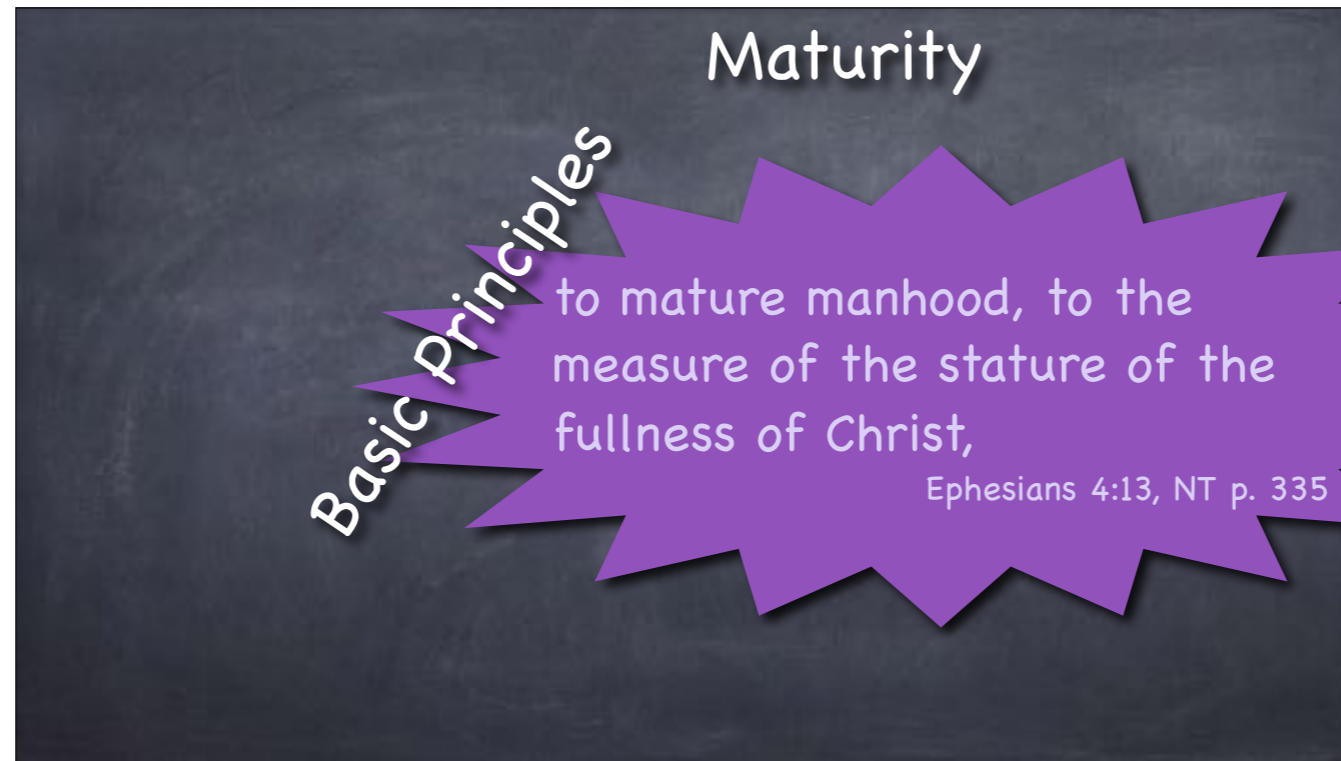


- text



- 6 basic, foundational principles
- Grow in Christ
 - Ephesians 4:13 (ESV) until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

Maturity

Basic Principles

So FAITH comes from HEARING,
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Romans 10:17, NT p. 273

Oracles of God
Word of Righteousness
Doctrine of Christ

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Maturity

Basic Principles

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Acts 11:18, NT p. 223

repentance from dead works

Oracles of God
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- Repentance

- Acts 11:18 (ESV) When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”
- 2 Corinthians 7:10 (ESV) For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

