



- Washings or Baptisms



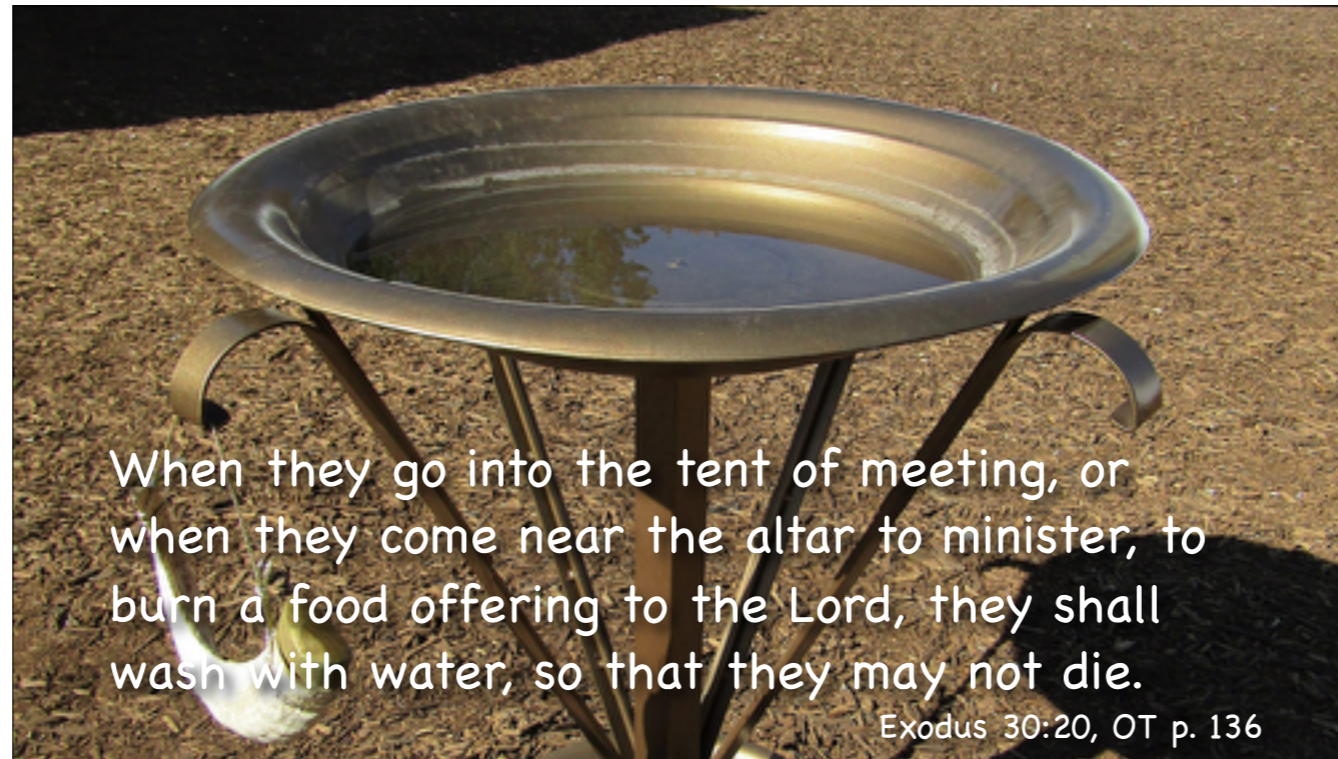
- Basic principles that we must understand to grow to maturity in Christ.
- Foundation is the Scriptures from God
- Repentance: turning away from self, Satan and toward God
- Faith: Knowing and trusting God for our Salvation



- Exodus 14:19-22
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- 30-31
- Elimination of Egyptian army ... Israel is really free.



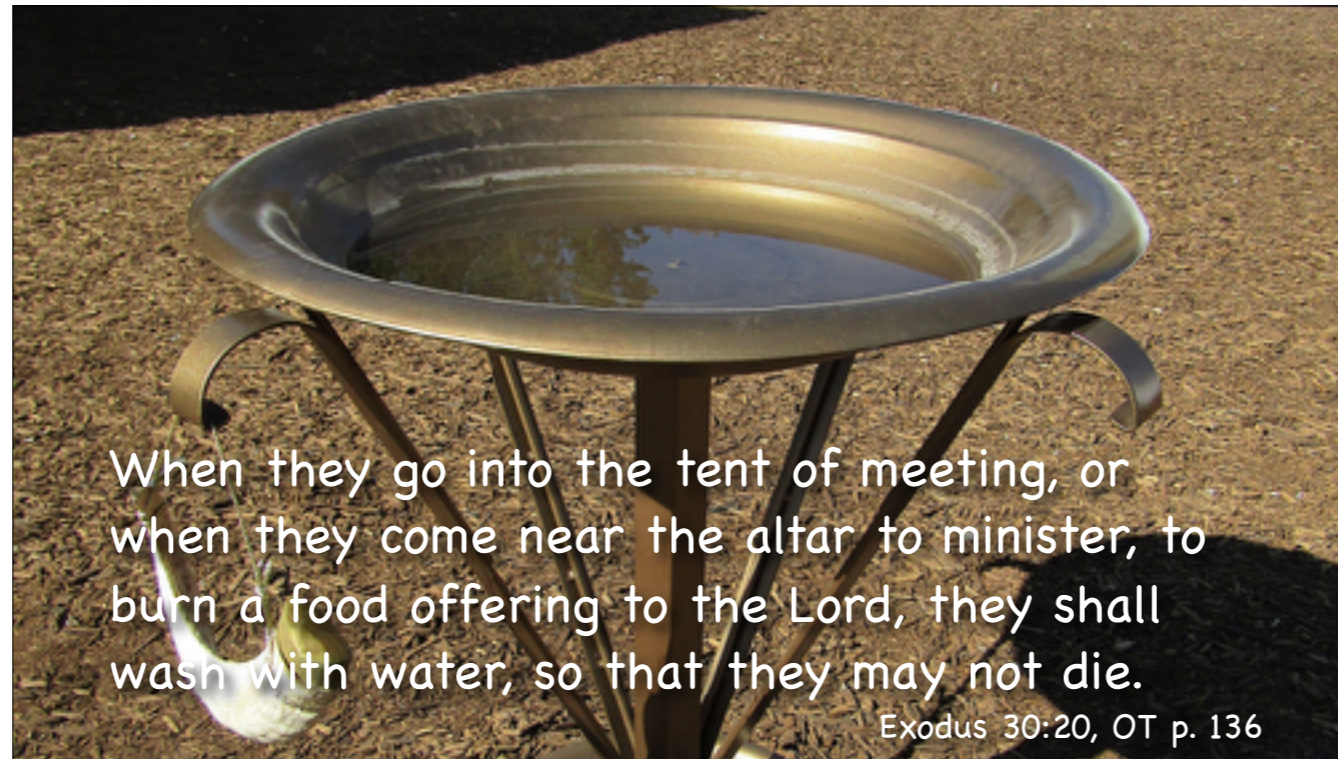
- 1 Corinthians 10:1-2 (ESV) 1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,
- Paul is indicating that this event clearly separated Israel from Egypt and to Jehovah.
 - They were now His people by covenant. (vs. 22)
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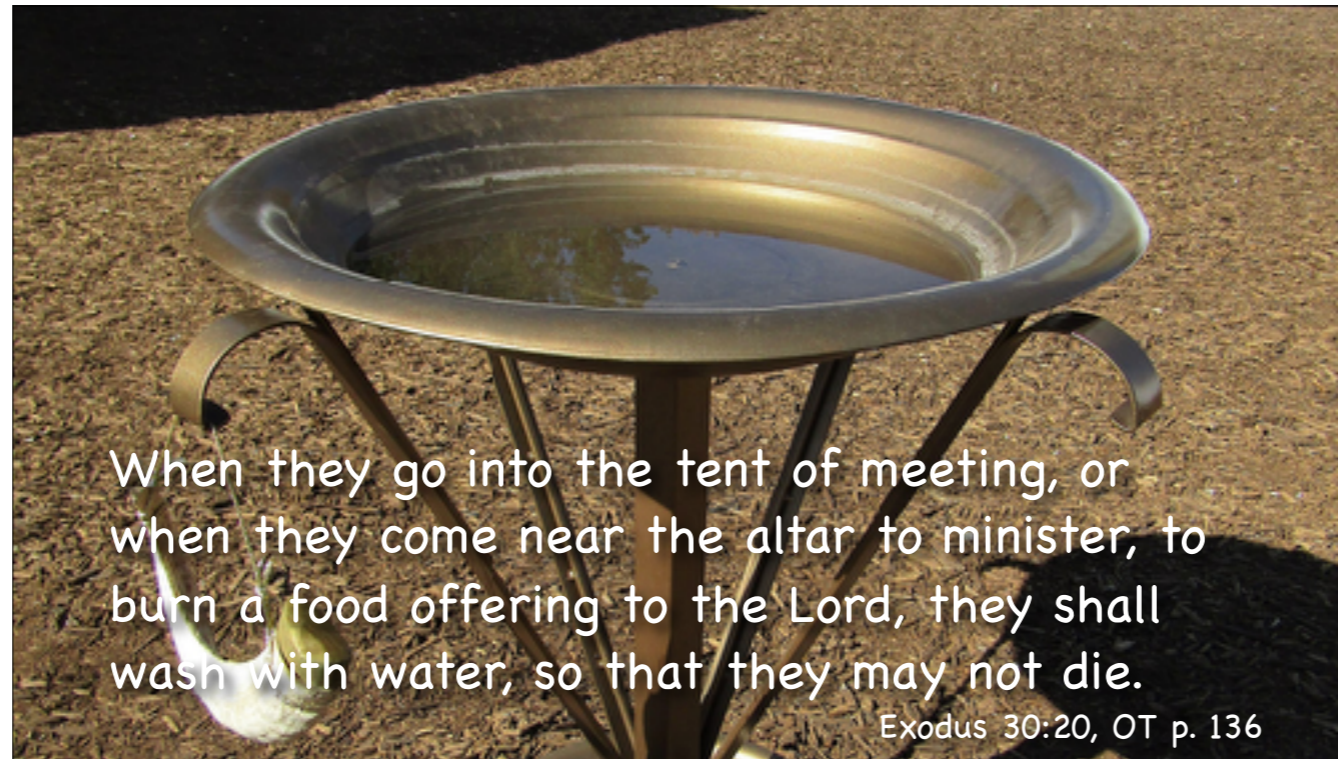
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Exodus 30:20, OT p. 136

