

- Romans 1:18-20 (NIV2011) ***18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, 19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.***

- Matthew 7:21-23 (NASB) **21** *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. 22 "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'*

# ***The Whys of Baptism – Jesus commanded it.***

- Matthew 28:19–20: ***"...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."***

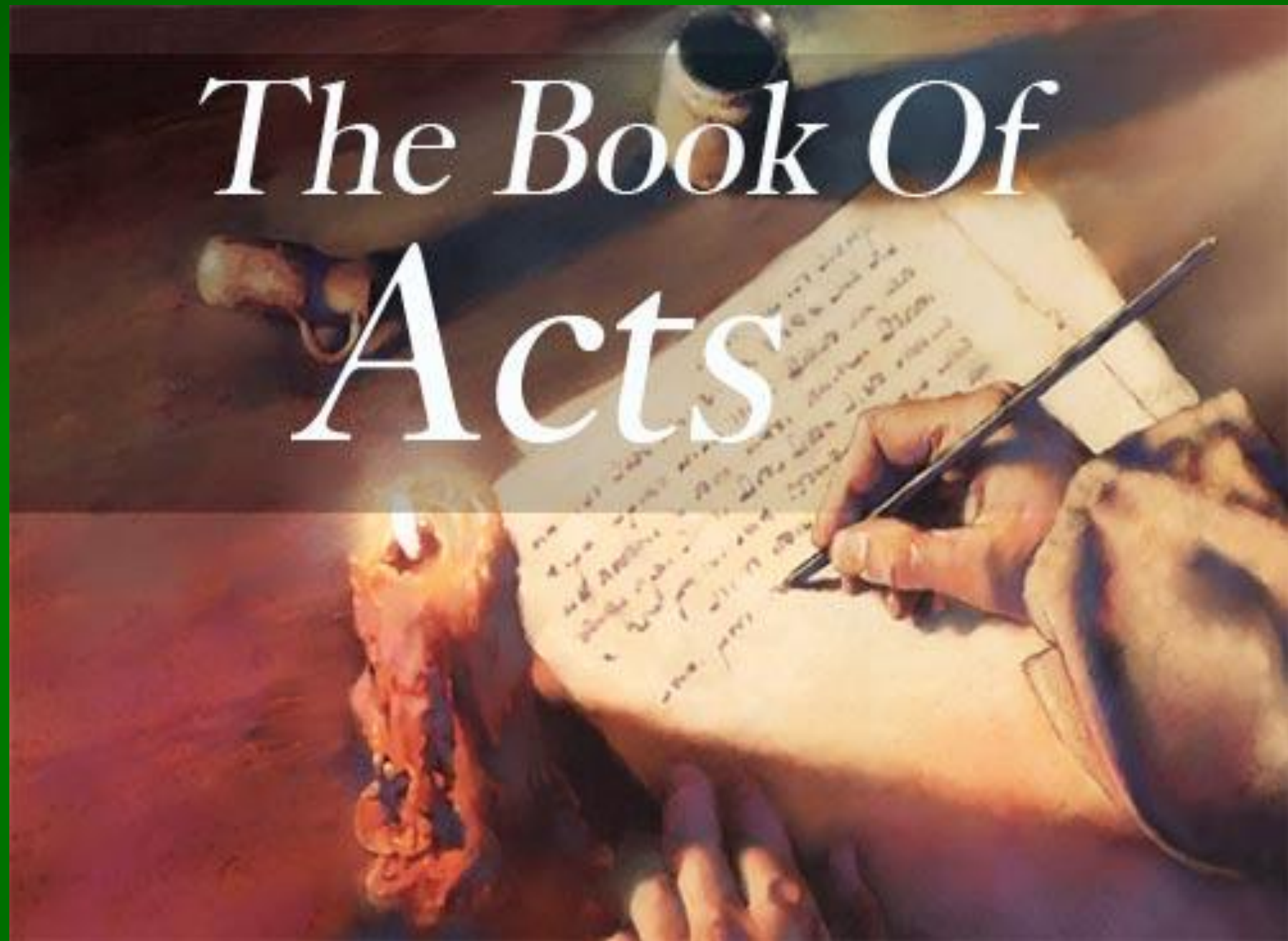
Mark 16:15-16 (NASB) ***15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. 16 "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.***



