Powerful
- Cleansing
- Damaging
- Unchanged

# GOD CHOSE WATER FOR THE ISRAELITES

- Exodus 14; 1 Corinthians 10:1-2; Exodus 15
- Went into the midst of the sea
  - Were under the cloud
  - Passed through the sea
  - Baptized into Moses
- Gave glory to God
- Hebrews 11:29
  - “By faith they passed through as by dry land”
  - “Whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned”
- God used water

# GOD CHOSE WATER FOR NAAMAN

- Luke 4:27; 2 Kings 5:10-15
- But he expected a different solution
- He proposed a substitute
- He went and dipped 7 times, according to the saying of the man of God...and he was clean
- Gave glory to God
- God used water

# GOD CHOSE WATER FOR A BLIND MAN

- John 9:1-11
- Divinely instructed by Jesus
- Believed; went; came back seeing
- God used water

# GOD CHOSE WATER TO SAVE NOAH AND HIS FAMILY

- Genesis 6:1-22; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Hebrews 11:7
- God's plan: destroy both man and beast
- But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord; Noah walked with God
- By faith Noah prepared an ark
- "Saved through water"
- God used water

# GOD CHOSE WATER BAPTISM TO SAVE MANKIND

- “there is also an antitype which now saves us – baptism” 1 Peter 3:21
- Just as water was the means through which Noah and his family were saved, so baptism is the means through which God saves mankind
- God chose water

# WE NEED THE BLOOD OF CHRIST IN ORDER FOR GOD TO FORGIVE OUR SINS

- Life is in the blood (Leviticus 17:11), and the shedding of blood means the taking of life, i.e. death (Genesis 9:6)
- Thus, when Jesus shed His blood, He died for our sins
  - Matthew 26:28 – “...My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins”
  - 1 Corinthians 15:3 – “Christ died for our sins”
  - Died as a sacrifice for our sins – Hebrews 9:26
  - Gave his life as a ransom for many – Matthew 20:28
  - Redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins [Died for the forgiveness of our sins] – Ephesians 1:7
- We need the blood of Christ applied for our sins to be forgiven, but how?