- Exodus 30:17-21: The Lord said to Moses, 18 “You shall also make a basin of bronze, with its stand of bronze, for washing.
 - 19 with which Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet.



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Exodus 30:20, OT p. 136

- Approaching God requires that we be washed (cleaned).
 - Is this just about dirt?
- Washings were common in many situations
 - whole body when priest consecrated (Ex. 24:4); day of atonement (Lev. 16:4, 24); priest defiled with uncleanness (Lev. 22:6)
 - hands and feet
 - garments



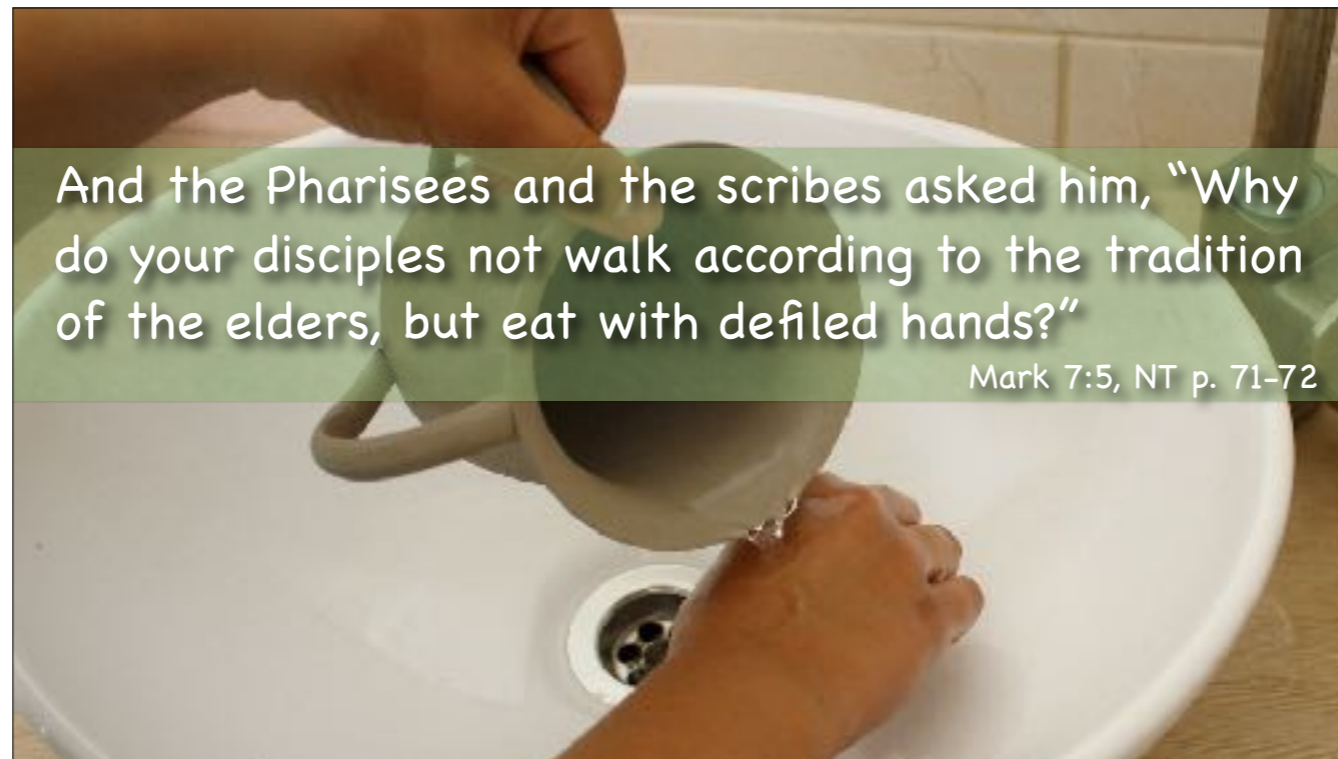
- Isaiah 1:15-16 (ESV) 15 When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. 16 Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil,



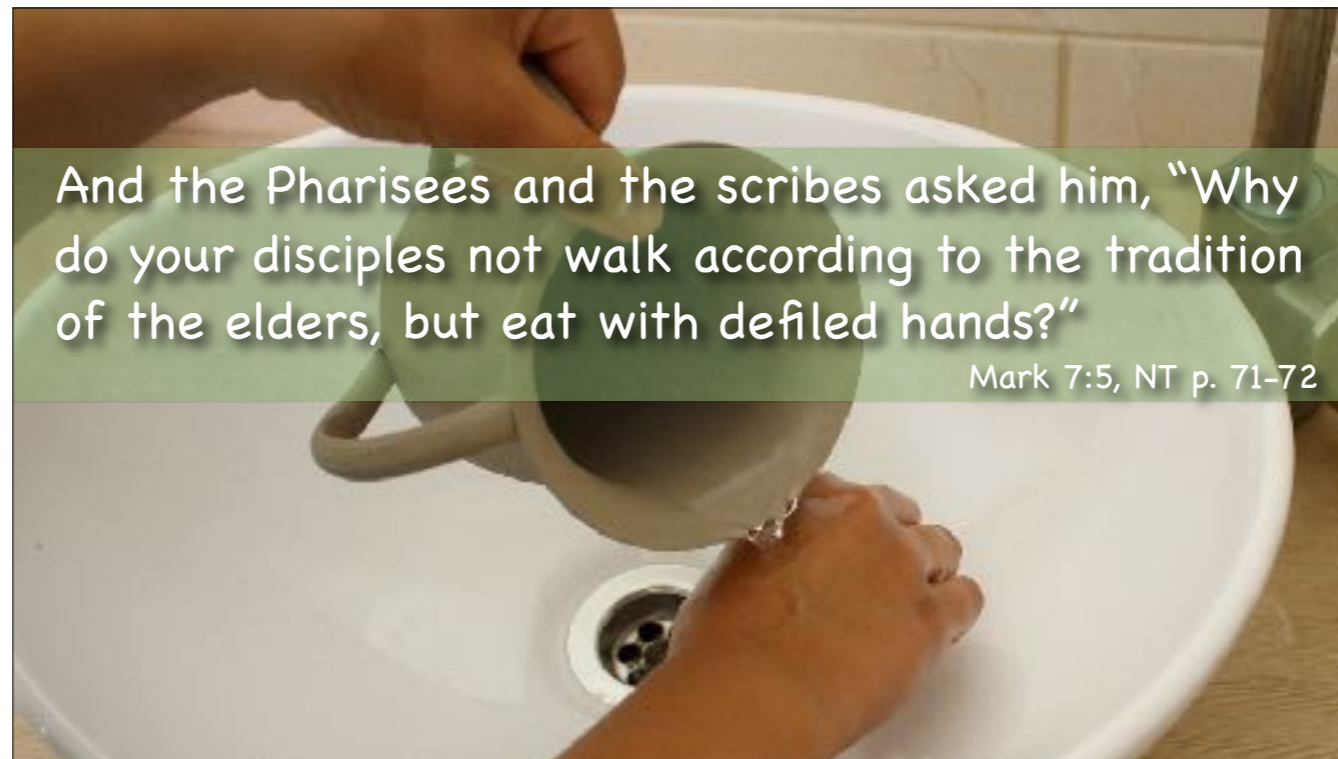
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Isaiah1:16-17, OT p. 1083

