

A man with a beard and glasses, wearing a white shirt, is leaning over a woman in the ocean. The woman is lying back, her head above water, and she has a joyful expression. The man is holding her head, and water is splashing around them. The background is the deep blue ocean with gentle waves.

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The God Who Does What You Cannot Do

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15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

17 He is before all things,
and by him all things hold
together.

18 He is also the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

13 He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.

14 In him we have
redemption, the forgiveness
of sins.

3 In him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

The Diagnosis We Need to Hear

Colossians 2:13



13 And when **you were**
_____ in trespasses and in
the uncircumcision of your
flesh, ...

13 And when **you were**
dead in trespasses and in
the uncircumcision of your
flesh, ...

The Rescue We Could Never Perform

Colossians 2:11-12



11 You were also circumcised in him with a circumcision not done with hands, **by** _____ **the body of flesh**, in the circumcision of Christ,

11 You were also circumcised in him with a circumcision not done with hands, **by putting off the body of flesh**, in the circumcision of Christ,

12 when you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

A man with glasses and a white shirt is helping a woman in the ocean. The woman is smiling and looking up at the man. The water is splashing around them. The word "Circumcision" is overlaid in the center.

Circumcision

12 when you were **buried**
with him in _____, ...

12 when you were **buried**
with him in baptism, ...

12 when you were buried with him in baptism, **in which you were also _____ with him** through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

12 when you were buried with him in baptism, **in which you were also raised with him** through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

A man in a white shirt and glasses is baptizing a woman in the ocean. The woman is smiling and has her eyes closed. The man is holding her head under the water. The background is the ocean with waves. The text "Raised from Spiritual Death" is overlaid in the center.

Raised from Spiritual Death

12 when you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him **through faith in the _____**, who raised him from the dead.

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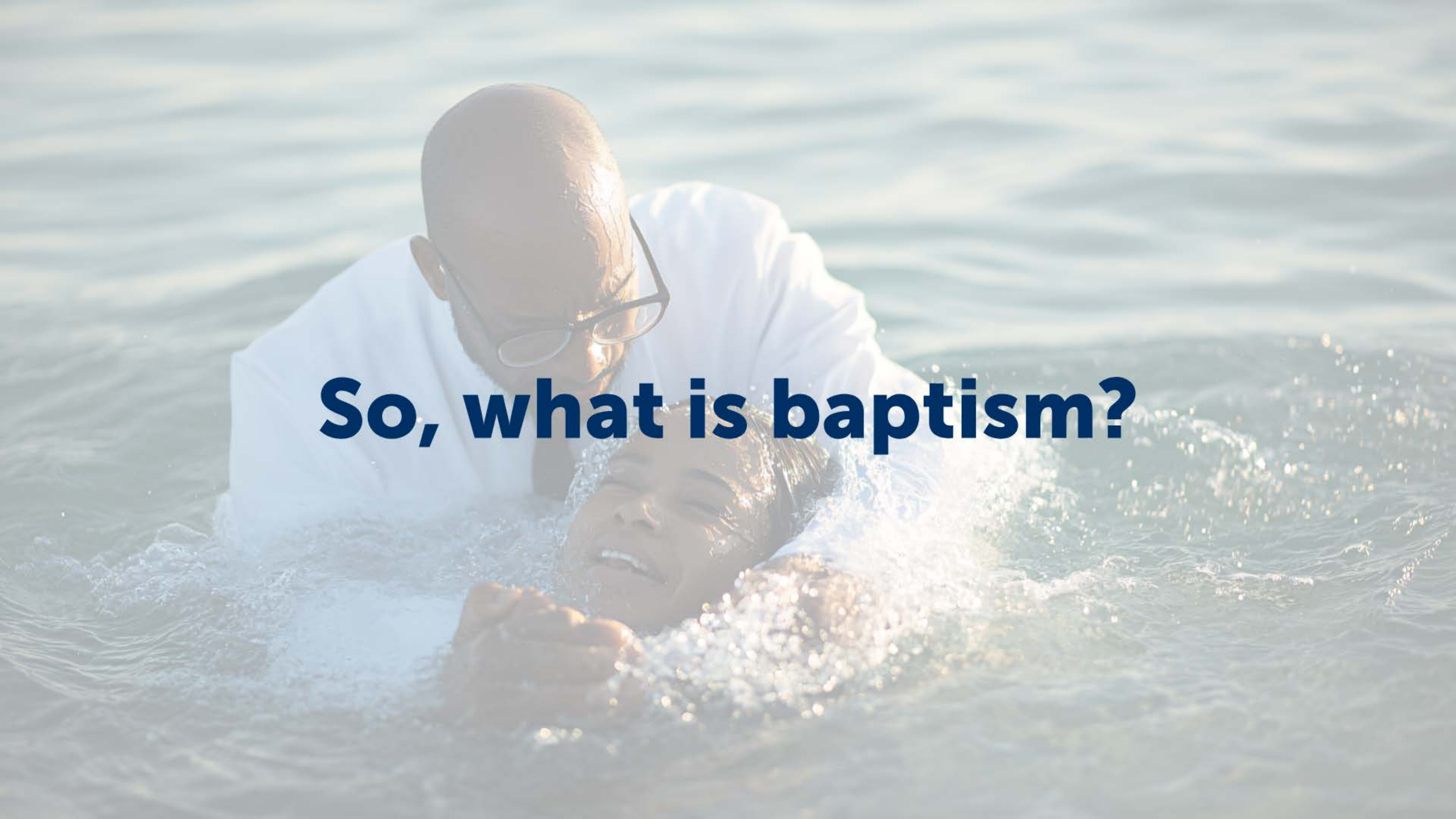
3 Or are you unaware that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore we were **buried with him by baptism into death**, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, **so we too may walk in newness of life.**

