

FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FAITH

The Significance of Baptism

A person is shown from the waist up, splashing in water. Their arms are raised in a gesture of joy or triumph. The background is a bright sunset over a body of water, with trees visible in the distance. The scene is filled with water droplets, creating a sense of movement and freshness.
The Church
Family Fellowship

I BELIEVE – NOW WHAT?



ACTS 8:26-40



THREE QUESTIONS

- Why Do We Baptize?
- Who Is Baptism For?
- What Benefits Does Baptism Offer?



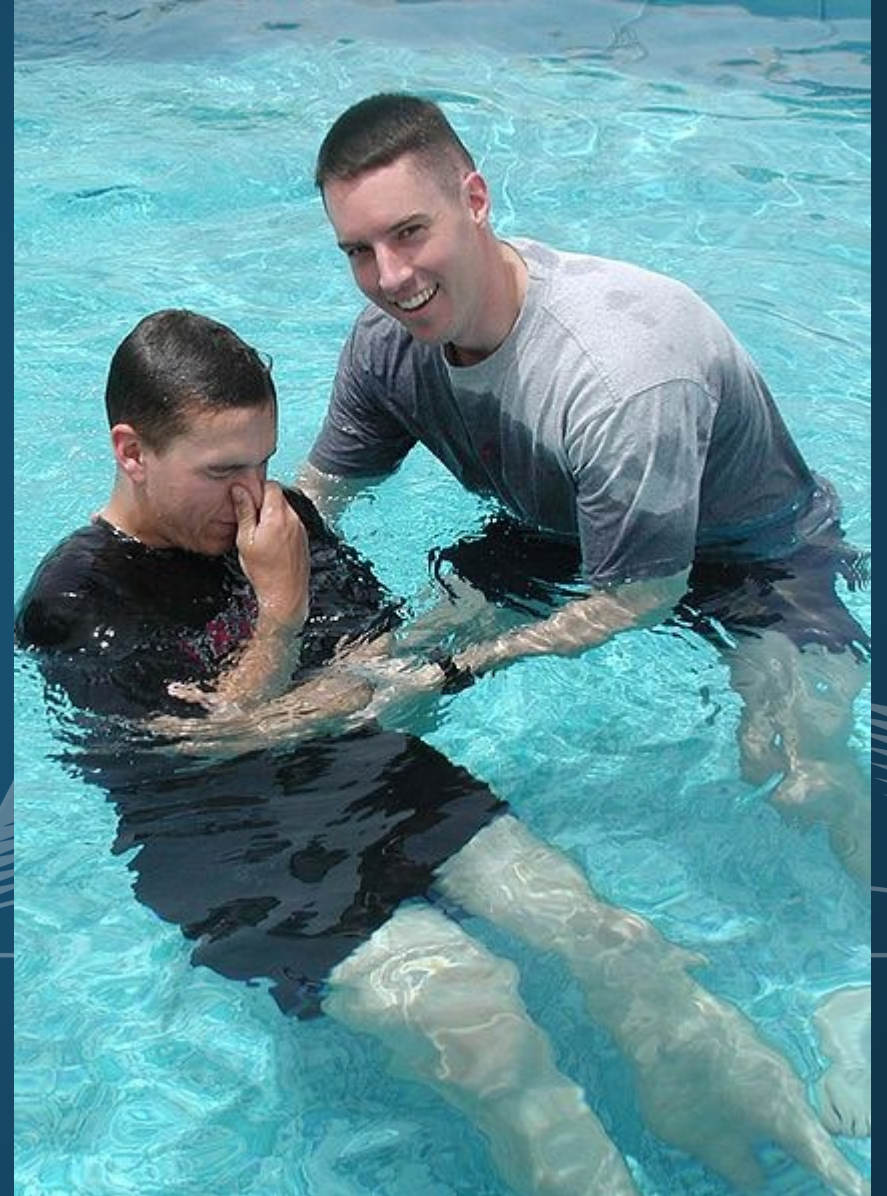
I. WHY DO WE BAPTIZE?

- Jesus Modeled Baptism
 - Matthew 3:13-15
- Jesus Commanded Baptism
 - Baptism is part of making disciples
 - Two expressions of salvation
 - Church converts were baptized
- Baptism and Salvation are Linked