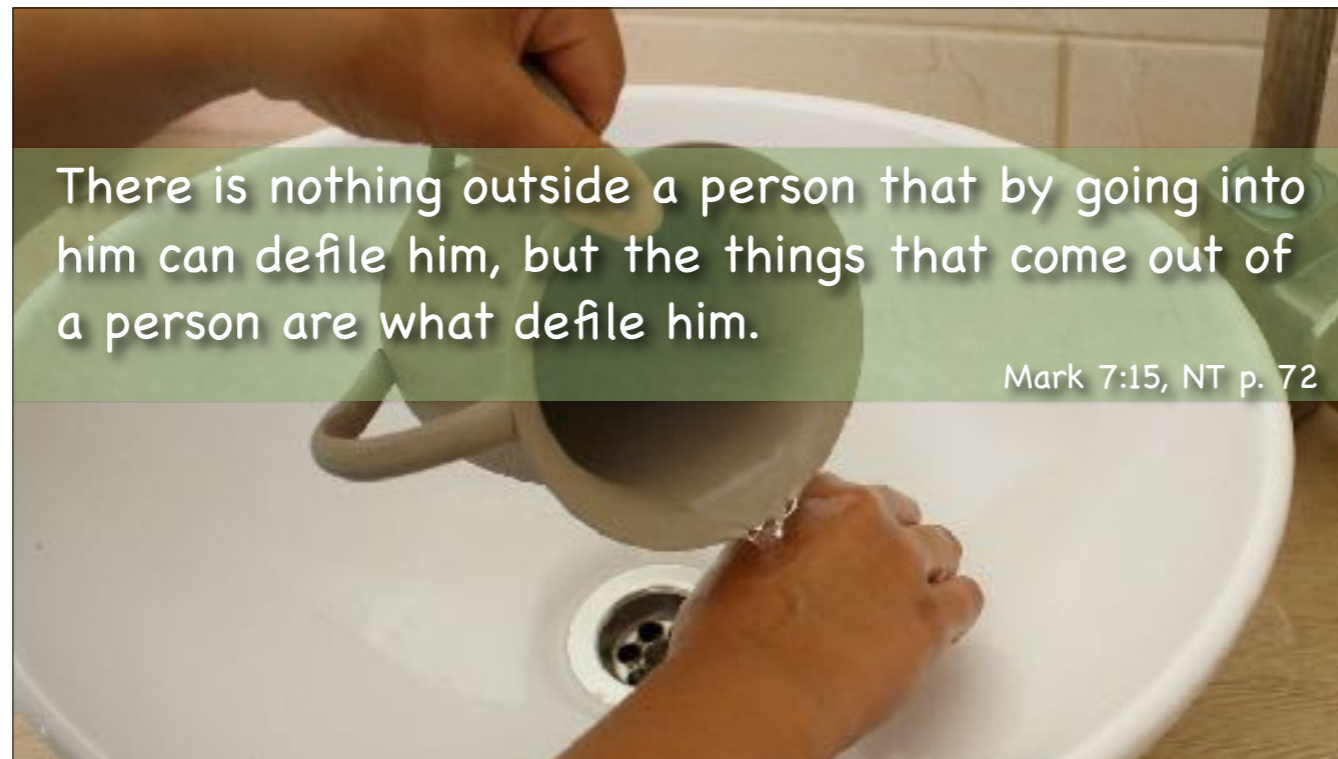
- Is this just about getting blood off their hands?
- Clearly not: “remove evil deeds” and “cease to do evil”
 - Also (17): do good; justice; correct oppression; fatherless; widows



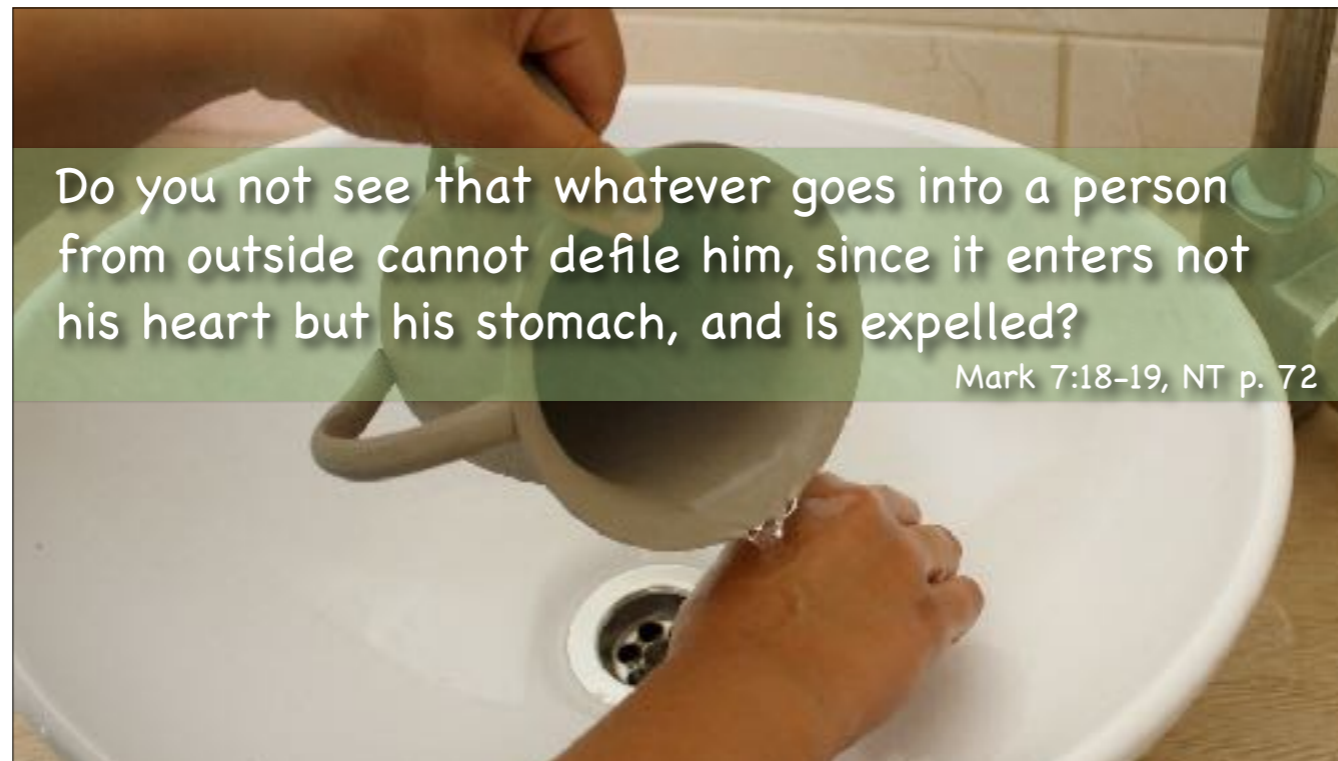
- Mark 7:1-5 (ESV) 1 Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, 2 they saw that some of his **disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed.**
- 3 (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, 4 and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.)