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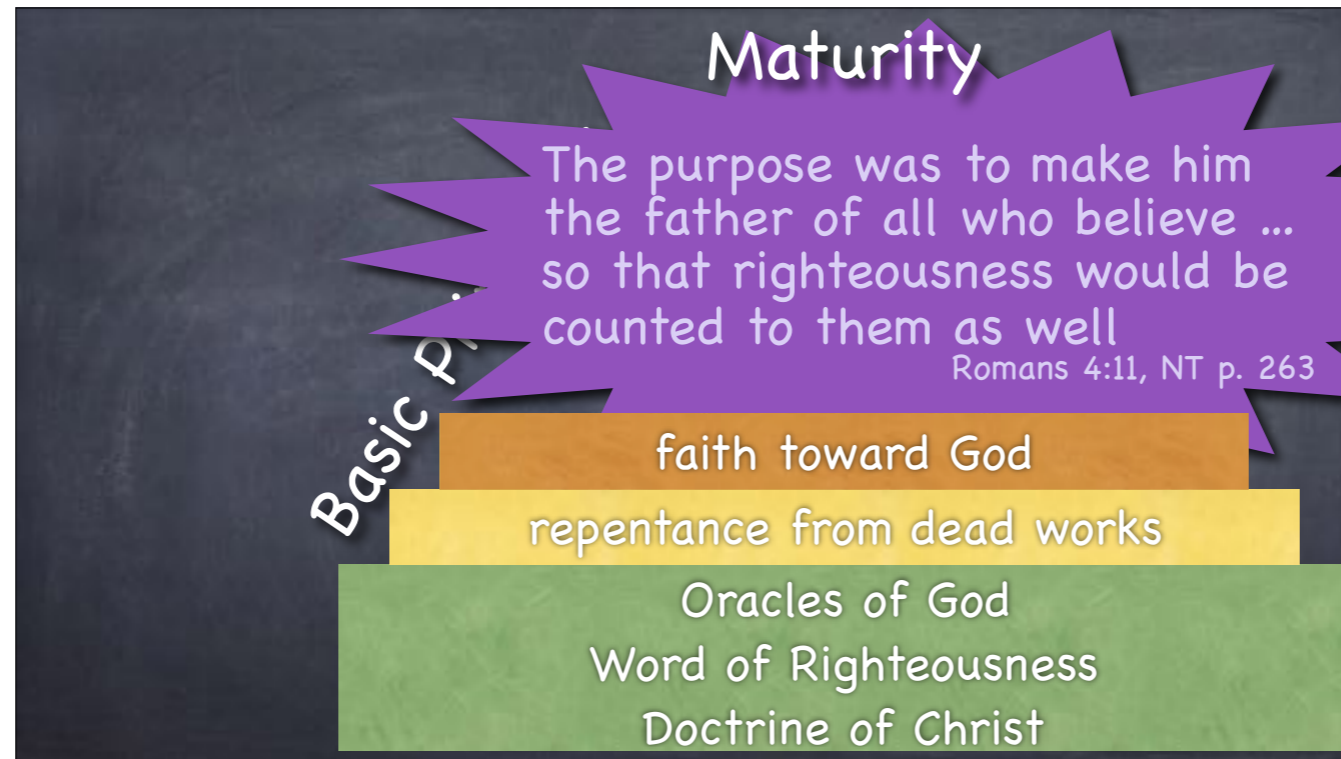
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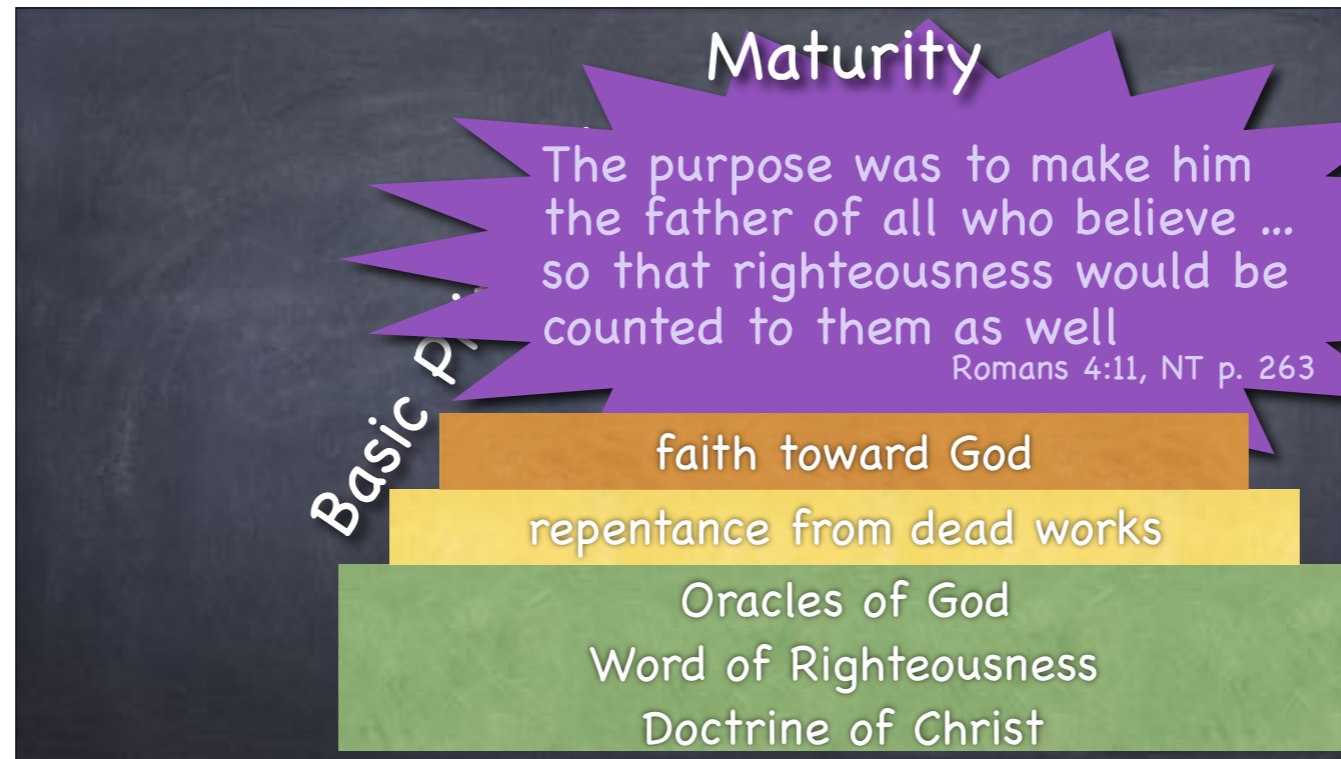