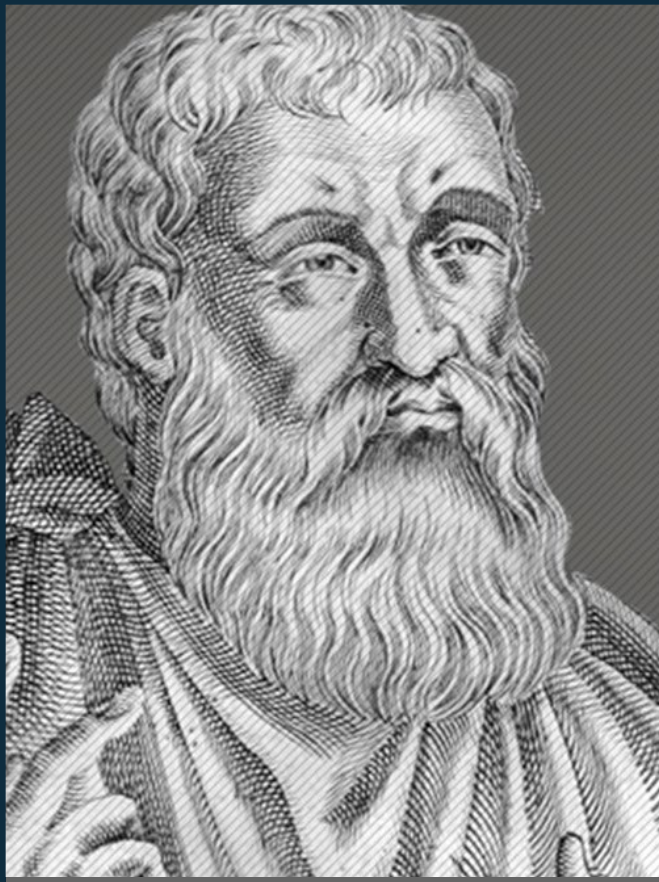


II. WHO IS BAPTISM FOR?

- A Symbol of a Unique People
- A Symbol of a Spiritual Rebirth
 - Death and Resurrection
 - Baptism of the Holy Spirit

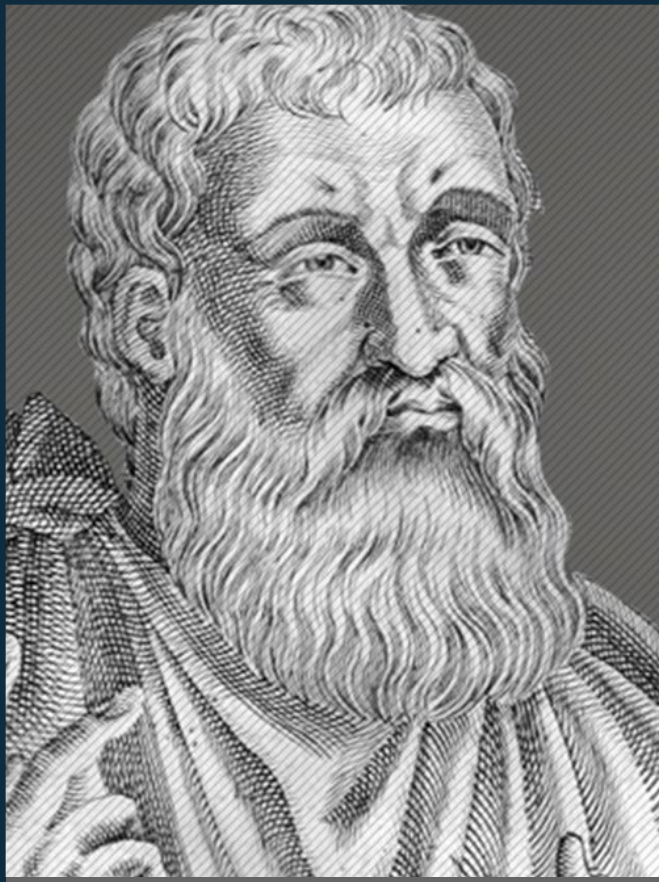


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“Then they are brought by us where there is water, and are regenerated in the same manner in which we were ourselves regenerated. For, in the name of God, the Father and Lord of the universe, and of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, they then receive the washing with water. For Christ also said, ‘Unless you be born again, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.’”

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“Since at our birth we were born without our own knowledge or choice ... and were brought up in bad habits and wicked training; in order that we may not remain the children of necessity and of ignorance, but may become the children of choice and knowledge, and may obtain in the water the remission of sins formerly committed, there is pronounced over him... the name of God the Father and Lord of the universe... the name of Jesus Christ, who was crucified under Pontius Pilate, and in the name of the Holy Ghost.”