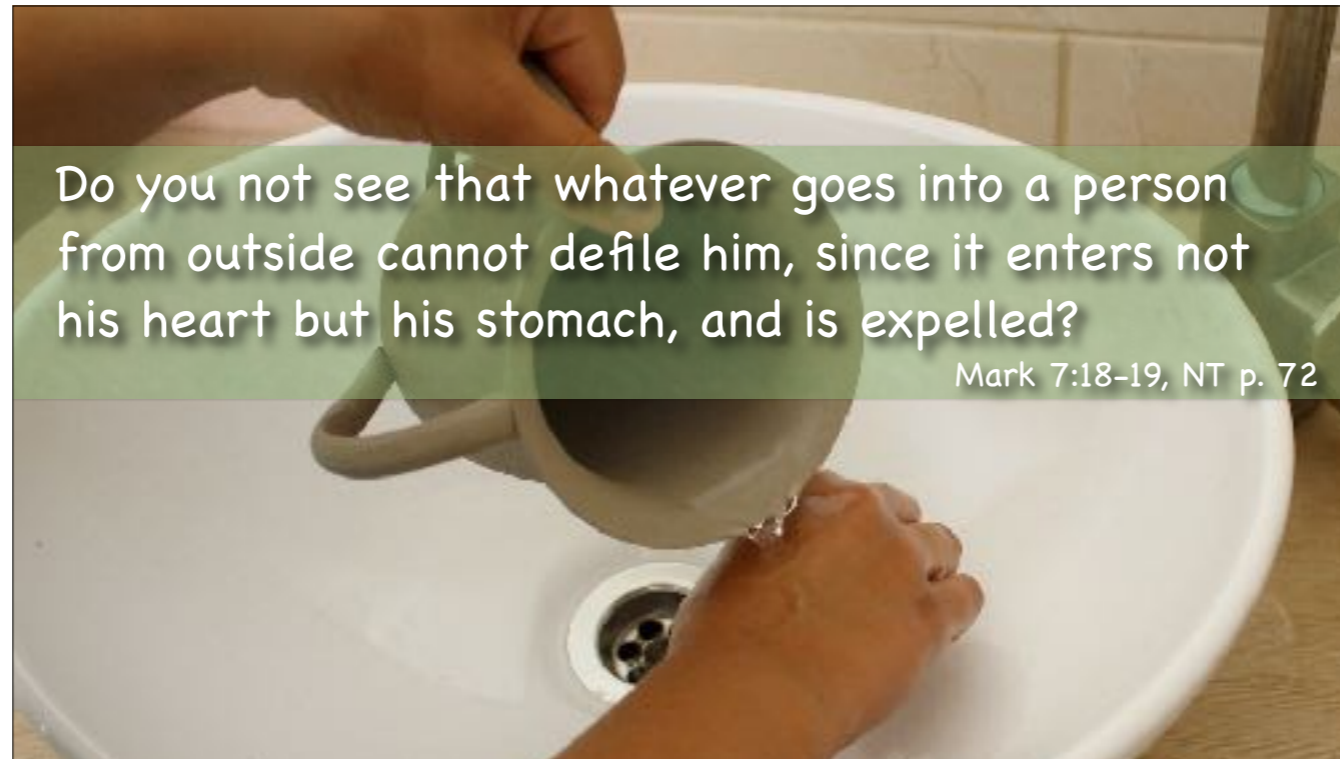
- As far as I can discern... there is no connection between this washing before a meal and washing at the tabernacle/temple.
- It is solely a tradition, created by men (not God)
- 5 And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"



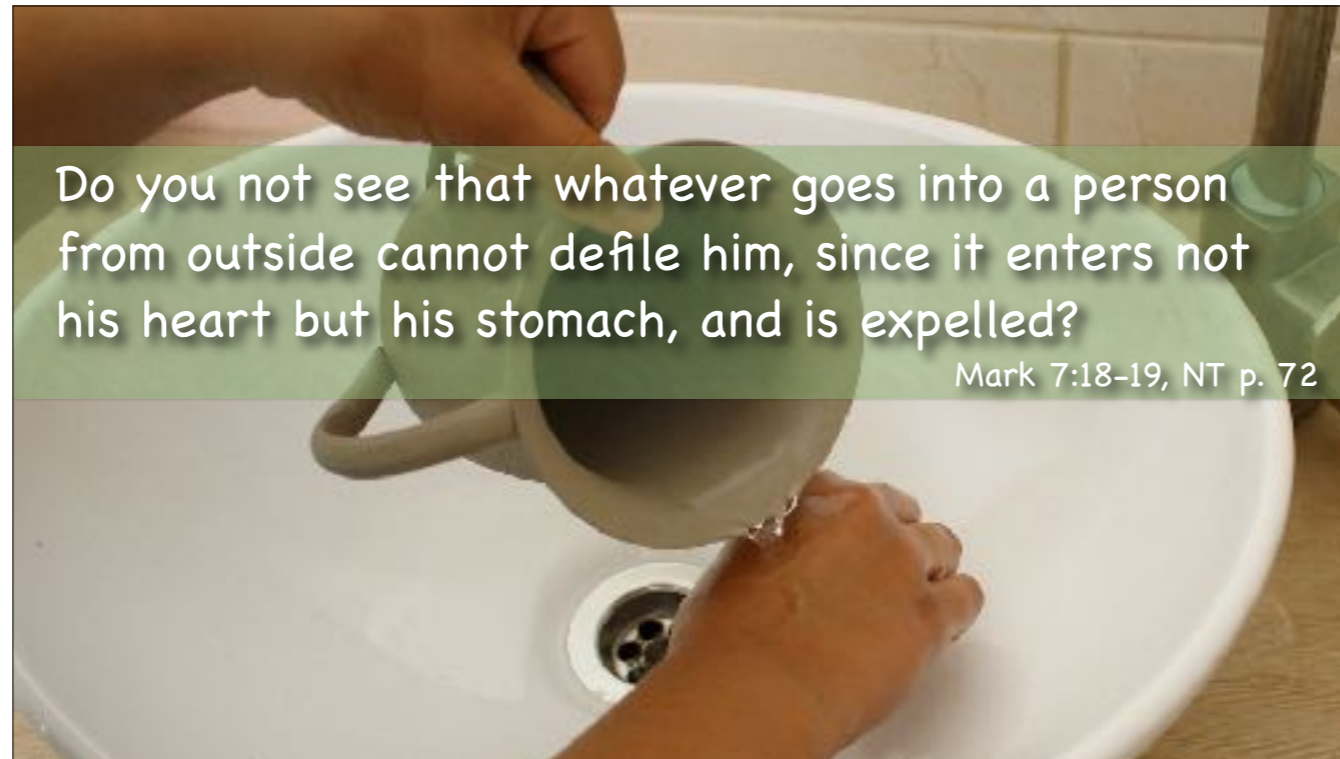
- Mark 7:14-15 (ESV) 14 And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: 15 There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him."



- Mark 7:18-19 (ESV) 18 And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, 19 since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.)



- Nothing outside defiles a man
 - God doesn't care how clean/dirty our skin is (cleanliness is next to godliness is not biblical!)
 - The problem we have is not on our outside.
 - Things on the outside do not enter my heart!



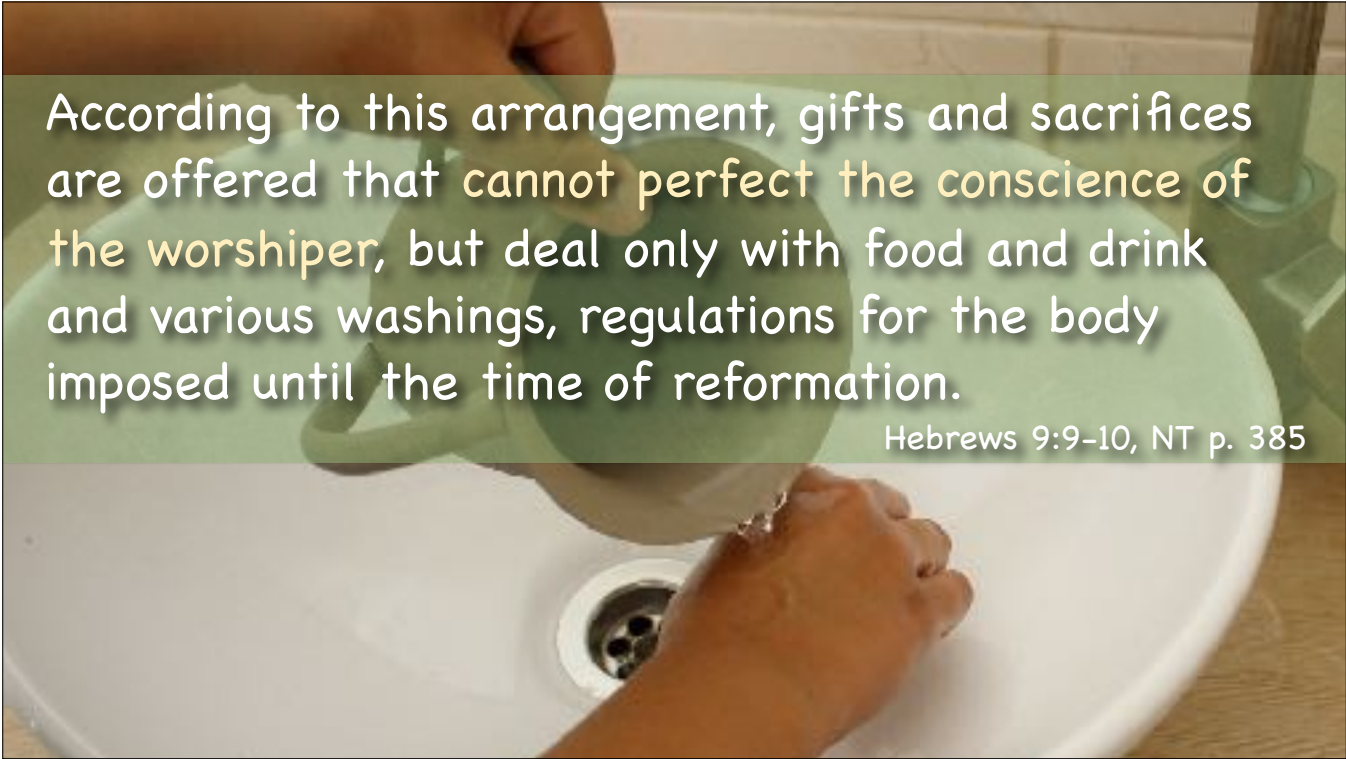
- So the problem is not cleanliness of food, hands, actions:
 - the problem is the cleanliness of my HEART!