5 he saved us—not by works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his _____—
through the washing of
regeneration and renewal by the
Holy Spirit.

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So, what is baptism?

12 when you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him **through _____ in the working of God**, who raised him from the dead.

12 when you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him **through faith in the working of God**, who raised him from the dead.

13 **He has** _____ **us** from
the domain of darkness **and**
_____ **us** into the
kingdom of the Son he
loves.

13 He has rescued us from
the domain of darkness and
 us into the
kingdom of the Son he
loves.

13 He has rescued us from the domain of darkness **and** transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.

The Debt That is Erased

Colossians 2:14



13 ... he made you alive with him and forgave us all our trespasses.

14 **He erased the _____**
_____, with its obligations, that
was against us and opposed
to us, and has taken it away by
nailing it to the cross.

14 He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross.

14 He _____ the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross.

14 He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross.

14 He ...and has taken it
away **by nailing it to the
cross.**

7 In him we have
redemption through his
blood, the forgiveness of
our trespasses, according to
the riches of his grace

21 He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

13 ..., he made you alive
with him and **forgave us** _____
our trespasses.

13 ..., he made you alive
with him and **forgave us all**
our trespasses.

As We Close...



24 "Truly I tell you, anyone who **hears** my word and **believes** him who sent me has eternal life and will not come under judgment but has passed from death to life.

24 Therefore I told you that you will die in your sins. **For if you do not believe that I am he, you will die in your sins."**

29 Jesus replied, **"This is the work of God—that you believe in the one he has sent."**

16 For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, **so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.**

15 "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. **Repent and believe the good news!"**

3 No, I tell you; but **unless
you repent, you will all
perish as well.**

32 "Therefore, **everyone who will acknowledge me before others,** I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven.

5 Jesus answered, "Truly I tell you, **unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.**

MATTHEW 28:19

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19 Go, therefore, and make
disciples of all nations,
**baptizing them in the name
of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit,**

21 **Baptism**, which corresponds to this,
now saves you, not as a removal of dirt
from the body but **as an appeal to God**
for a good conscience, through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ,

8 For you are saved by
grace through faith, and
this is not from yourselves;
it is God's gift—

9 not from works, so that
no one can boast.

11 You were also **circumcised in him** with a circumcision not done with hands, by putting off the body of flesh, in the circumcision of Christ,

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12 when you were **buried with him** in baptism, in which you were also **raised with him** through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

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13 And when you were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, he **made you alive with him** and forgave us all our trespasses.

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A man with a beard and glasses, wearing a white shirt, is leaning over a woman who is lying back in the ocean. The woman's eyes are closed and her mouth is open, suggesting she is being baptized. The water is splashing around them, and the background shows the ocean waves under a bright sky.

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