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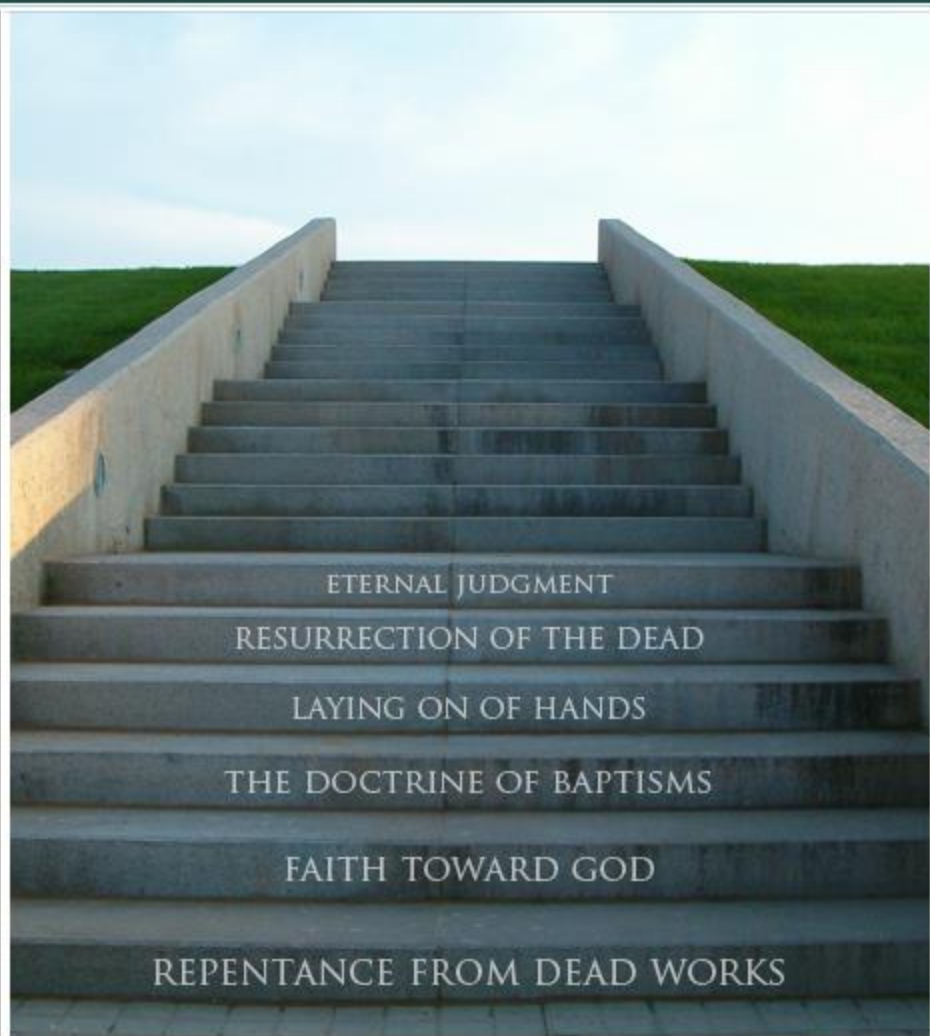
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Lesson 4:

The Doctrine of Baptisms

The principles of the doctrine of Christ are named in Hebrews 6.

They are listed in the same order they are experienced by a disciple of Christ.



ETERNAL JUDGMENT

RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

LAYING ON OF HANDS

THE DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS

FAITH TOWARD GOD

REPENTANCE FROM DEAD WORKS



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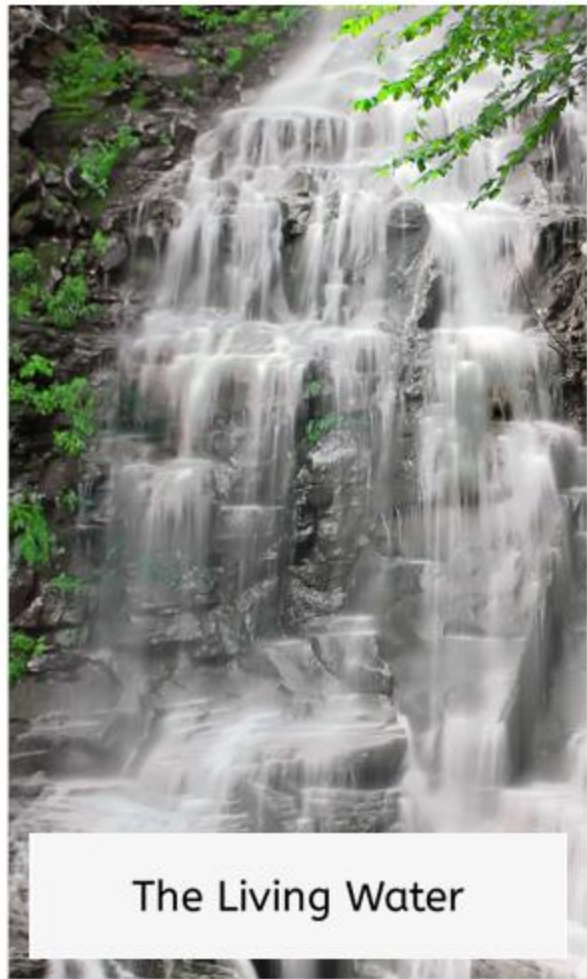