A photograph showing a person's hands pouring water from a green teapot into a white sink. The scene is set in a kitchen or bathroom. The teapot is tilted, and water is being poured into the sink. The background is slightly blurred, showing a wooden countertop and a white wall.

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Hebrews 9:9-10, NT p. 385

- Hebrews 9:6-10 (ESV) 6 These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, 7 but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people.

A photograph showing a person's hands pouring water from a green teapot into a white sink. The scene is set in a kitchen with a wooden countertop. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green box containing text.

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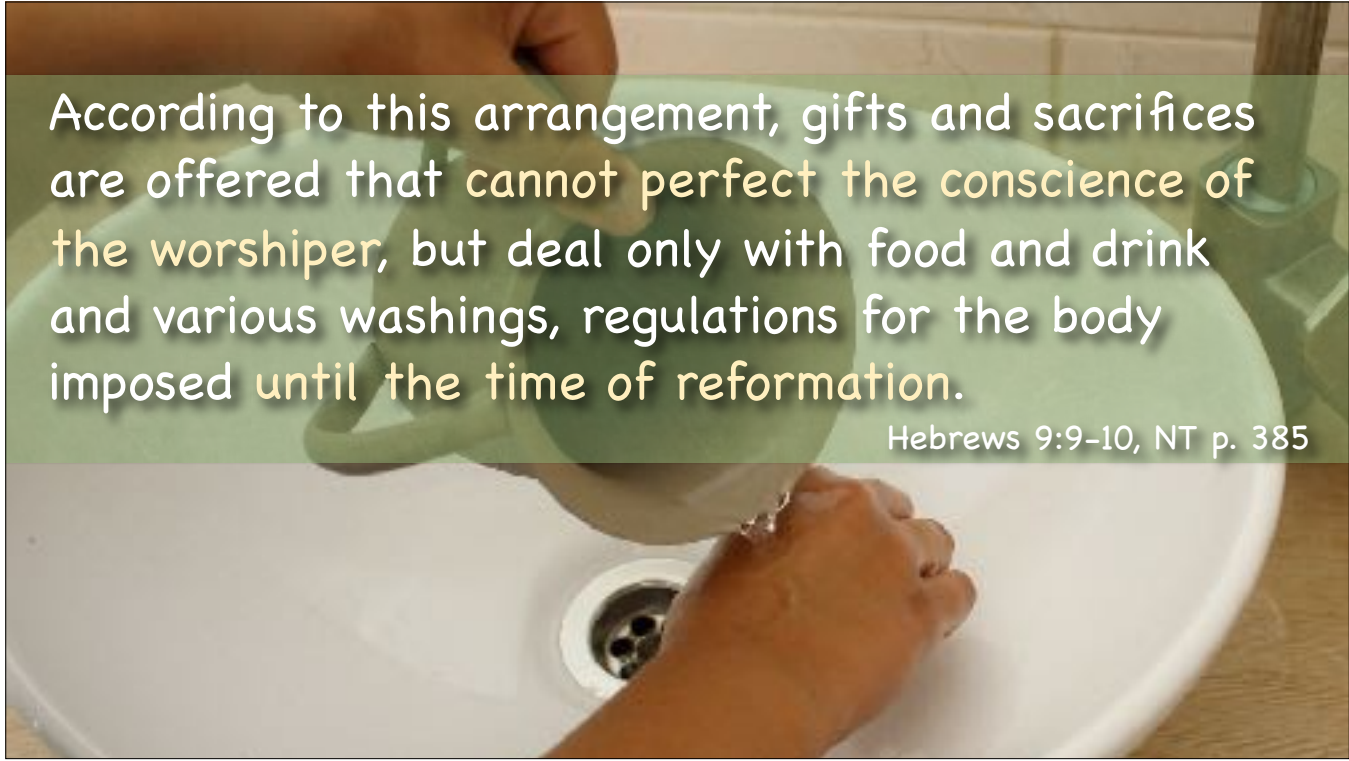
- 8 By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing 9 (which is symbolic for the present age).

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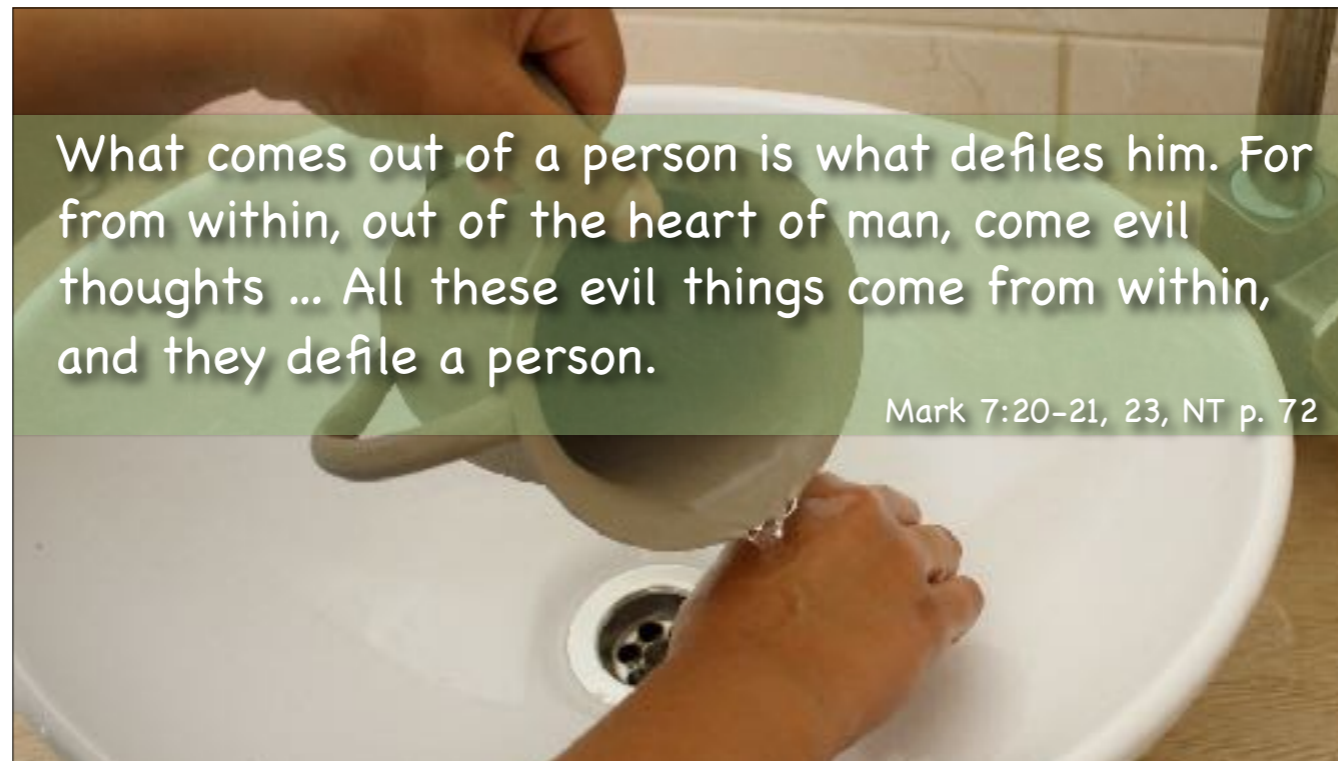
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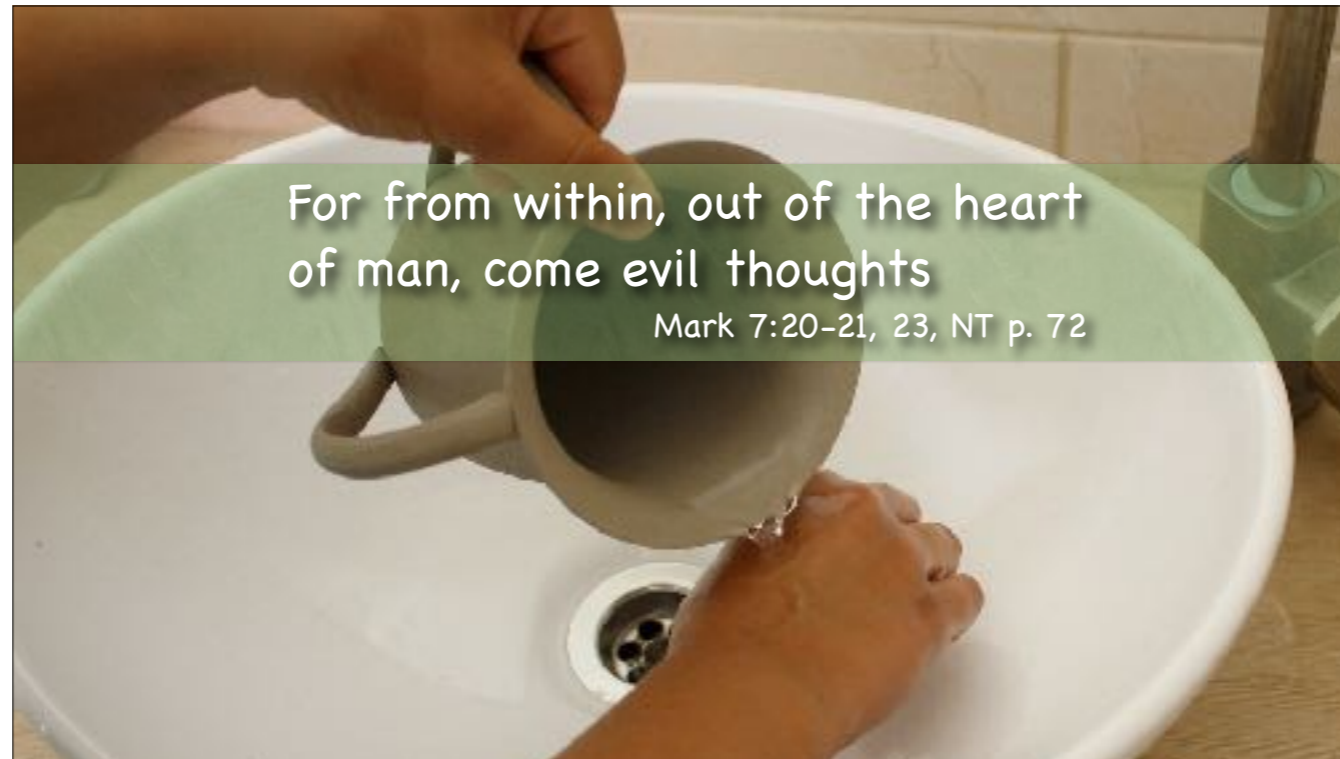
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- Mark 7:20-23 (ESV) 20 And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. 21 For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."



