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1 CORINTHIANS 1:23

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The Importance of Prophecy



Understanding the Scriptures



Jesus & Baptism



- Three Lessons
 - The Importance of Prophecy
 - Understanding the Scriptures
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The Importance of Prophecy

The **Reality** of God

The **Power** of God

The **Purpose** of God

The **Messianic Prophecies**

- The Importance of Prophecy: Reality, Power, Purpose
- Esp. Messianic prophecies
- Show that Jesus is the Christ, Messiah that God always planned to send for our salvation.

Understanding Scripture



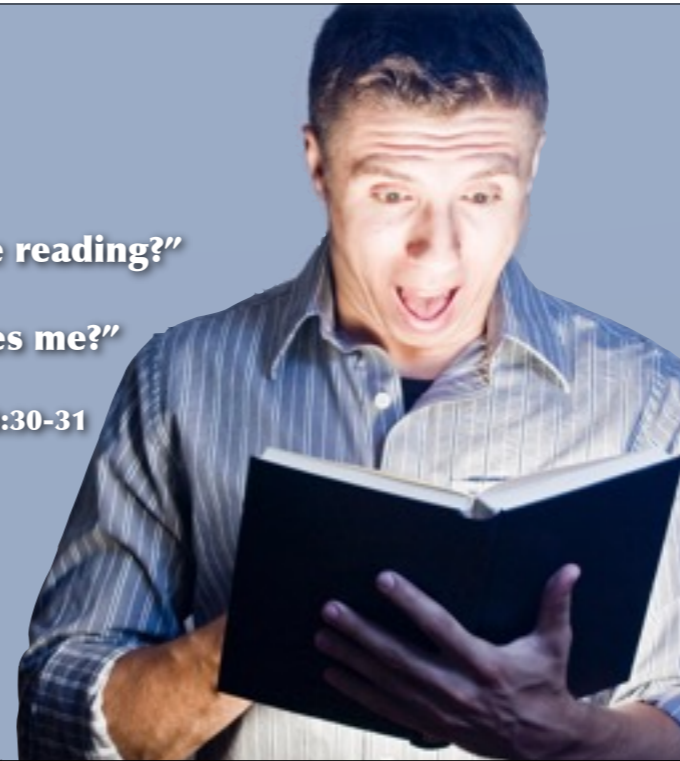
- Do we need help understanding the Scriptures?

Understand

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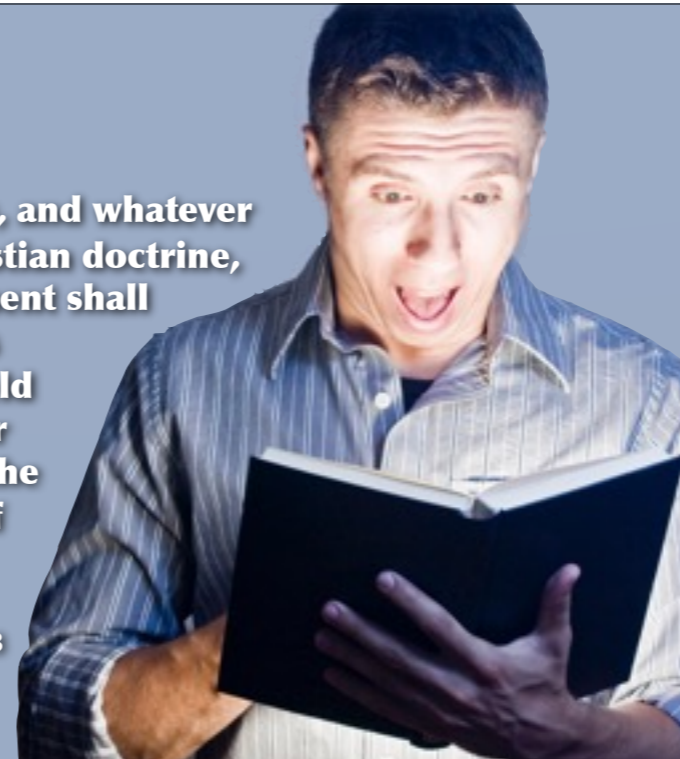