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This lesson has THREE parts:

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The Living Water



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The Water that purifies
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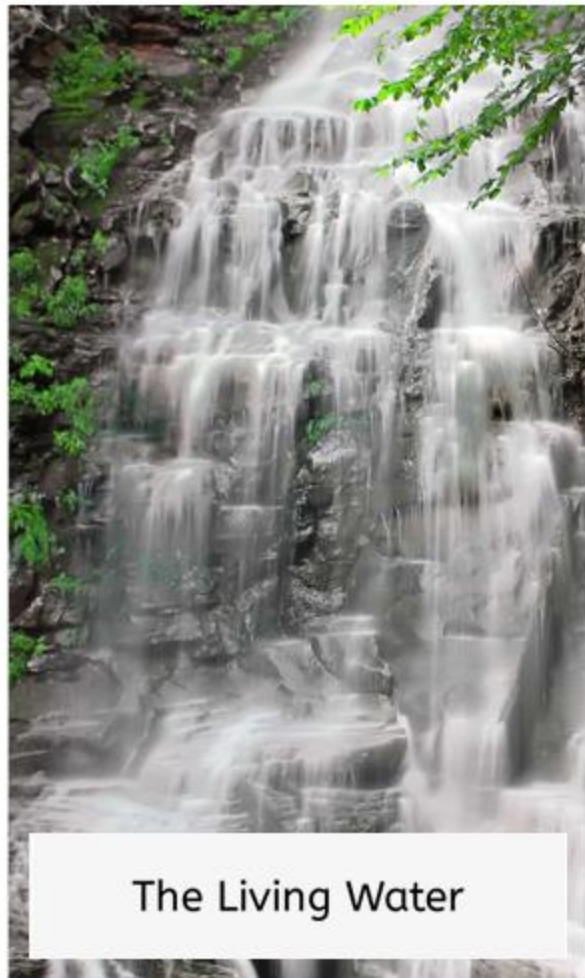
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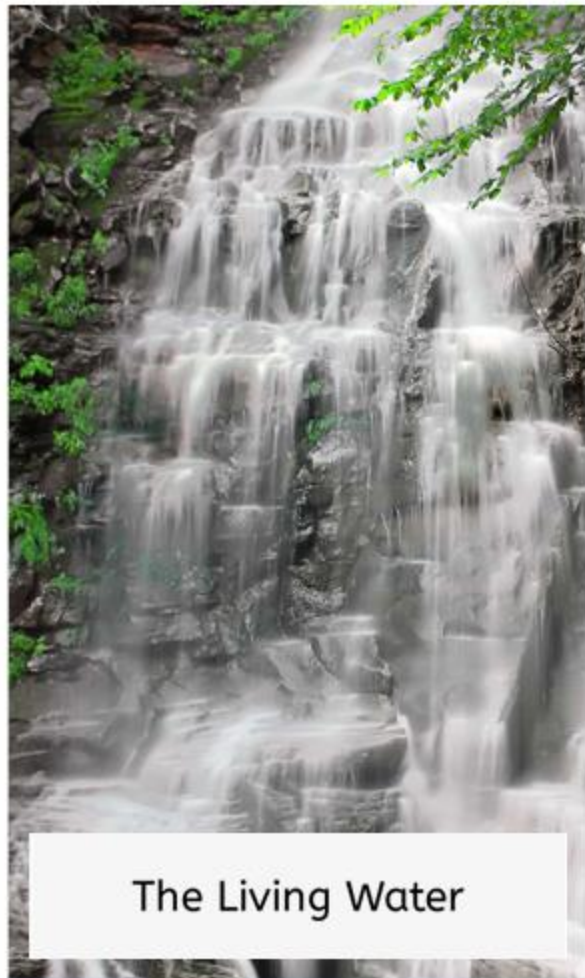


The Six Baptisms
in the Bible



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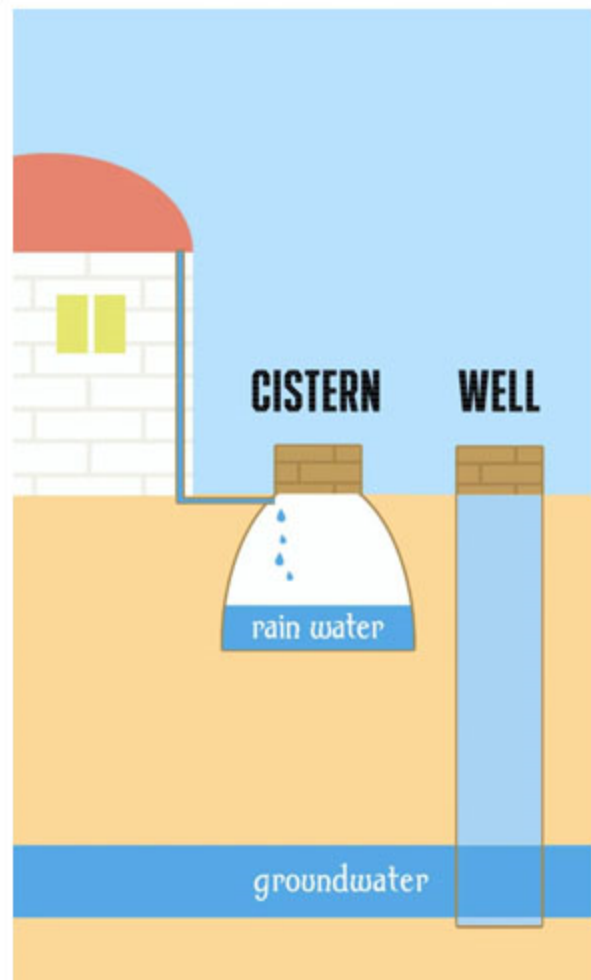