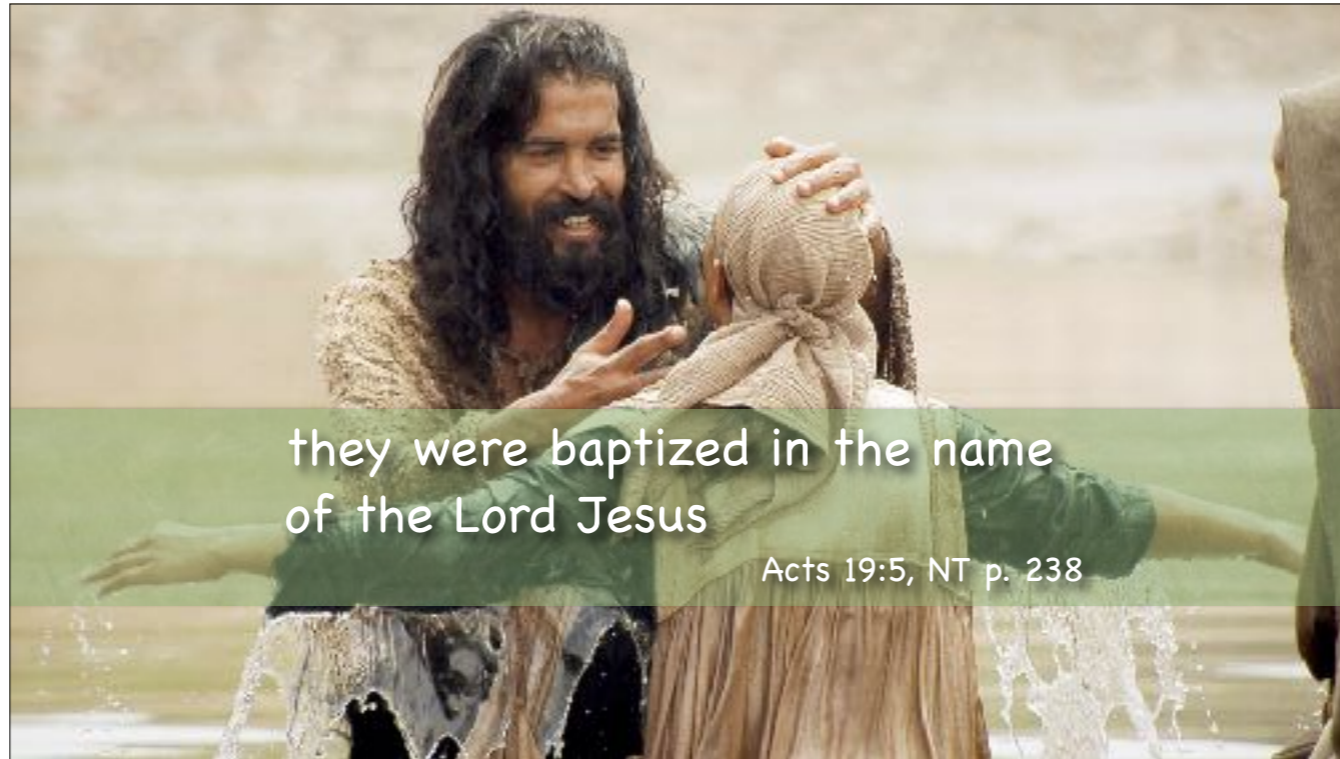
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Mark 7:20-21, 23, NT p. 72

- How can I cleanse my heart?
 - So I can approach God?
 - Be forgiven of sins?
 - Be reconciled to Him?
- Not about washing hands... there's more to it!



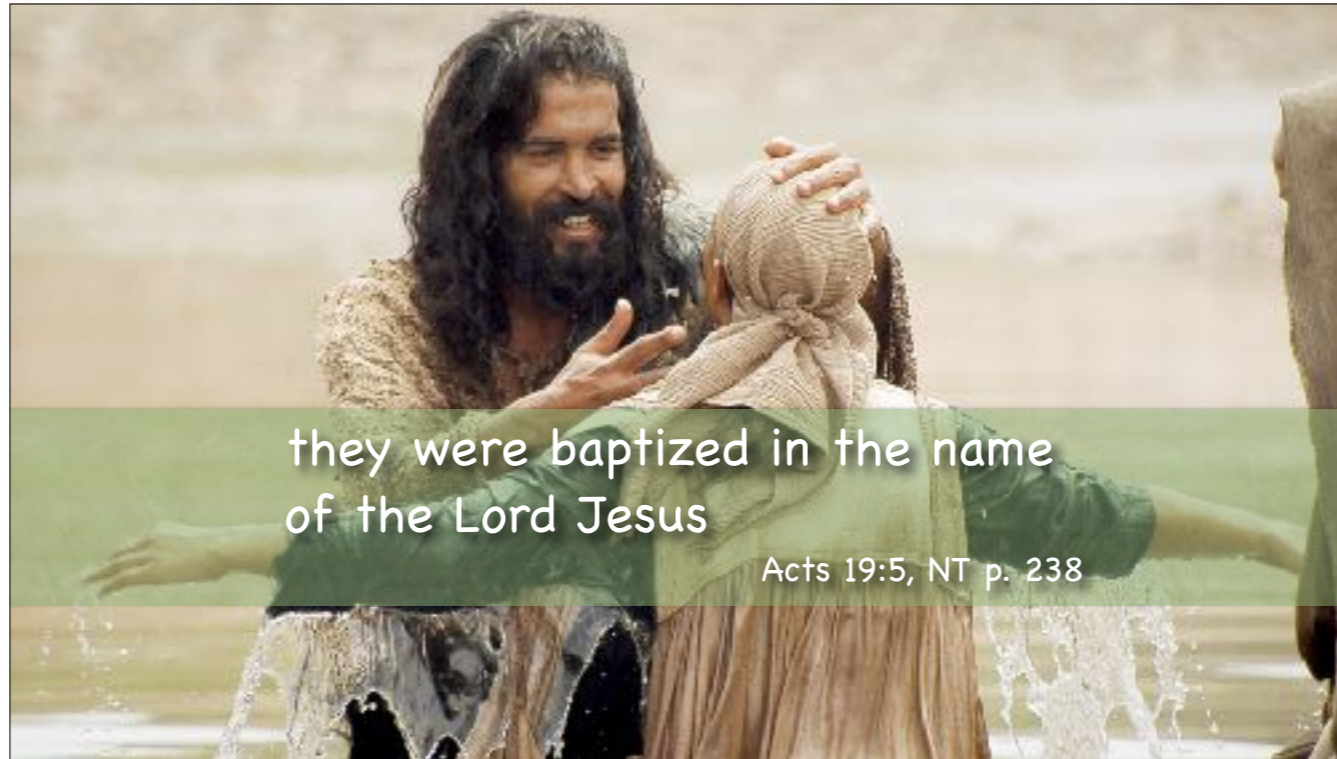
- Multiple Baptisms in the NT
 - John the Baptizer
 - Matthew 3:11 “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.