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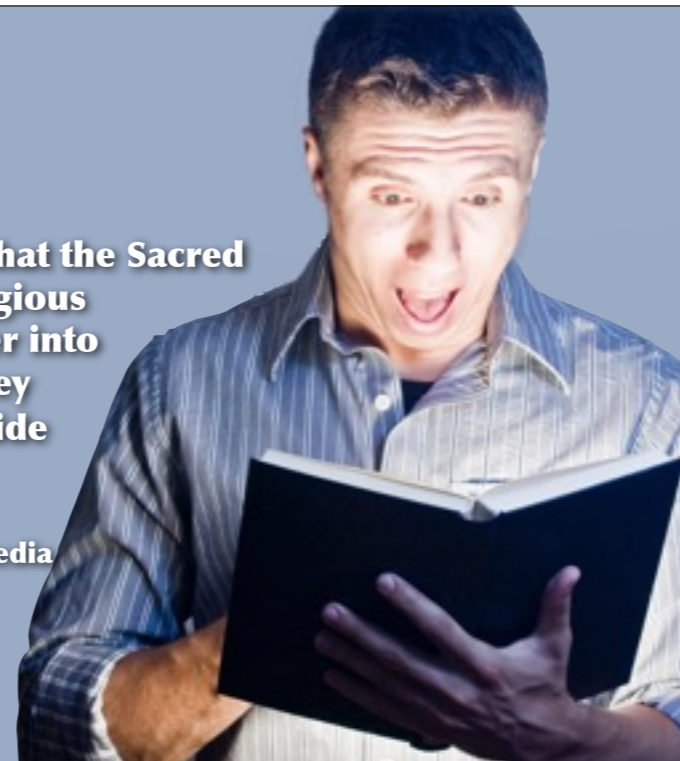


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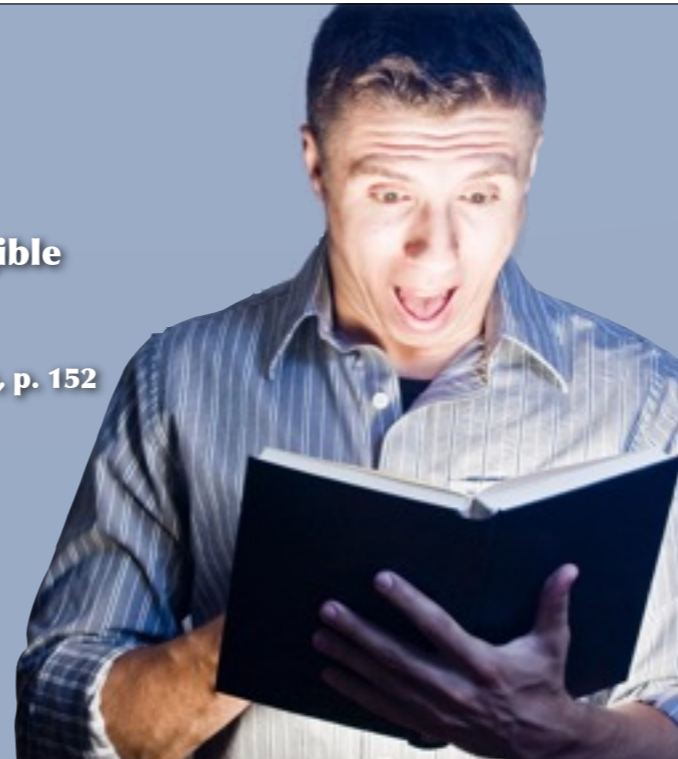


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Understand

Syllabus of Errors

Pius IX



- Why does their doctrine change?
- 1864 Pius IX: Syllabus of Errors.... condemned statements
 - Religious liberty
 - Separation of Church and State
 - “Heresy” of Americanism.