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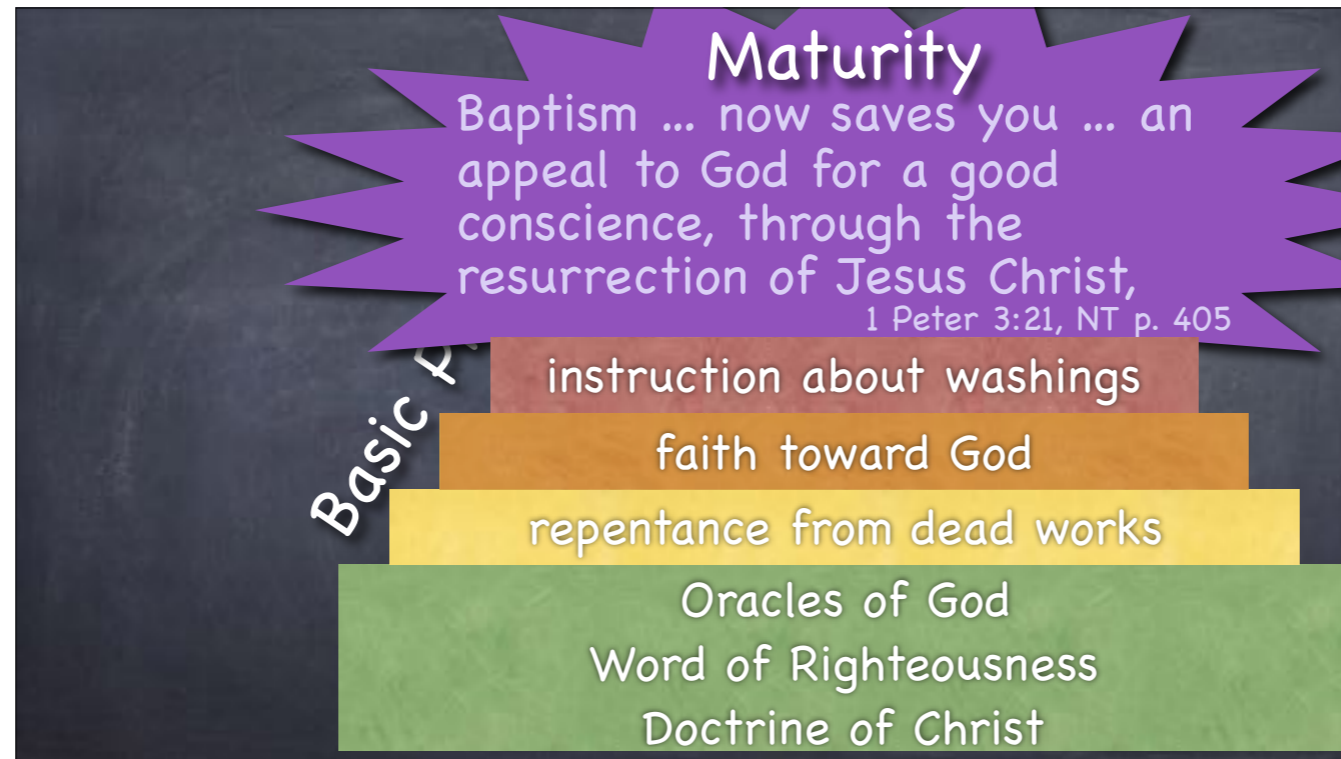
- 1 Peter 1:18-19 (ESV) 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.