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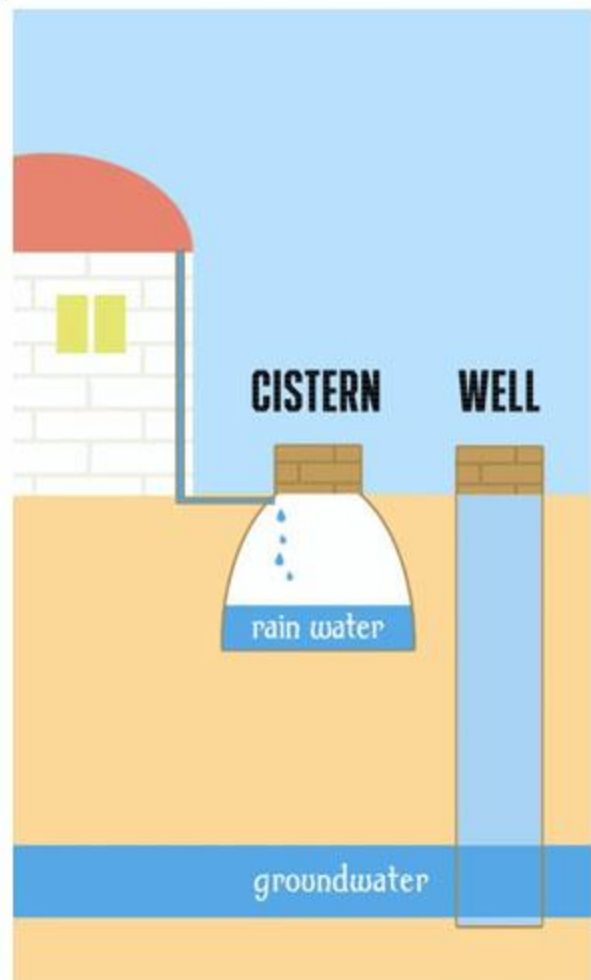


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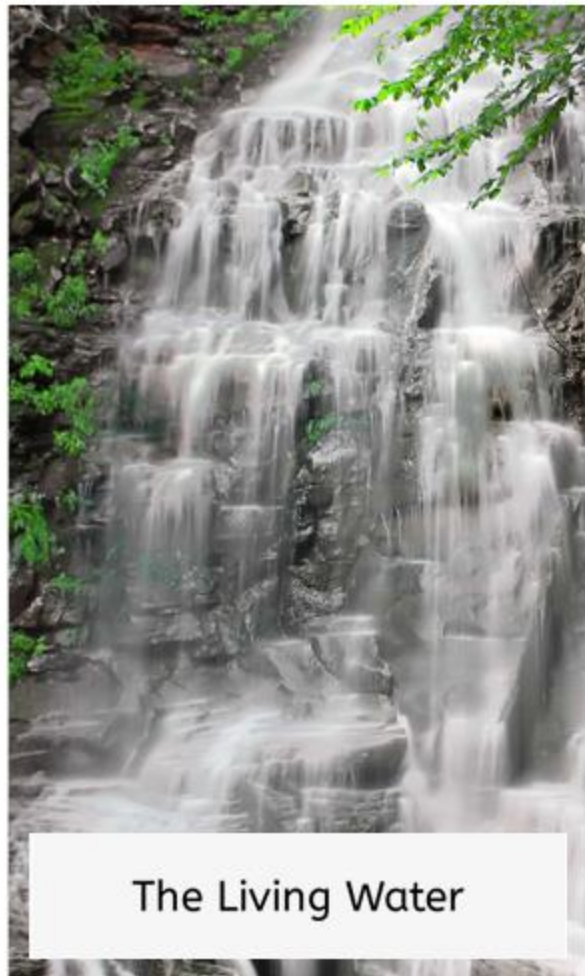
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These broken cisterns are man-made religions.



A cistern collects rainwater.
A broken cistern cannot hold water.