Understand

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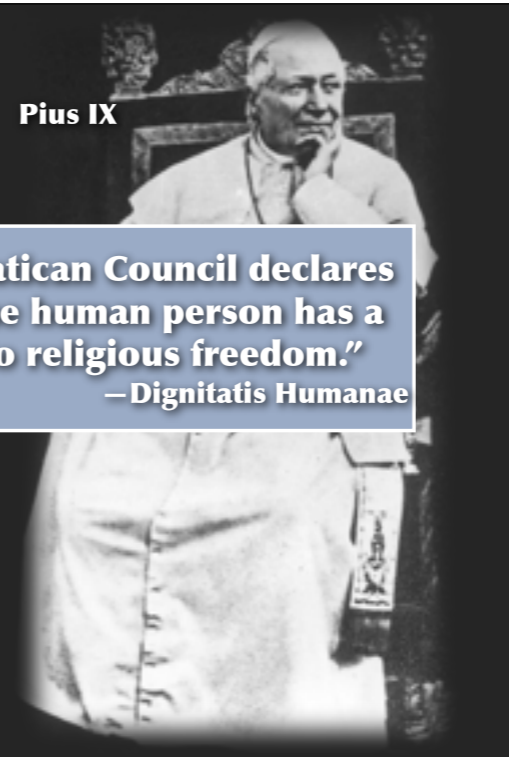
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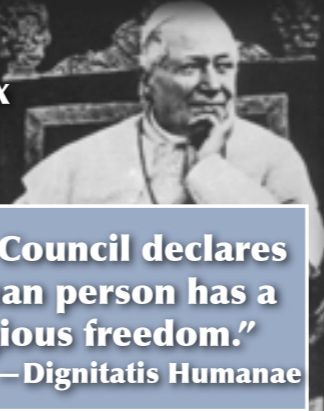
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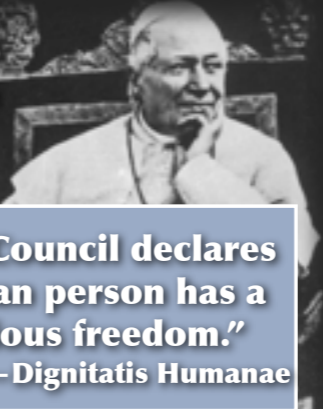
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Failed Prophecies of Jesus' Coming

1914	1932
1915	1951
1917	1975
1918	
1920	2033
1921	
1925	

Failed Prophecies...

Claimed for all these years...

Newest: 2033: Will it happen?

Understand

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1 Peter 1:12

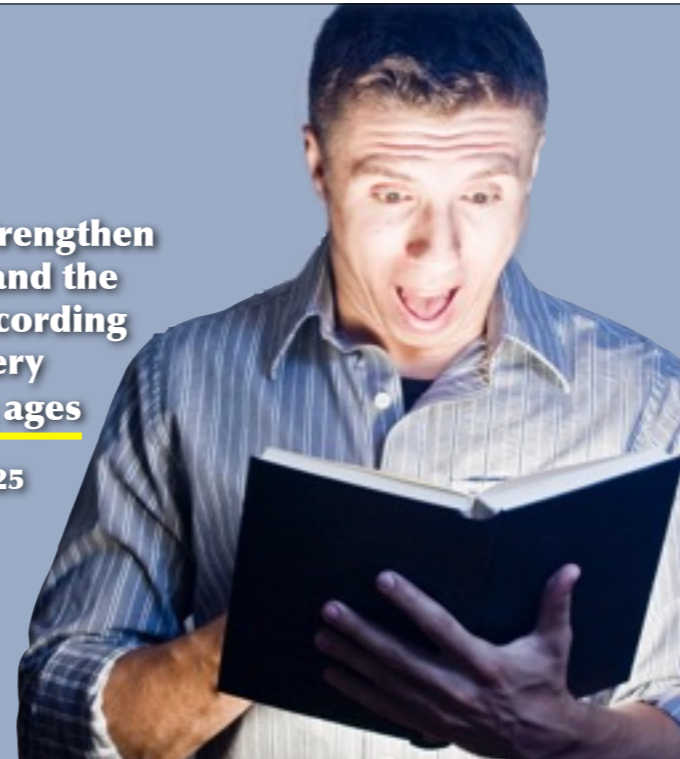


- There was a time, when it was not fully understood what God was planning.
- Angels longed to look...
- 1 Peter 1:10-12: Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, 11 inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. 12 It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