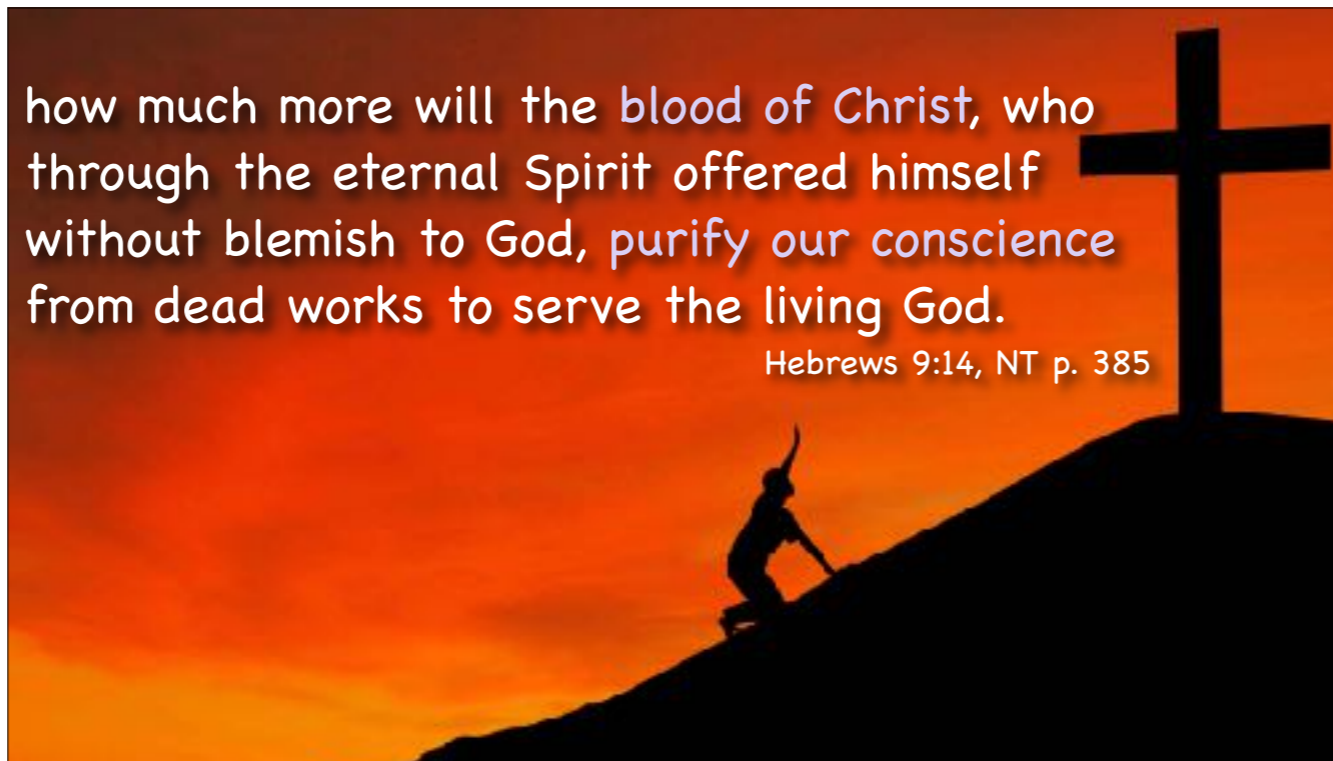
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- Hebrews 10:37-39 (ESV) 37 For, “Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; 38 but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.” 39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.