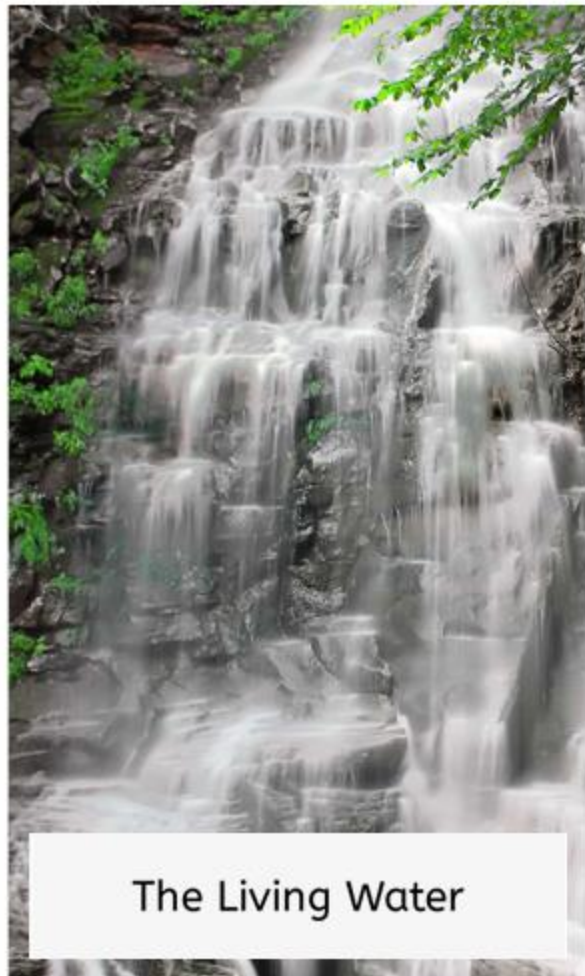


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God is the water brook that quenches our thirst for righteousness:

Psalm 42:1-2

- ¹ As the hart panteth after the water brooks,
so panteth my soul after thee, O God.
- ² My soul thirsteth for God,
for the living God:
when shall I come and appear before God?



The Living Water

Jesus said, “Come unto me and drink.”

John 7:37

³⁷ In the last day,
that great *day* of the feast,
Jesus stood and cried, saying,
If any man thirst,
let him come unto me, and drink.



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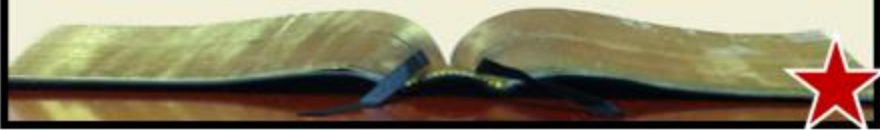
Water is used symbolically as the agent of purification and sanctification.

In Old Testament times, priests were ritualistically cleansed with “water of purifying.”



Numbers 8:5-7

- 5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
- 6 Take the Levites from among the children of Israel, and cleanse them.
- 7 And thus shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them:
- Sprinkle water of purifying upon them,** and let them shave all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and so make themselves clean.





The Water that purifies
and separates

Any treasures taken in battle had to be “purified with the water of separation” before they were brought into the camp of Israel.

Numbers 31:23

²³ Every thing that may abide the fire, ye shall make it go through the fire, and it shall be clean: nevertheless **it shall be purified with the water of separation:** and all that abideth not the fire ye shall make go through the water.





The Water that purifies
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Ezekiel spoke of a day when God would sanctify and cleanse Israel with “clean water.”

Ezekiel 36:24-25

²⁴ For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

²⁵ **Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean:**
from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.



Water symbolizes the cleansing power of the Spirit of God through the blood of Jesus Christ.

1 John 5:8

⁸ And there are three that bear witness in earth,
the Spirit,
and the water,
and the blood:
and these three agree in one.



We have been washed in the blood of the Lamb.

Revelation 1:5b-6

- ⁵ ... Unto him that loved us,
and washed us from our sins in
his own blood,
- ⁶ And hath made us kings and
priests unto God and his Father;
to him *be* glory and dominion
for ever and ever. Amen.



The Water that purifies
and separates

When Christ comes into our lives,
he washes us “with pure water.”

Hebrews 10:22

²² 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.



The Water that purifies
and separates

He sanctifies and cleanses his church with
“the washing of water by the word.”

Ephesians 5:25-26

- ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives,
even as Christ also loved the church, and gave
himself for it;
- ²⁶ That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the
washing of water by the word,