Understand

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages

Romans 16:25

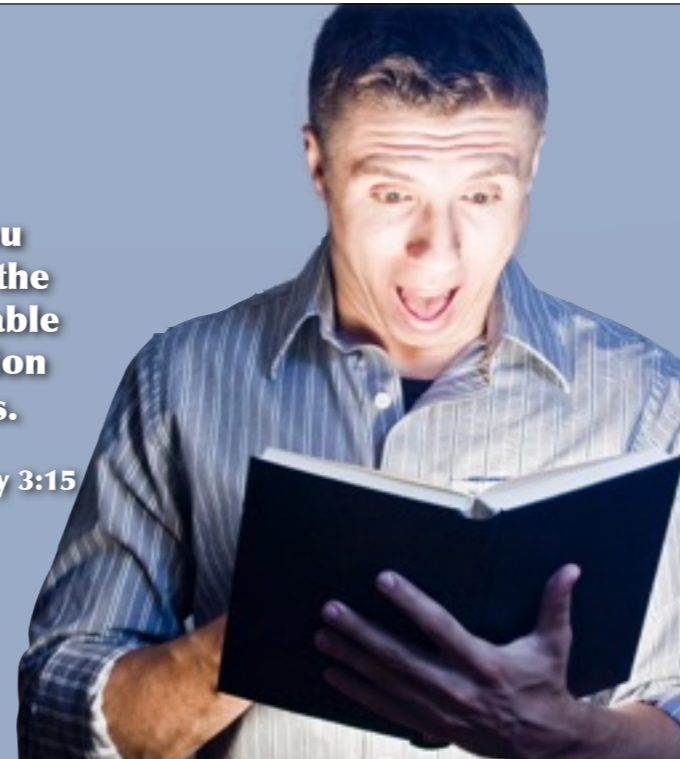


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- Note: mystery REVEALED!

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Colossians 1:26



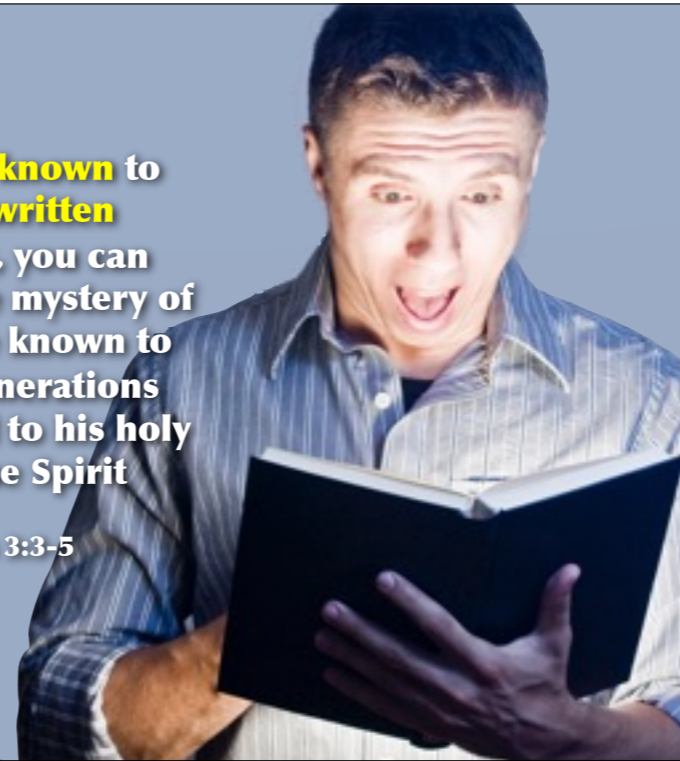
- Now revealed to saints

Colossians 1:25-27: of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26 the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. 27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory

Understand

how the mystery was **made known** to me by revelation, as I have **written** briefly. When you **read** this, you can **perceive** my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been **revealed** to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit