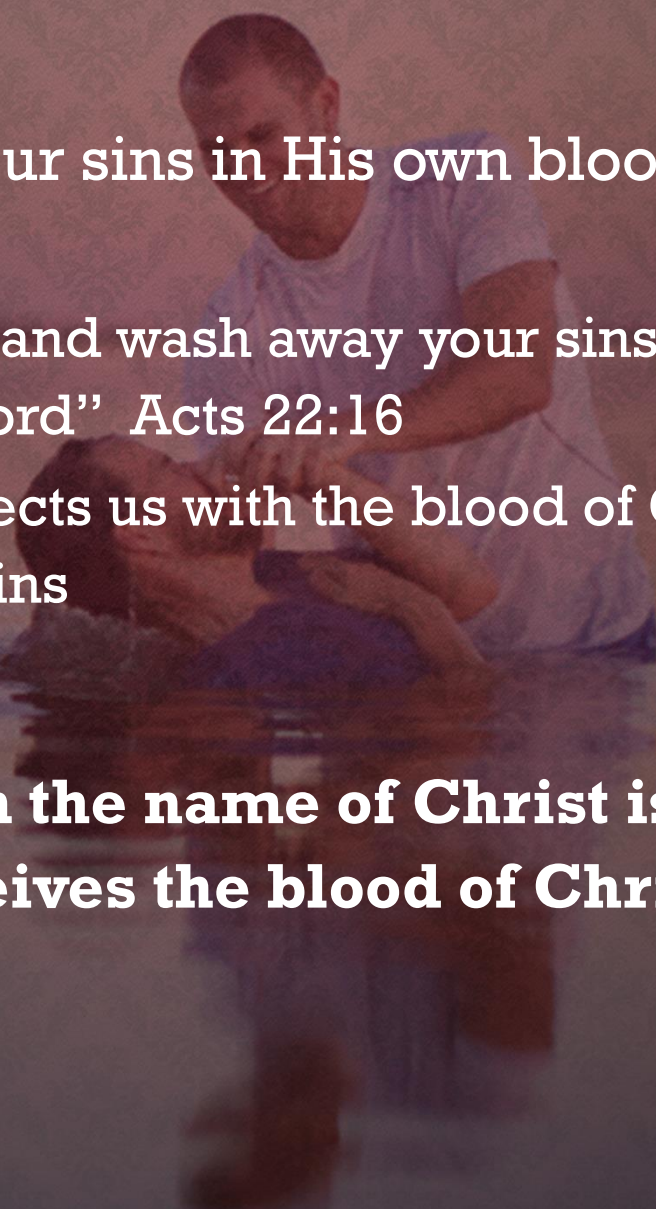


# BAPTISM IN THE NAME OF CHRIST CONNECTS US WITH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

- Jesus Christ shed His blood for the remission of sins  
– Matthew 26:28
  - But baptism is for the remission of sins – Acts 2:38
  - Baptism connects us with the blood of Christ for the remission of sins

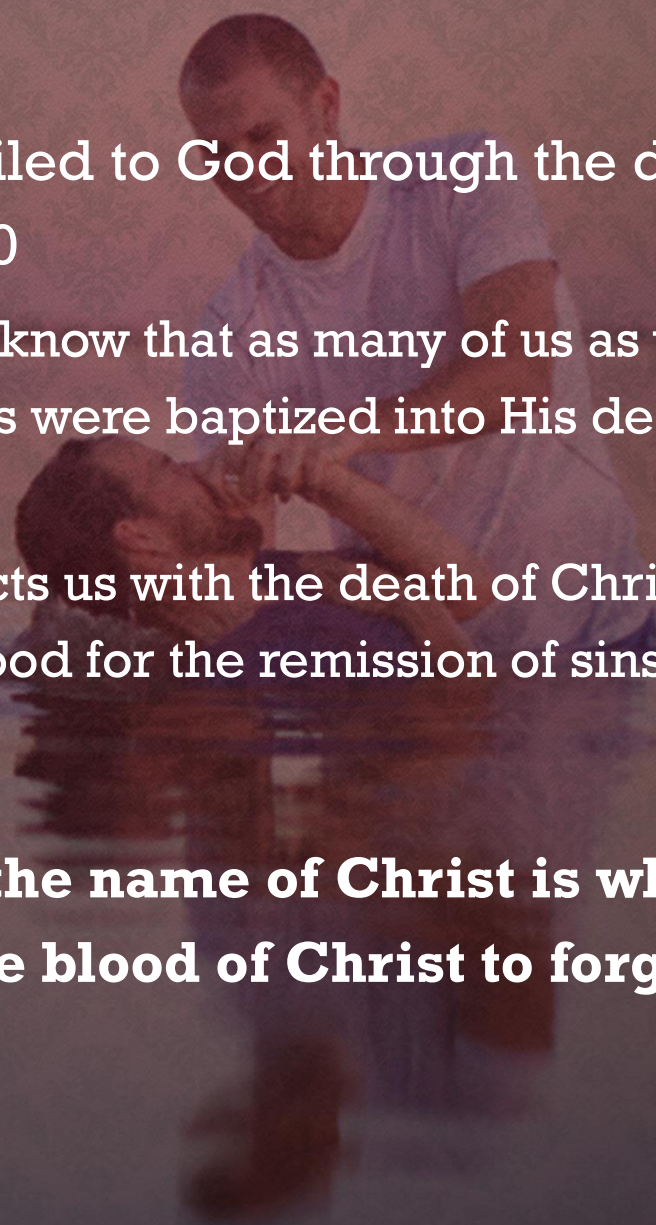
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- “Washed from our sins in His own blood” Revelation 1:5
    - “Be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord” Acts 22:16
    - Baptism connects us with the blood of Christ for the remission of sins