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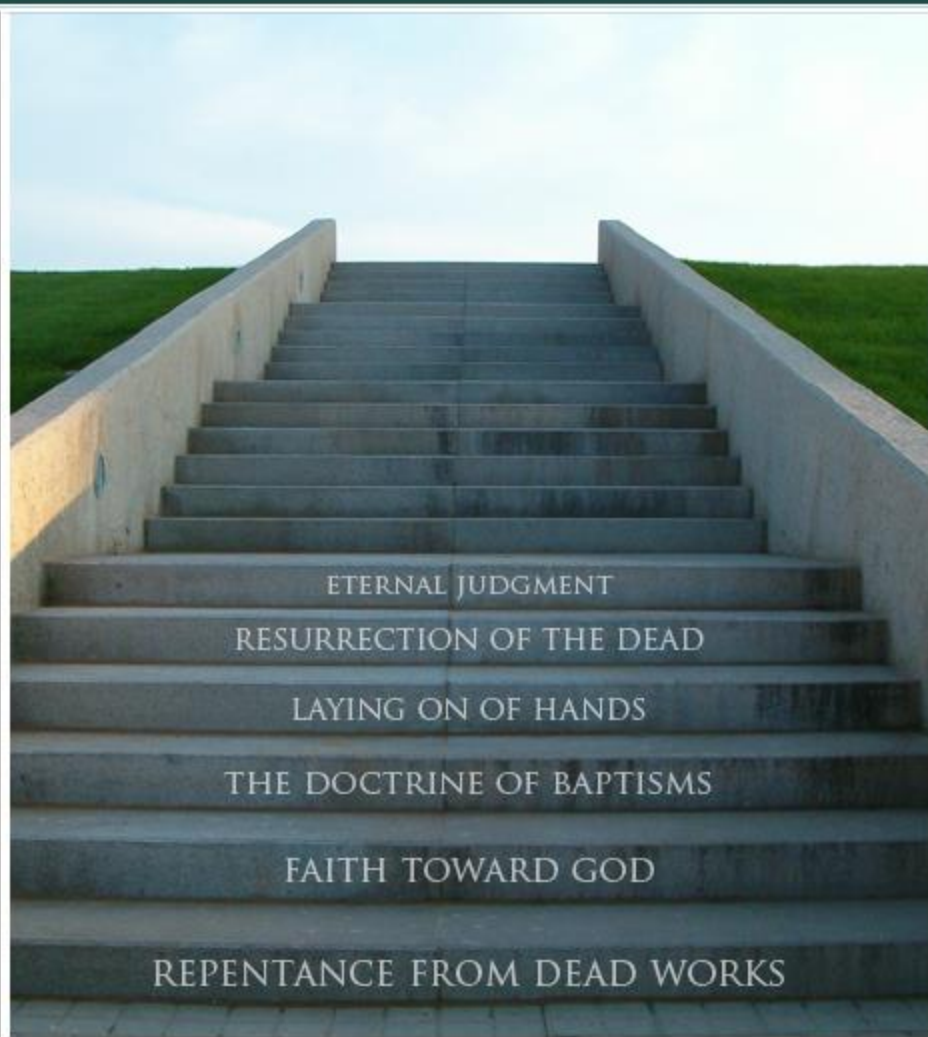
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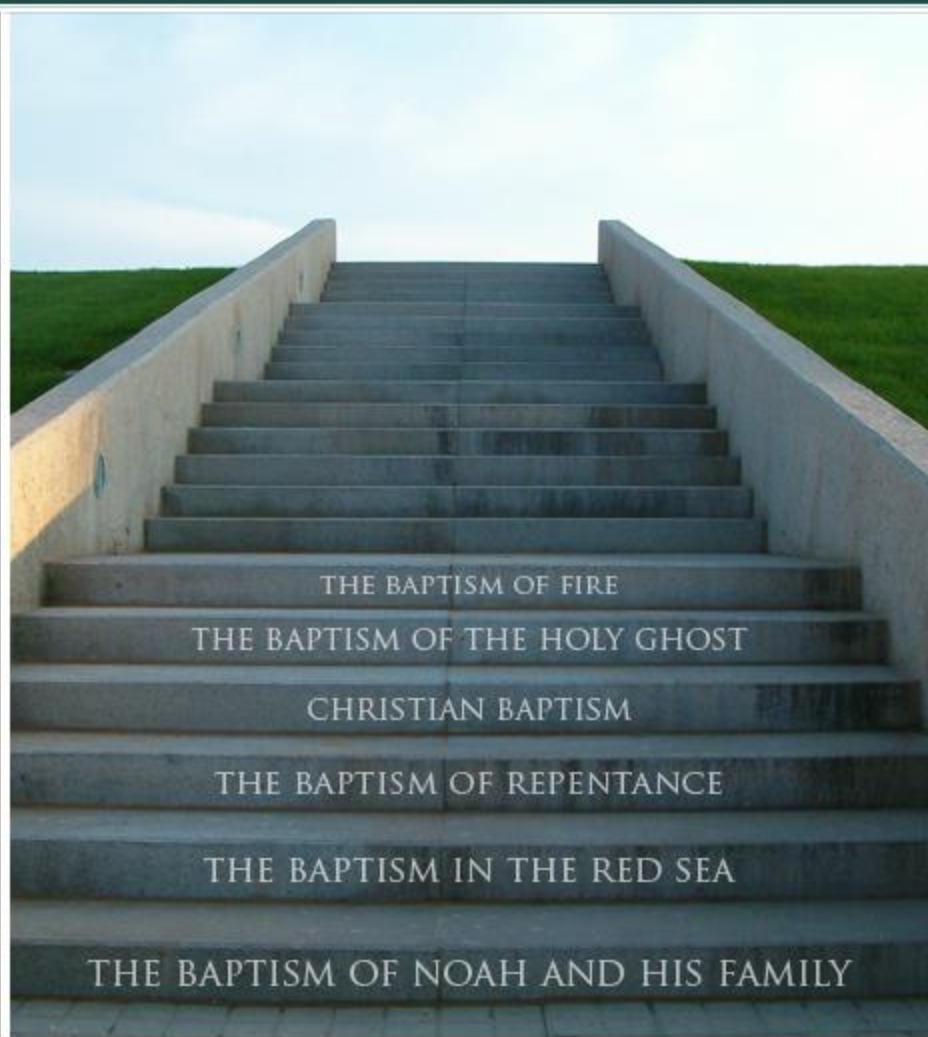
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And there are **SIX** baptisms that will be experienced on earth before we go on to the perfection of the final paradise:



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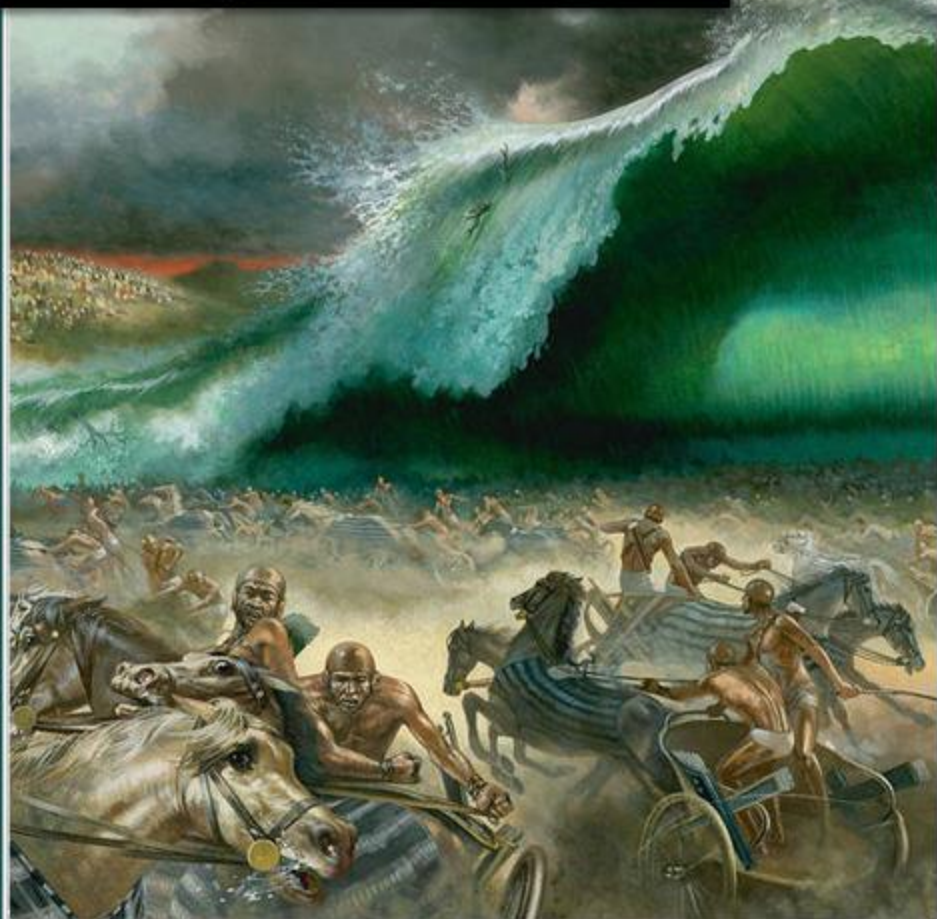


1,600 years after the creation, Noah and his family symbolically died and were buried under the waters. They came out of that wooden tomb to start a new life on a cleansed planet.

1 Peter 3:20b-21

- ²⁰ ... in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.
- ²¹ The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

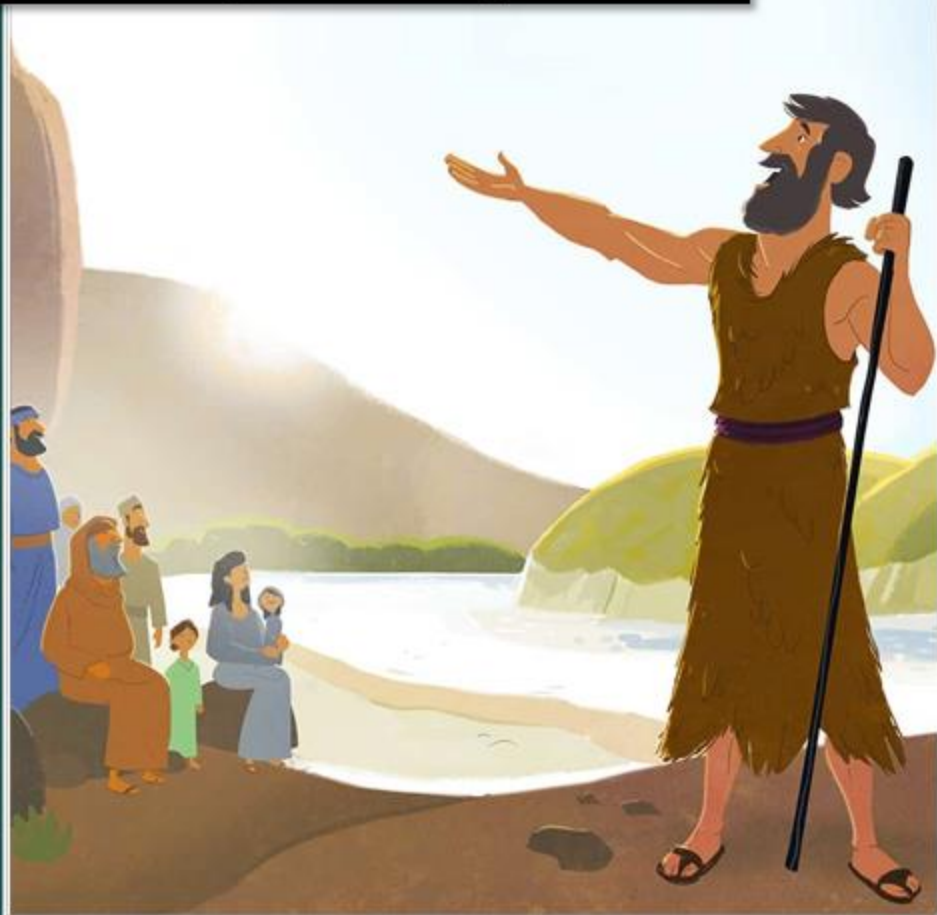
2. The Baptism “unto Moses”



The children of Israel “were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea” (1 Cor 10:2).

