

The background of the image is a serene landscape at sunset. A stone path leads up a grassy hill towards a large wooden cross. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. In the distance, there are rolling hills and a body of water. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. The overall mood is peaceful and spiritual.

# Welcome — TO — WORSHIP



# THE CURE IS AVAILABLE TODAY.

I'D LIKE TO  
WAIT A FEW  
YEARS.



SPIRITUALLY, MANY SAY...

*"I'm  
not ready."*

*"Maybe  
later."*

*"I'll wait until  
I understand  
everything."*

*"I want to  
become a better  
person first."*

*"I'll do it  
someday."*

*15 And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.*

Mark 16:15 (ESV)

*1 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,*

1 Corinthians 15:1 – 4 (ESV)



# ACTS 2

## THE GOSPEL PROCLAIMED

Peter stood up with the  
Eleven, lifted up his voice,  
and proclaimed to them  
**the wonderful works of God.**

— Acts 2:14-11



**THE GOSPEL  
WAS PROCLAIMED**



**HEARTS WERE  
PIERCED**



**LIVES WERE  
CHANGED**

**SO THOSE WHO RECEIVED HIS WORD WERE BAPTIZED, AND ABOUT 3,000 SOULS WERE ADDED THAT DAY.**

— ACTS 2:41

*36 And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?”*

Acts 8:36 (ESV)



# ANSWERING CHALLENGING QUESTIONS







HOW DO I KNOW  
WHEN I'M READY  
TO BE BAPTIZED  
*into Christ?*



ANSWER:

One is ready to  
**obey** the **gospel** of  
Jesus Christ when  
they **hear** and **believe!**





# ACTS 16

## THE CONVERSION OF THE PHILIPPIAN JAILER

*“Believe in the Lord Jesus,  
and you will be saved...”*

— Acts 16:31

AT MIDNIGHT PAUL AND SILAS WERE PRAYING AND SINGING HYMNS TO GOD,  
AND SUDDENLY THERE WAS A GREAT EARTHQUAKE... ALL THE DOORS WERE OPENED.

— Acts 16:25-26



### 1 THE JAILER WAS TERRIFIED

He was about to take his own life,  
supposing the prisoners had escaped.

Acts 16:27



### 2 HE ASKED THE QUESTION

“Sirs, what must I do  
to be saved?”

Acts 16:30



### 3 HE RECEIVED THE ANSWER

“Believe in the Lord Jesus,  
and you will be saved...”

Acts 16:31



### 4 HE WAS BAPTIZED AT ONCE

He and all his family were baptized  
the same hour of the night.

Acts 16:33-34

**HE HEARD. HE BELIEVED. HE OBEYED. HE REJOICED!**



31 And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” 32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. 34 Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

Acts 16:31 – 34 (ESV)



*15 And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.  
16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.*

Mark 16:15 – 16 (ESV)

# HOW SOON SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?



**ANSWER:**

**AS SOON AS  
YOU HEAR THE GOSPEL  
AND BELIEVE!**

*"Whoever believes and is baptized  
will be saved..."*

*– Mark 16:16*





*33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family.*

Acts 16:33 (ESV)

*16 And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.'*

Acts 22:16 (ESV)





# HOW DO I KNOW IF MY BAPTISM WAS FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF MY SINS?



## ANSWER:

You must understand  
the **purpose** and **mode**  
of baptism taught in  
the scripture!



**PURPOSE:**  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS  
OF SINS  
Acts 2:38



**MODE:**  
BY IMMERSION IN  
WATER  
Romans 6:3-4



**POWER:**  
IN THE BLOOD OF  
JESUS CHRIST  
Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 1:18-19

*“Now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.”*

– Acts 22:16

*1 And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. 2 And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” 3 And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John’s baptism.”*

Acts 19:1 – 3 (ESV)



*4 And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.” 5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

Acts 19:4 – 5 (ESV)



# HOW DO I KNOW IF I NEED TO BE “RE-BAPTIZED”?



## ANSWER:

A person is baptized  
for the remission  
of their sins  
only once.



ONE LORD  
ONE FAITH

**ONE  
BAPTISM**

Ephesians 4:5



*“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous,  
that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh  
but made alive in the spirit...”*

**1 PETER 3:18**

**ONE BAPTISM. ONE TIME. ONE PURPOSE.**



# TWO IMPORTANT FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS:



**1. WHY  
WERE YOU  
BAPTIZED?**

Acts 2:38



**2. HOW  
WERE YOU  
BAPTIZED?**

Romans 6:3-4

37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” 38 And Peter said to them, “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.

Acts 2:37 – 38 (ESV)



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**1. WHY  
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Acts 2:38



**2. HOW  
WERE YOU  
BAPTIZED?**

Romans 6:3-4

*3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

Romans 6:3 – 4 (ESV)



*38 And he commanded the chariot to stop,  
and they both went down into the water,  
Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.*

Acts 8:38 (ESV)



**SHOULD I BE  
BAPTIZED AGAIN  
IF I FALL BACK  
INTO A LIFE SIN?**



**ANSWER:  
NO.**

**BAPTISM IS NOT  
REPEATED FOR SIN.**

**REPENT AND  
SEEK FORGIVENESS.  
GOD IS FAITHFUL  
AND JUST.**

**1 JOHN 1:9**



*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins  
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

**1 John 1:9**



Acts 8:13 (ESV) (13 Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed.)

Acts 8:20 – 24 (ESV) (20 But Peter said to him, “May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money! 21 You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right before God. 22 Repent, therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. 23 For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity.” 24 And Simon answered, “Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may come upon me.”)