Ephesians 3:3-5



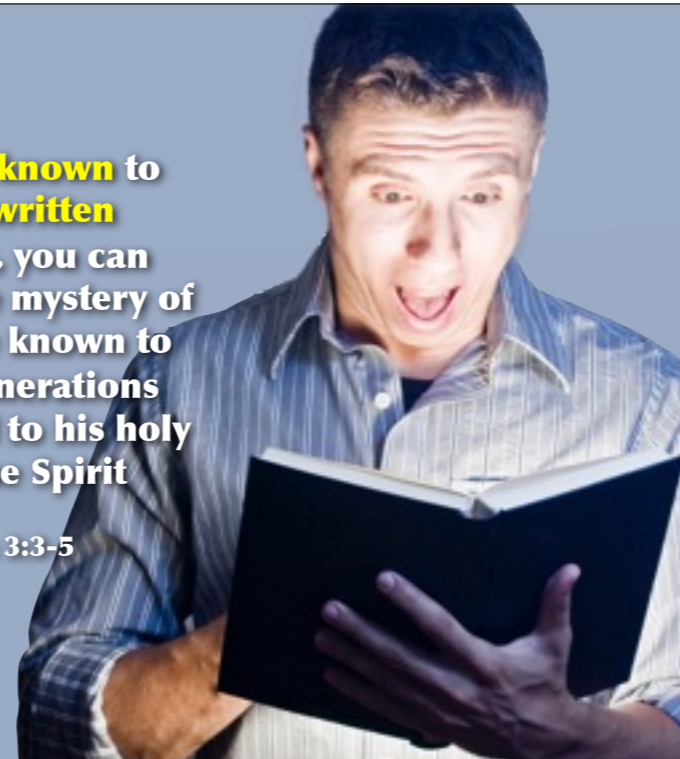
- Paul made known by revelation... written... Read... perceive