The Red Sea was the water of separation that divided God’s people from their enemies, and those who were saved from those who were damned.

3. The Baptism of Repentance

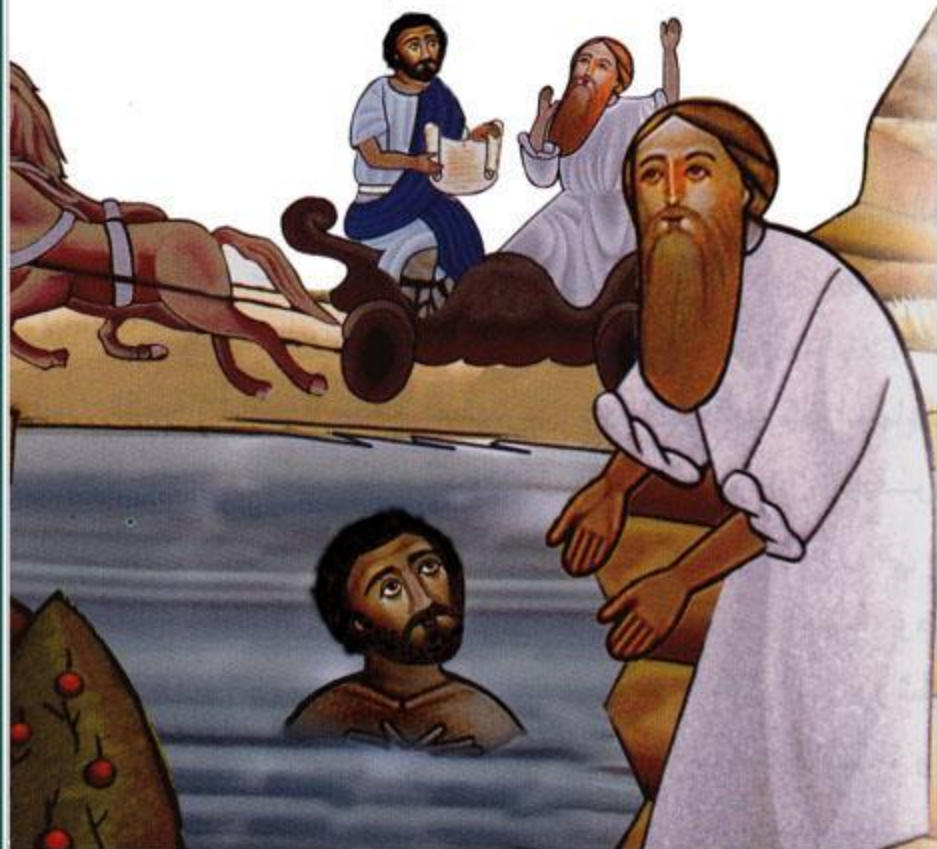


John's baptism prepared men to receive the Lord in the same way that repentance from dead works makes way for faith toward God.

Luke 3:3-4

- 3 And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;
- 4 As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4. Christian Baptism



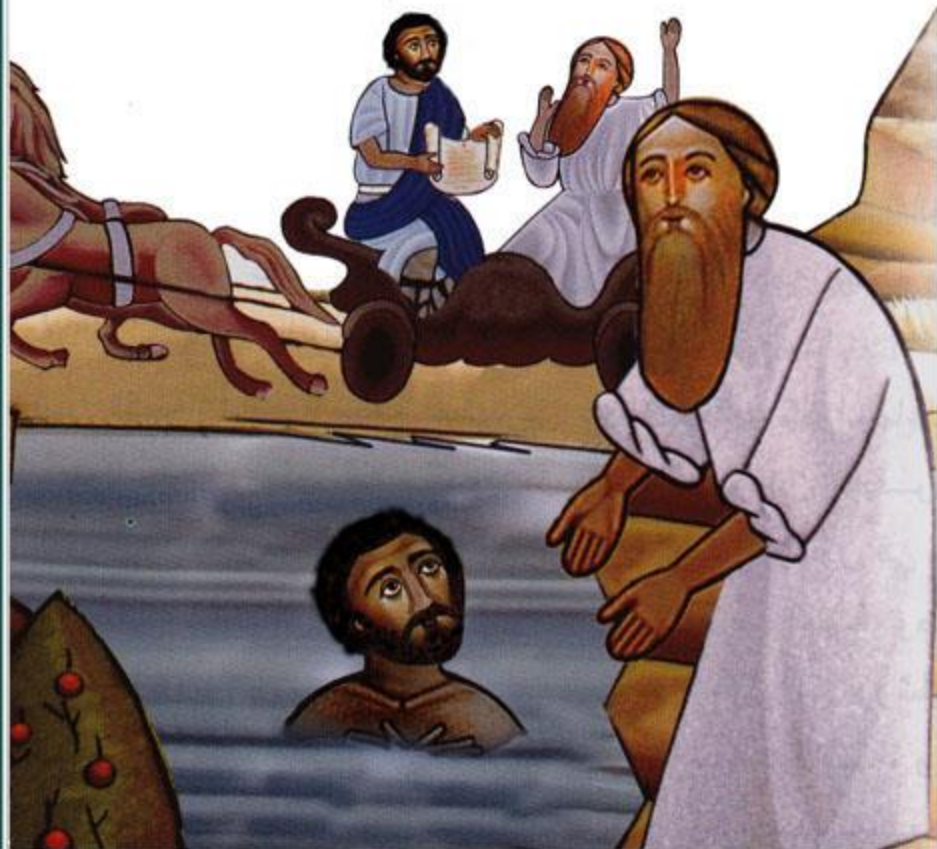
Christian baptism, or baptism in the name of Jesus Christ, symbolizes our death, burial, and resurrection in Christ.