*16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.*

James 5:16 (ESV)



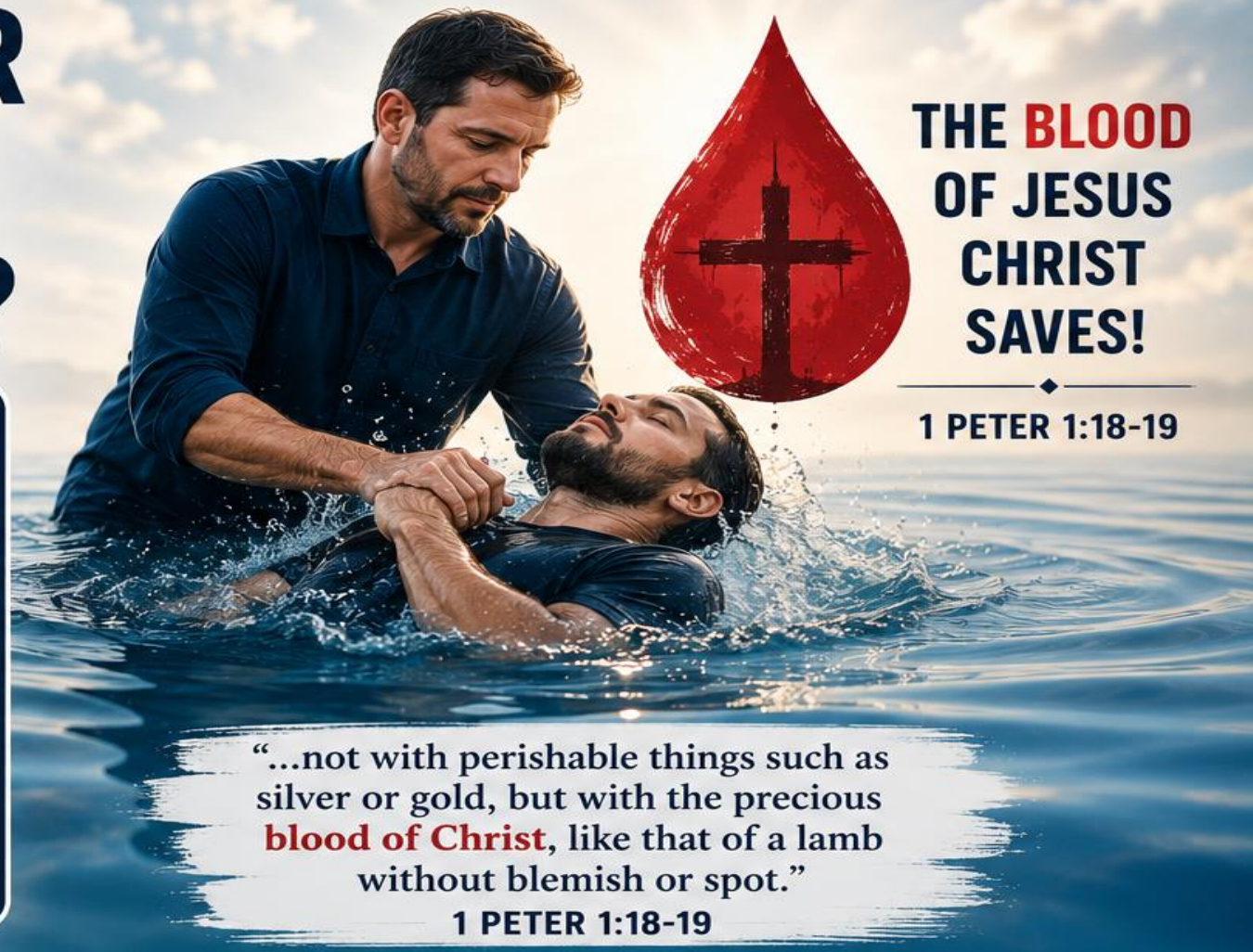


# IS THE POWER TO SAVE IN THE WATER?



## NO!

THE POWER TO SAVE  
IS IN THE **BLOOD** OF  
**JESUS CHRIST**  
WHICH WE CONTACT IN  
**OBEDIENCE OF BAPTISM!**



THE **BLOOD**  
OF JESUS  
CHRIST  
SAVES!

1 PETER 1:18-19

“...not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious **blood of Christ**, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”

1 PETER 1:18-19



“BAPTISM IS NOT **WHAT SAVES**.  
IT IS THE WAY WE  
OBEY THE GOSPEL.  
MARK 16:16



“BAPTISM DOES  
NOT WASH AWAY  
SIN—**JESUS' BLOOD**  
WASHES AWAY SIN.  
ACTS 22:16



“THE POWER  
TO SAVE IS IN  
THE **CROSS**,  
NOT THE WATER.  
ROMANS 5:9



“WE CONTACT THAT  
POWER THROUGH  
FAITH AND **OBEDIENCE**  
TO THE GOSPEL.  
HEBREWS 5:9

FAITH IN **CHRIST** + OBEDIENCE (**BAPTISM**) = **SALVATION**

*5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness,  
the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of  
kings on earth. To him who loves us and has  
freed us from our sins by his blood*

Revelation 1:5 (ESV)



*18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.*

1 Peter 1:18 – 19 (ESV)

*16 And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.'*

Acts 22:16 (ESV)



# HAVE YOU BEEN WASHED IN THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST?



*"...much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, cleanse our conscience from dead works to serve the living God."*

**HEBREWS 9:14**  
(ESV)