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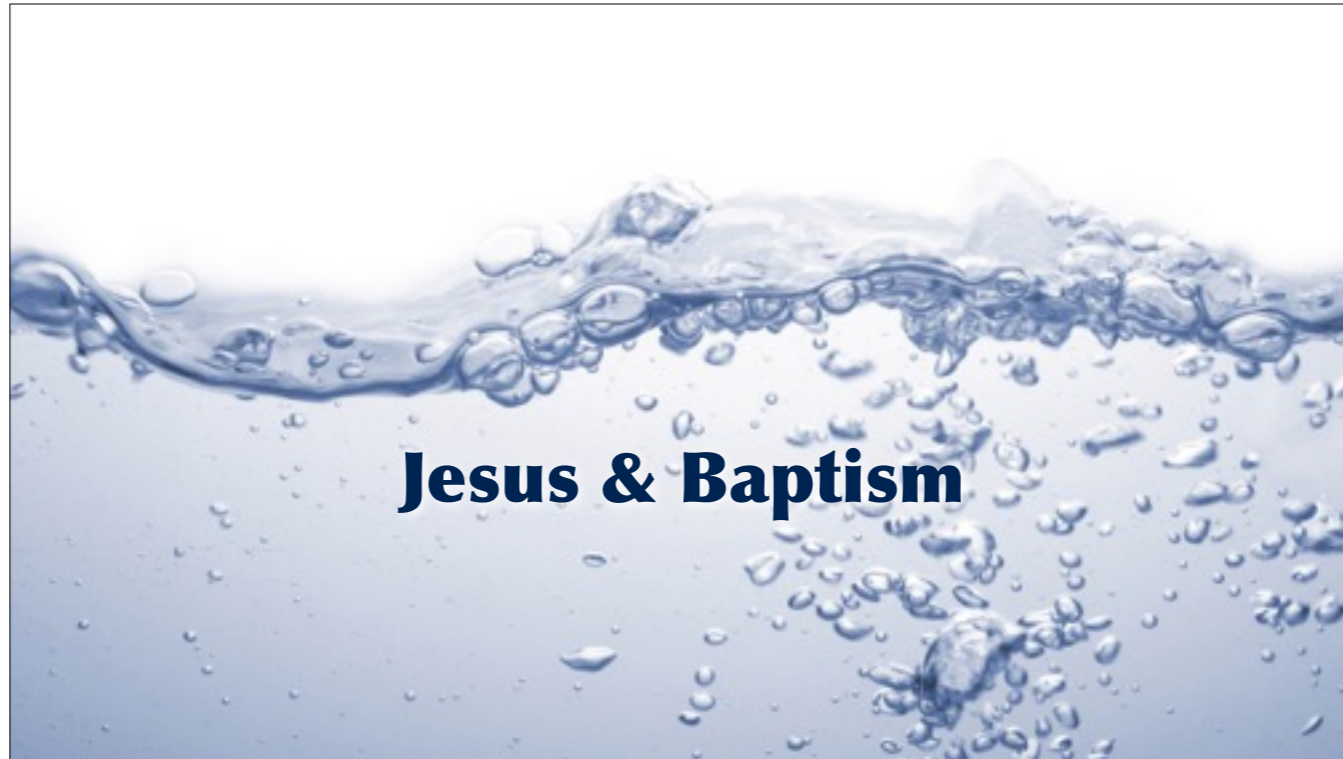
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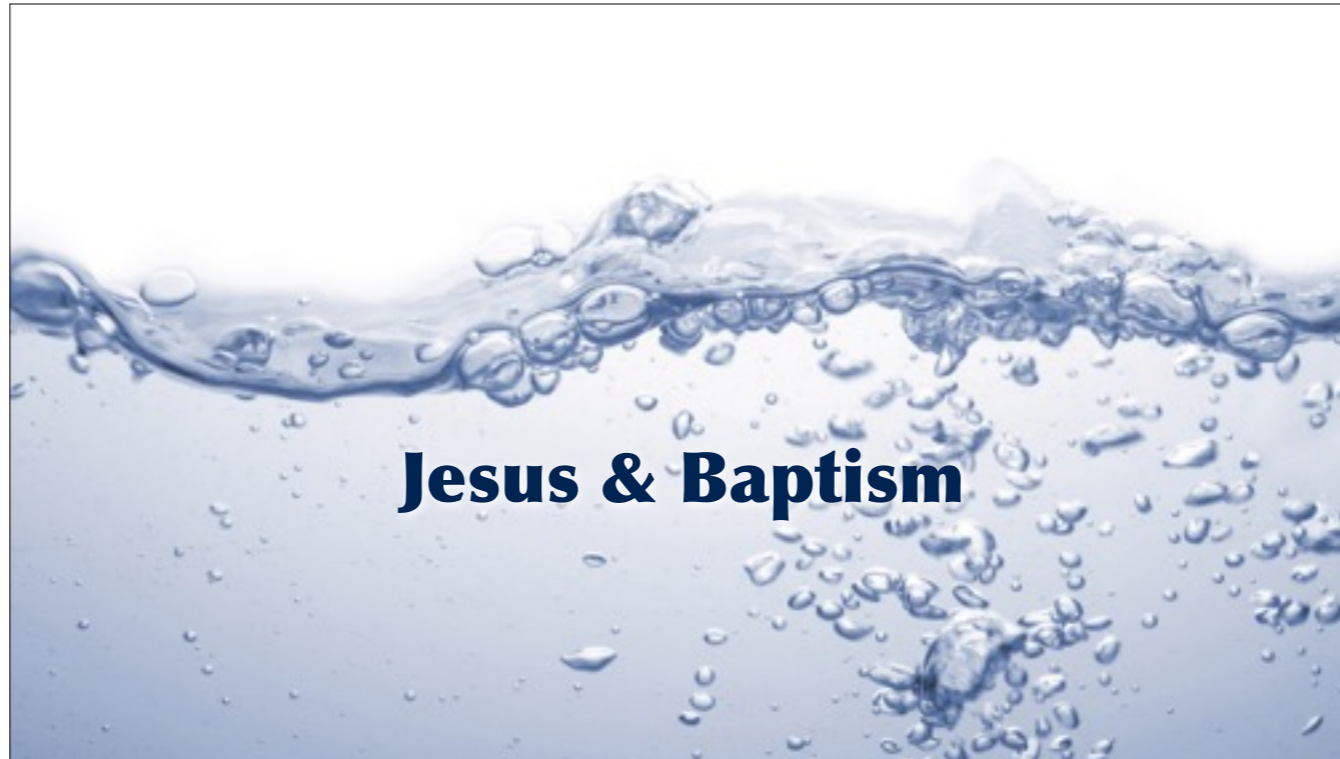
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- You can understand the Scriptures
- God, who provided the word is wise enough to give them to us in a way that is usable!
- Not always easy...