Romans 6:4-5

- 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death:
that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
- 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness of his resurrection:*



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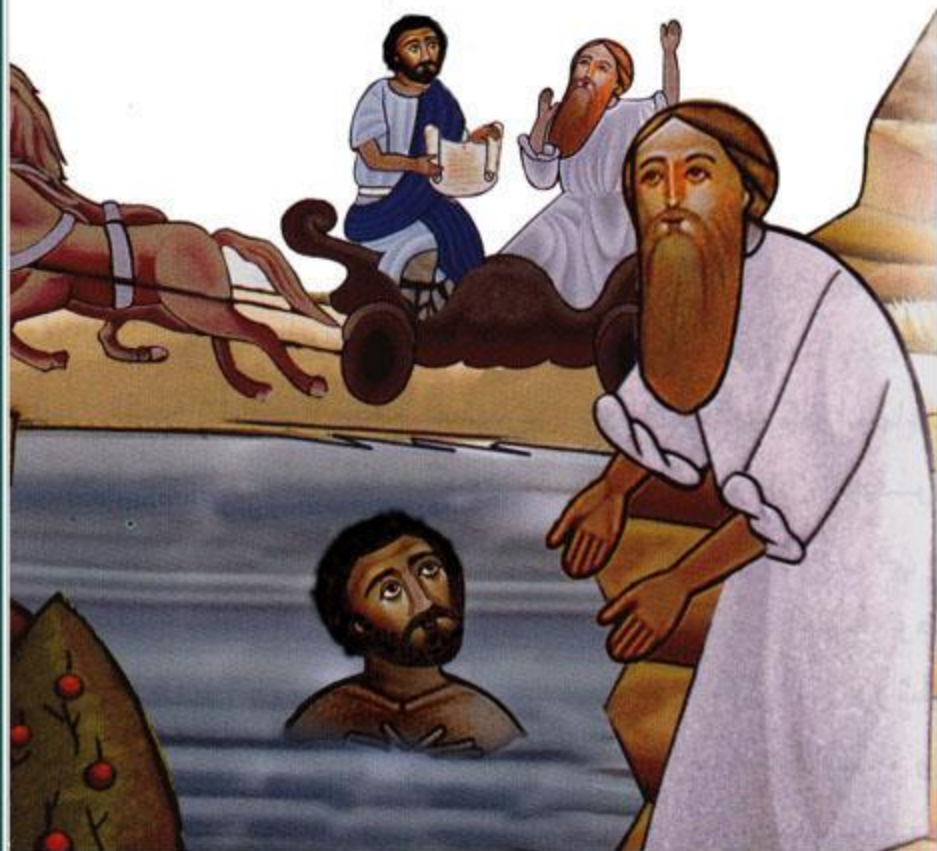


Baptism in water is not a requirement for salvation. It is for those who are *already saved*, to show the complete work of Christ on the cross:

Colossians 2:10, 12

- ¹⁰ And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:
- ¹² Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

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We do it in obedience to the Lord's command.

Matthew 28:18-19

- ¹⁸ And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying,
All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
- ¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

4. Christian Baptism



Our baptism in water symbolizes that we have been baptized into Christ.

Mark 16:15-16

- ¹⁵ And he said unto them,
Go ye into all the world,
and preach the gospel to every
creature.
- ¹⁶ He that believeth and is baptized
shall be saved; but he that believeth
not shall be damned.

5. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost



In the Old Testament, God sealed his covenant with Abraham with the sign of circumcision, “a seal of the righteousness” he received by faith.

Romans 4:11a

And he [Abraham] received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which *he had yet* being uncircumcised:

5. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost



Now God seals the covenant he makes with “whosoever believeth in him” with the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13

In whom ye also *trusted*,
after that ye heard the word of truth,
the gospel of your salvation:
in whom also after that ye believed,
ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of
promise,



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We are sealed by his Spirit. This seal guarantees the permanence of God's ownership of us.

Ephesians 4:30

³⁰ And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

5. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost



It is the “earnest” or down payment of a better thing to come.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

- ²¹ Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;
- ²² Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

6. The Baptism of Fire



Two baptisms – the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the baptism of fire – are administered by Christ alone.

John the Baptist said in **Matthew 3:11-12**

- ¹¹ ... he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear:
he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:
- ¹² Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

6. The Baptism of Fire



The first time, God judged the world with water. The second time will be with fire.

2 Peter 3:10

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.





The first three principles of the doctrine of Christ,
Repentance from Dead Works
Faith toward God,
and the Doctrine of Baptisms,
prove the complete work of the cross.
Nothing else is needed to secure a believer to Christ.

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Knowing that our salvation is fully a gift of God's grace, we put our complete trust in the work of Christ on the cross, fully identifying with his death, burial, and resurrection, knowing that our salvation is sealed until the day of our redemption.

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With these truths fully settled in a our heart,
we are now truly ready to serve the Lord and
his people.

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