- Acts 18:8-8 *Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his household, and many of the Corinthians when they heard were believing and being baptized.* NASU
- 1 Corinthians 1:14- *I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,* NASU

- Acts 2:36-38 - ***"Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ — this Jesus whom you crucified. 37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" 38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. NASU***
- Acts 2:41- ***So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. NASU***

# *The Book Of Acts*



- Acts 8:12 - *But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike.* NASU



- Acts 8:35-39 - *Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. 36 As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?" 37 And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." 38 And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him. NASU*

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# Why Baptism – It's symbolism.

- Colossians 2:12- *having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.* NASU
- Romans 6:5, speaking about baptism: *"If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection."*



# Whys of Baptism – to wash away our sins.

- *"The God of our fathers has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. You will be his witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name."*

- Romans 6:3-4 - (NASB) *3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.*

- Romans 6:5-7 (NASB) *5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; 7 for he who has died is freed from sin.*

# The Gospel

*easy as 1-2-3!*



Romans 6:1-2



Romans 6:3-4



2 Corinthians 3:6

**Death**



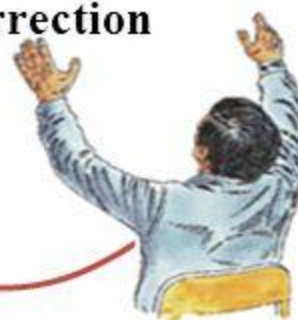
**Repentance**

**Burial**



**Baptism**

**Resurrection**



**HOLY GHOST**

- Titus 3:5- *he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ESV*
- Col 2:11-12- *and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; 12 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. NASU*



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- 1 Peter 3:21-*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,* NASU



1 Peter 3:21- *And this is a picture of baptism, which now saves you by the power of Jesus Christ's resurrection. Baptism is not a removal of dirt from your body; it is an appeal to God from a clean conscience. NLT*

# The Whys of Baptism – to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

- Romans 8:9- ***"if any man has not the Spirit of God—he is none of his."***

- Acts 2:36-38 - ***"Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ — this Jesus whom you crucified." 37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" 38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."***

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- 1 Cor 3:16- *Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?* NASU
- John 3:5 - *"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.* NASU

# Why Baptism – to put on Christ.

- Galatians 3:26-27 (NASB) *26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.*

# How much do I need to know in order to be baptized?

- *What did they understand at Pentecost?* **“God has made Jesus--the man you nailed to the cross--both Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:36).**
- *How did they respond?* **“Those who accepted the message were baptized and about three thousand people were added to the number of believers that day” (Acts 2:41).**

- *What was the message of Philip to the Ethiopian?* **“Philip began to speak and...told him the good news about Jesus.”** (Acts 8:35).
- *What was his response?* **“The officer said, ‘Look, here is water. ‘What is stopping me from being baptized?’ Both Philip and the officer went down into the water and Philip baptized him”** (Acts 8:38).



- *What did the jailer understand?*“(Paul and Silas) said to him, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved--you and all the people in your house” (Acts 16:31).
- *How did he respond?*“At that hour of the night the jailer took Paul and Silas and washed their wounds. Then he and all his people were baptized immediately” (Acts 16:33).

- *What did Saul know before he was baptized?* **“(Ananias) stood by me and said, ‘Brother Saul... the God of our ancestors chose you long ago to know his plan, to see the Righteous One, and to hear words from him...Now why wait any longer? Get up, be baptized, and wash your sins away, trusting in him to save you” (Acts. 22:14-16).**
- *What was his response?* **“Then Saul got up and was baptized” (Acts 9:18).**