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Acts 19:5, NT p. 238

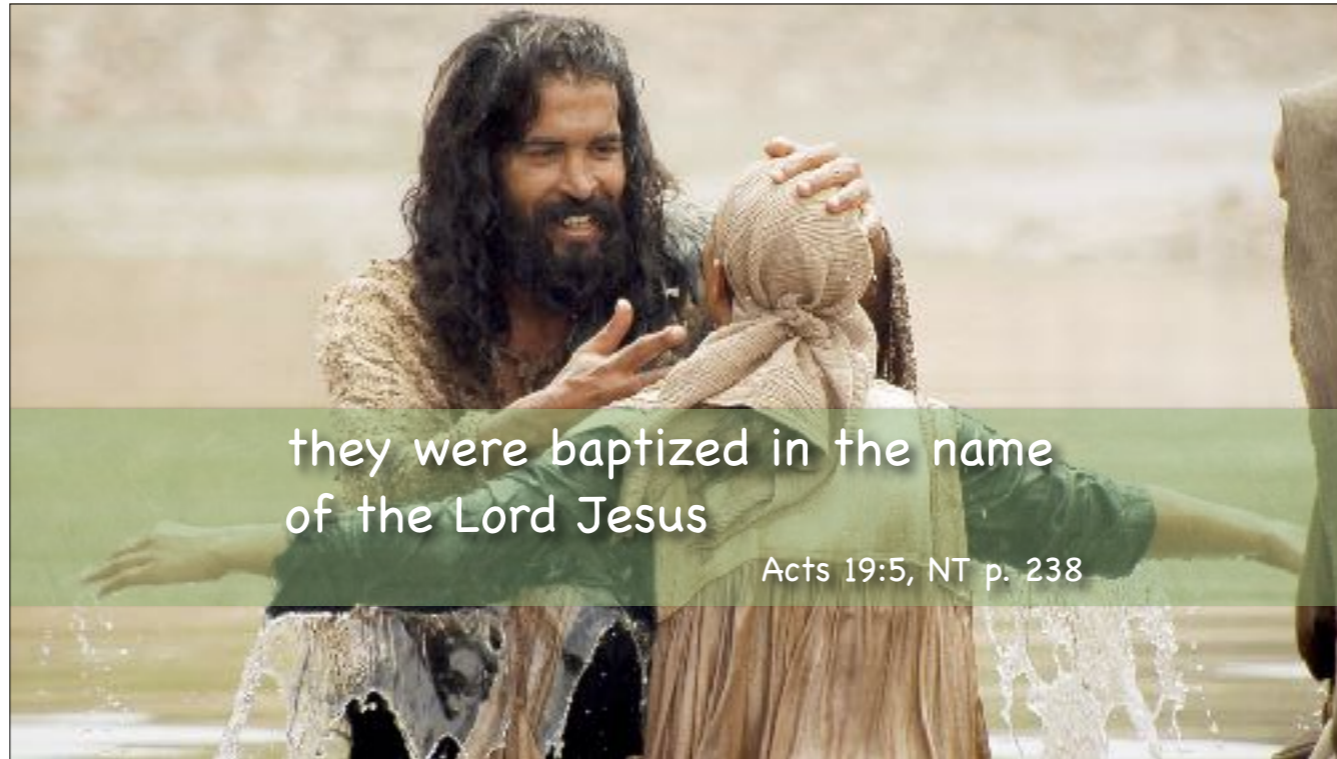
- Acts 19:1-7 (ESV) 1 And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. 2 And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you **believed**?” And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”



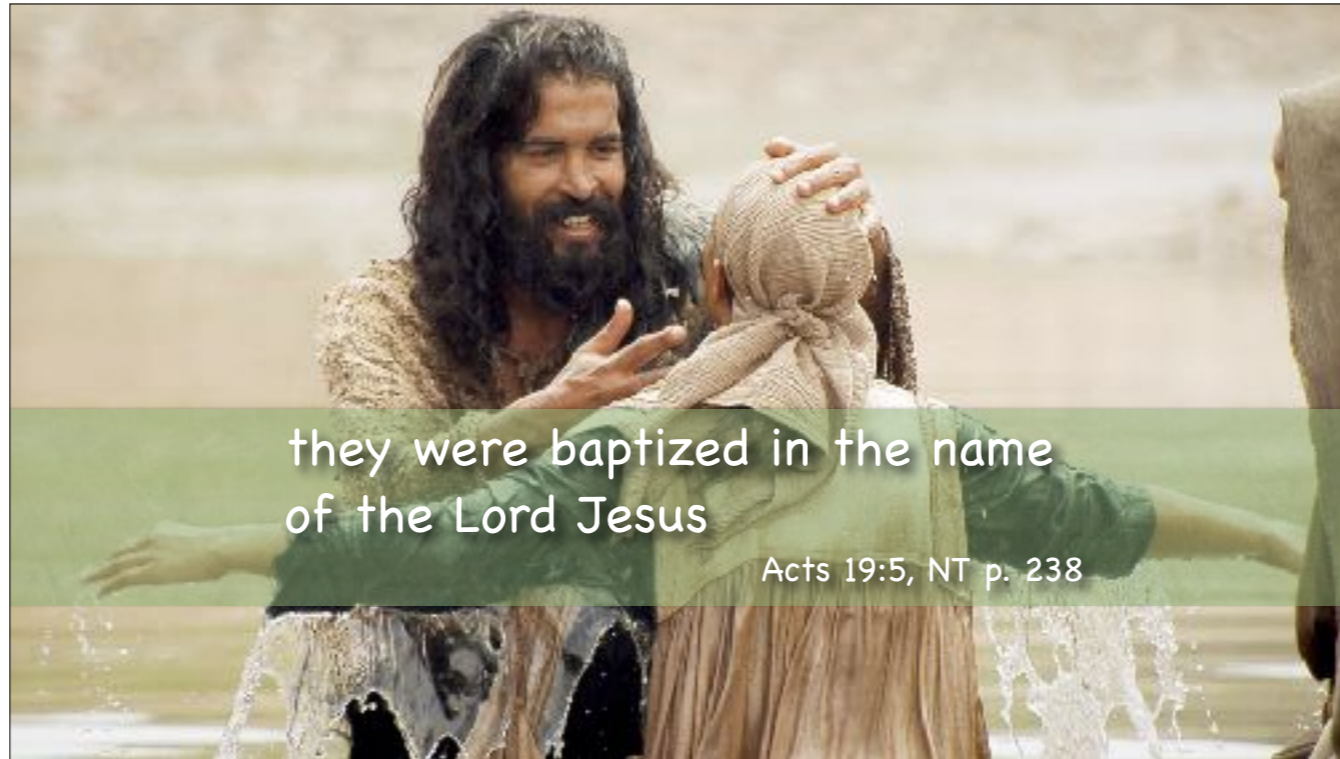
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- 3 And he said, “Into what then were you **baptized?**” They said, “Into **John's baptism.**” 4 And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to **believe** in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.” 5 On hearing this, they were **baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**



- 6 And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. 7 There were about twelve men in all.



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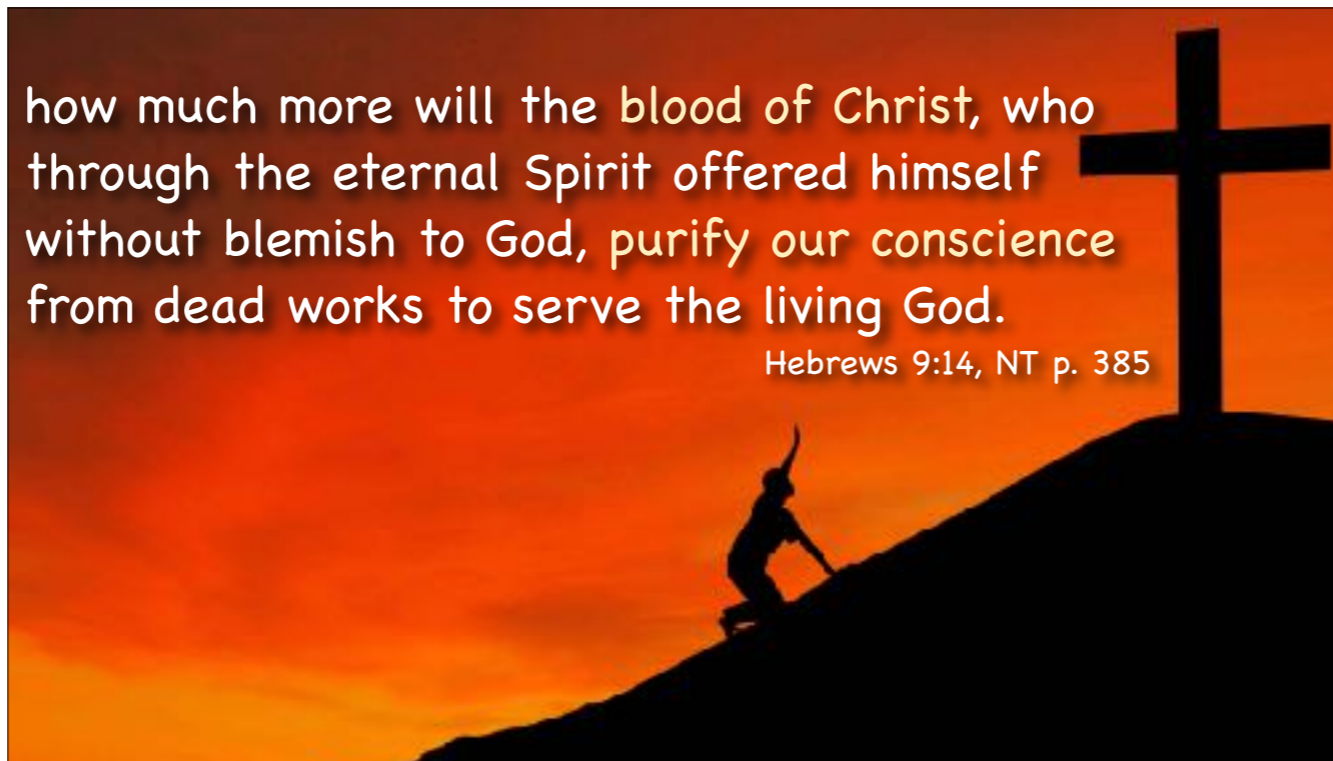
- Believe -> Baptism -> Salvation (approach God! reconciliation)