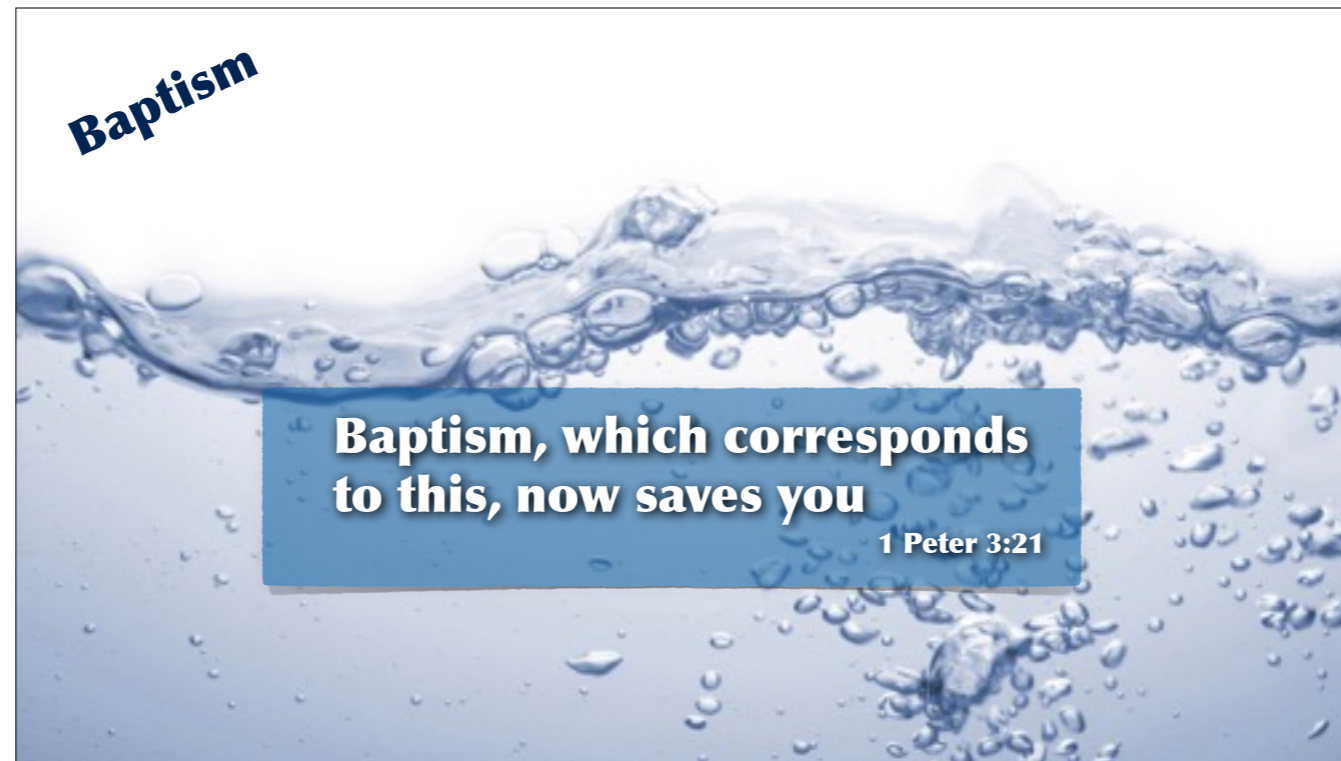


- Jesus and Baptism
- Acts 8:36-39
- Why Did the Ethiopian want to be baptized?



Jesus & Baptism

- Acts 8:35-36: Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. 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."
- Cannot separate the concepts of Jesus, salvation and baptism by immersion for forgiveness of sins.



- Baptism Saves
- 1 Peter 3:21: 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,

Baptism

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

- Death, Burial, Resurrection
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-4: 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

Baptism

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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.

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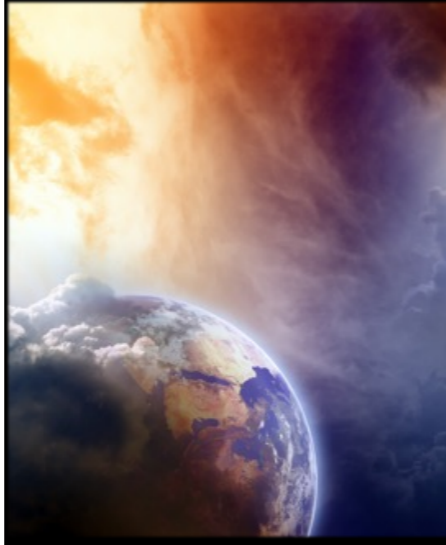
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Acts 8:36-39

- Water and complete immersion
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**We implore you on
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be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20



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Synopsis: The Ethiopian Eunuch's conversion provides (for this lesson) three very important lessons: the importance of prophecy, understanding the scriptures, baptism. We examine the last two of these in this presentation.

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