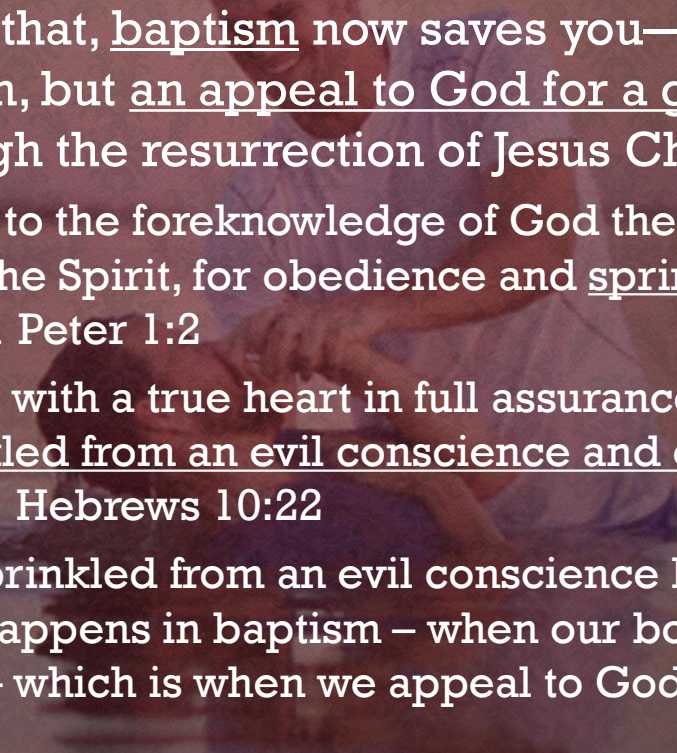
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# BAPTISM IN THE NAME OF CHRIST CONNECTS US WITH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

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- A photograph of a man being baptized in a body of water. The man being baptized is lying on his back, and the baptizer is leaning over him, pouring water over his head. The scene is set outdoors, and the water is calm, reflecting the figures.
- “We were reconciled to God through the death of His Son” Romans 5:10
    - “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?” Romans 6:3
    - Baptism connects us with the death of Christ which was His shedding of blood for the remission of sins

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- “Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” 1 Peter 3:21
    - “elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ” 1 Peter 1:2
    - “let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.” Hebrews 10:22
    - Our hearts are sprinkled from an evil conscience by the blood of Christ, and that happens in baptism – when our bodies are washed with pure water – which is when we appeal to God for that good conscience

**Water baptism in the name of Christ is where the alien sinner receives the blood of Christ to forgive his sins**

- ✓ God used water through the ages in his plans with man
  - ✓ Should it be so surprising that water is the means through which men today receive the forgiveness of sins?
  
- ✓ The water that to the Israelites was initially their destruction was their salvation when they passed through the midst of it by faith
  - ✓ In their passing through the midst of the water, they were saved from the Egyptians and baptized unto Moses
  - ✓ That water separated them from the bondage of Egypt and brought them into relationship with Moses as they followed his leadership

- ✓ In every case, faith was necessary and included obeying divine command in order to receive the blessing
  - ✓ The Israelites went passed though by faith
  - ✓ Noah prepared the ark by faith
  - ✓ Faith is required in order to be baptized for the remission of sins
  
- ✓ The water was a dividing line, a line of demarcation
  - ✓ Israelites – between bondage and deliverance
  - ✓ Naaman – between leprosy and cleansing
  - ✓ The blind man – between blindness and seeing
  - ✓ Noah – between the lost and the saved
  - ✓ And just so today. Water baptism is a dividing line between the saved and the disobedient who perish

✓ The same water that destroyed the people of Noah's day is the water that bore up the ark and delivered Noah and his family from destruction and into a new, clean world

✓ Likewise, water baptism destroys and condemns the wicked today who rebel against it and refuse to submit to it, while that same water delivers the alien sinner from his past sins and an evil conscience into a new life

✓ Only a few were saved through water in Noah's day

✓ Likewise, only a few saved today

- ✓ God chose water. That's His right.
- ✓ God chose water baptism today as the means to be saved
- ✓ Have you submitted to water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins?
  - ✓ If you have not, you are still in your sins because you have not received the blood of Christ – the benefit of His sacrificial death – that will forgive your sins
- ✓ Won't you today accept God's way, the only way, to be saved?