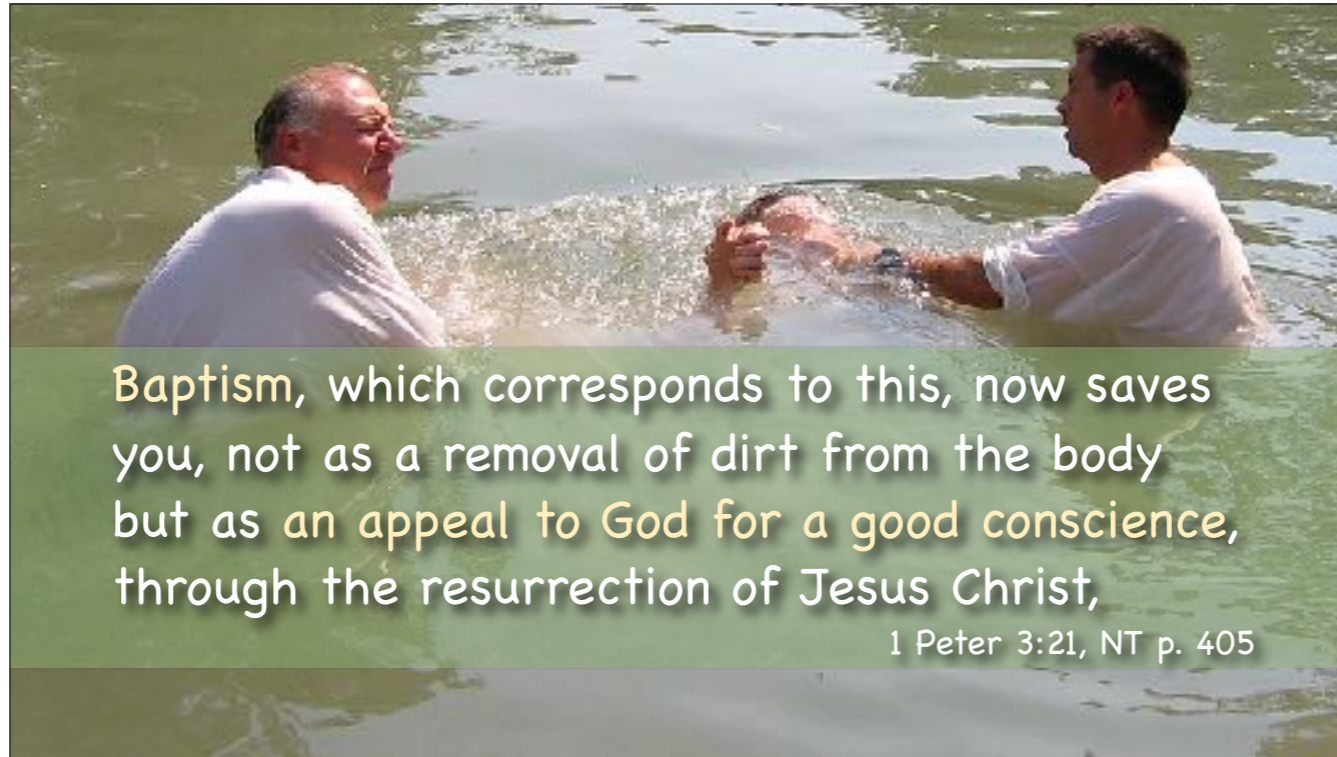
one baptism

Ephesians 4:5, NT p. 334

- Ephesians 4:5: one Lord, one faith, one baptism,



- Hebrews 9:14 (ESV) 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.



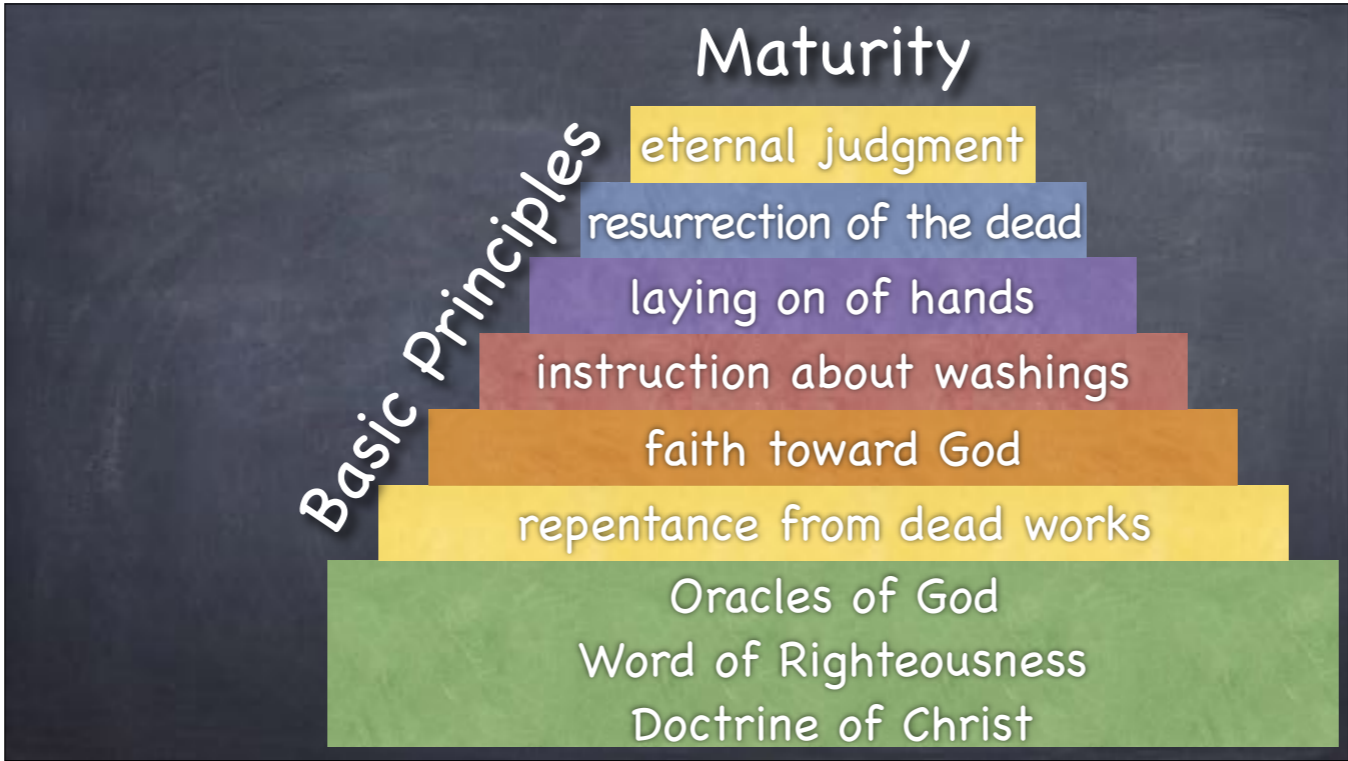
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1 Peter 3:21, NT p. 405

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**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20



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Washings

Mark 7:1-23

Synopsis: Foundational to our faith, the Hebrew writer says, is instruction about washings. Washing have an important role in cleansing us so that we may approach our Father by faith.

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