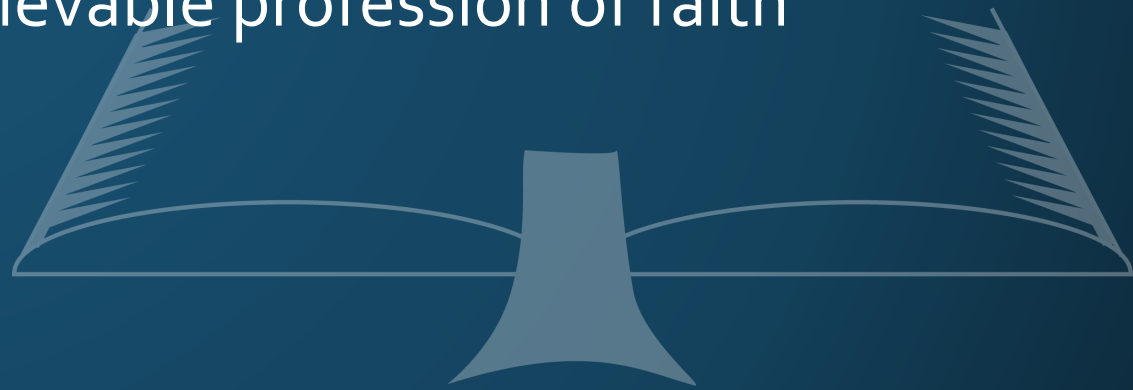
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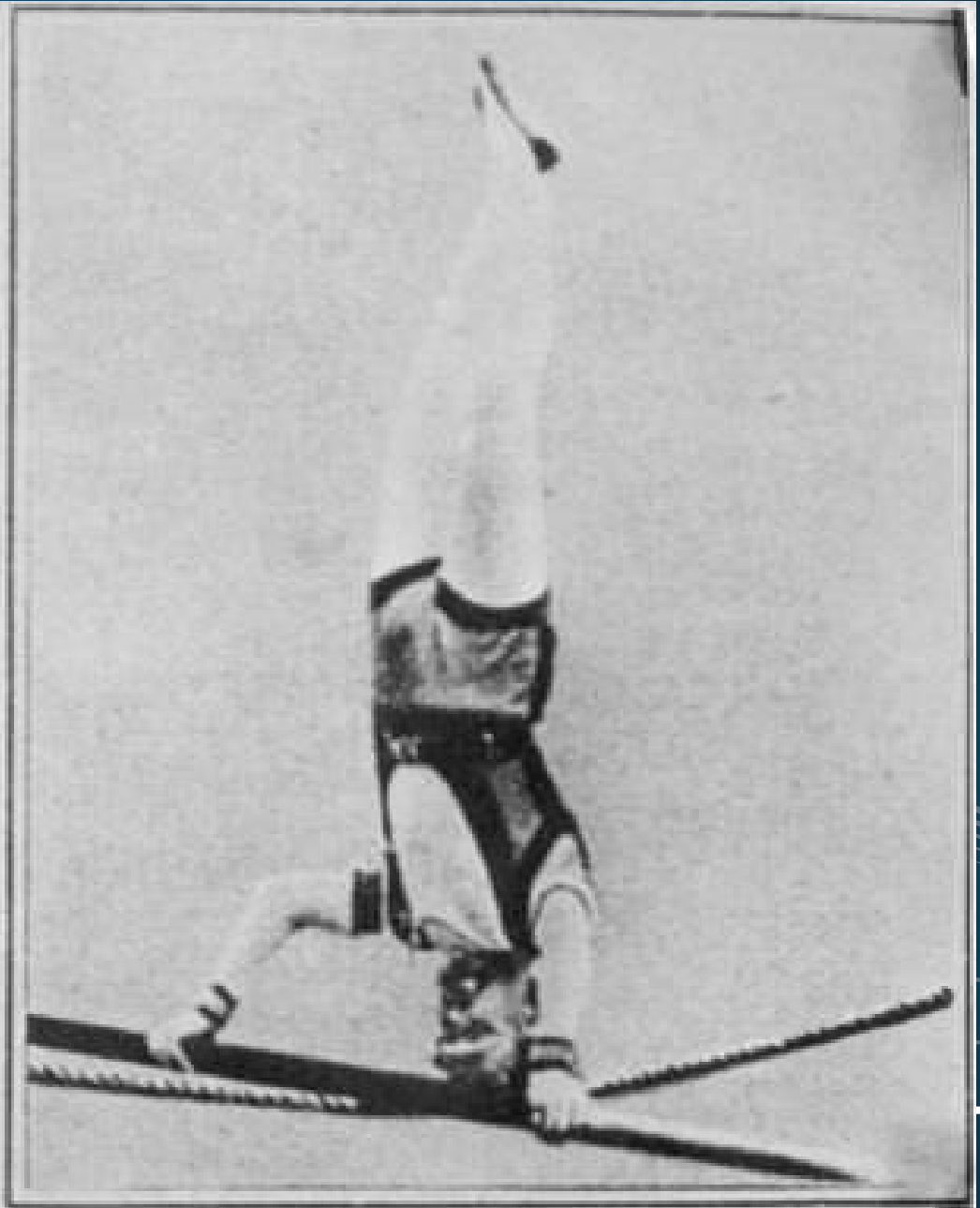
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- Reserved for those who can offer a “believable profession of faith”









A BELIEVABLE PROFESSION OF FAITH

- An Act of Showing True Faith
- Confessing Jesus Publicly
- Practiced only once!



THE QUESTION OF CHILDREN



III. WHAT BENEFITS DOES BAPTISM OFFER?

- Baptism Does Not Save Us
- It Joins Us to the Family of God
- It Solidifies Our Faith
- It is a Channel of Blessing



REJOICE IN BAPTISM!