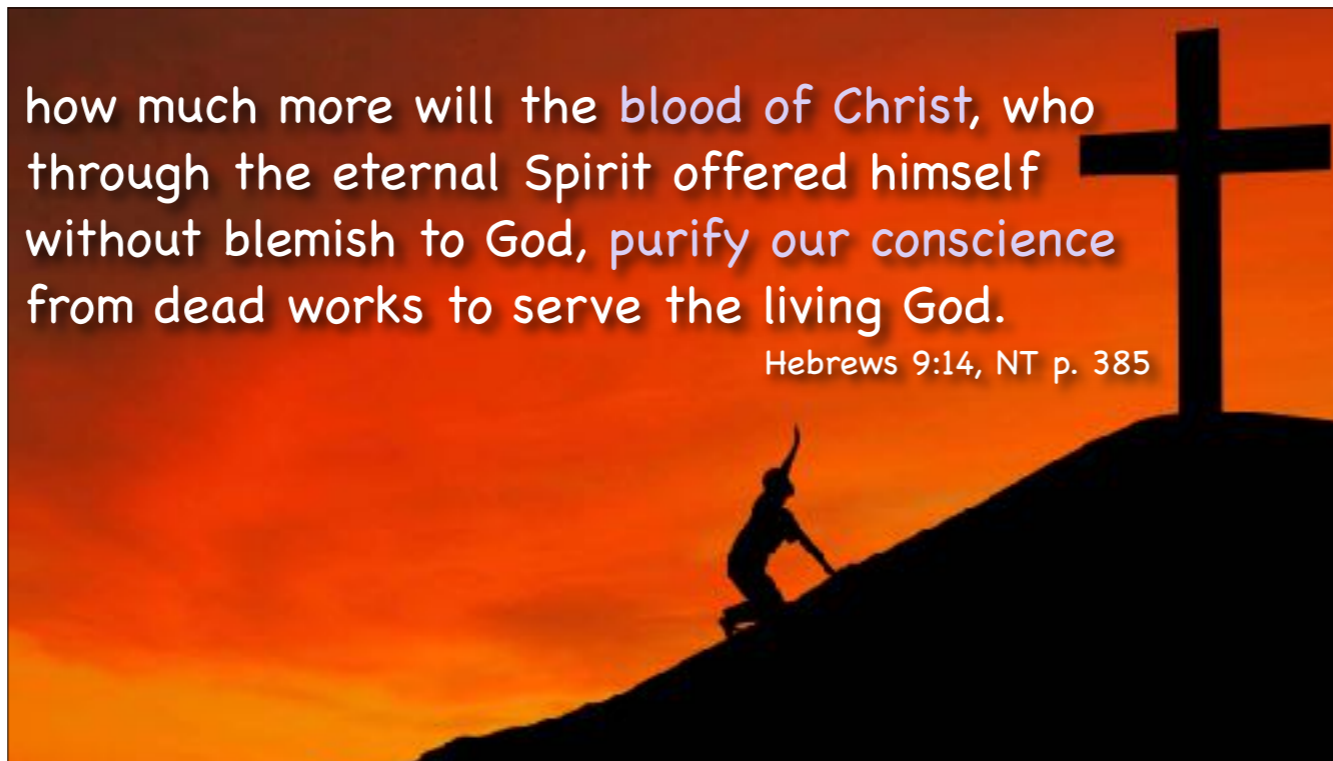
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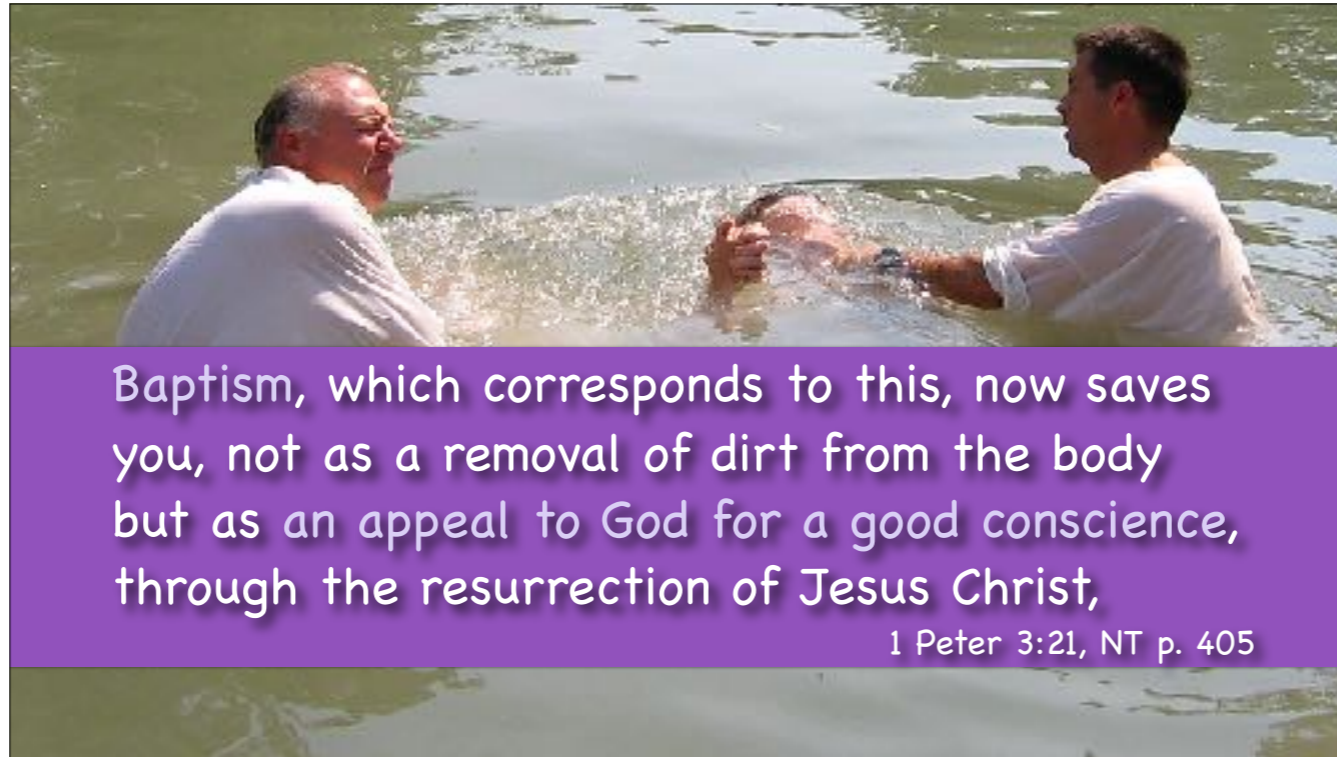
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- Why you should be baptized.
- Baptism is not
 - just a symbol, gesture
 - just an afterthought
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- Acts 2:22-41
 - Jesus of Nazareth: attested by God through miracles and signs
 - Crucified and killed
 - God raised him up
 - 36: God made him Lord and Christ



- Acts 2:38-39 (ESV) 38 And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”



- How does this purify my conscience?
- Psalms 103:8-14 (ESV) 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. 9 He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. 13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. 14 For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.



- Acts 22:16 (ESV) 16 And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.'



- Romans 6:3-4 (ESV) 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 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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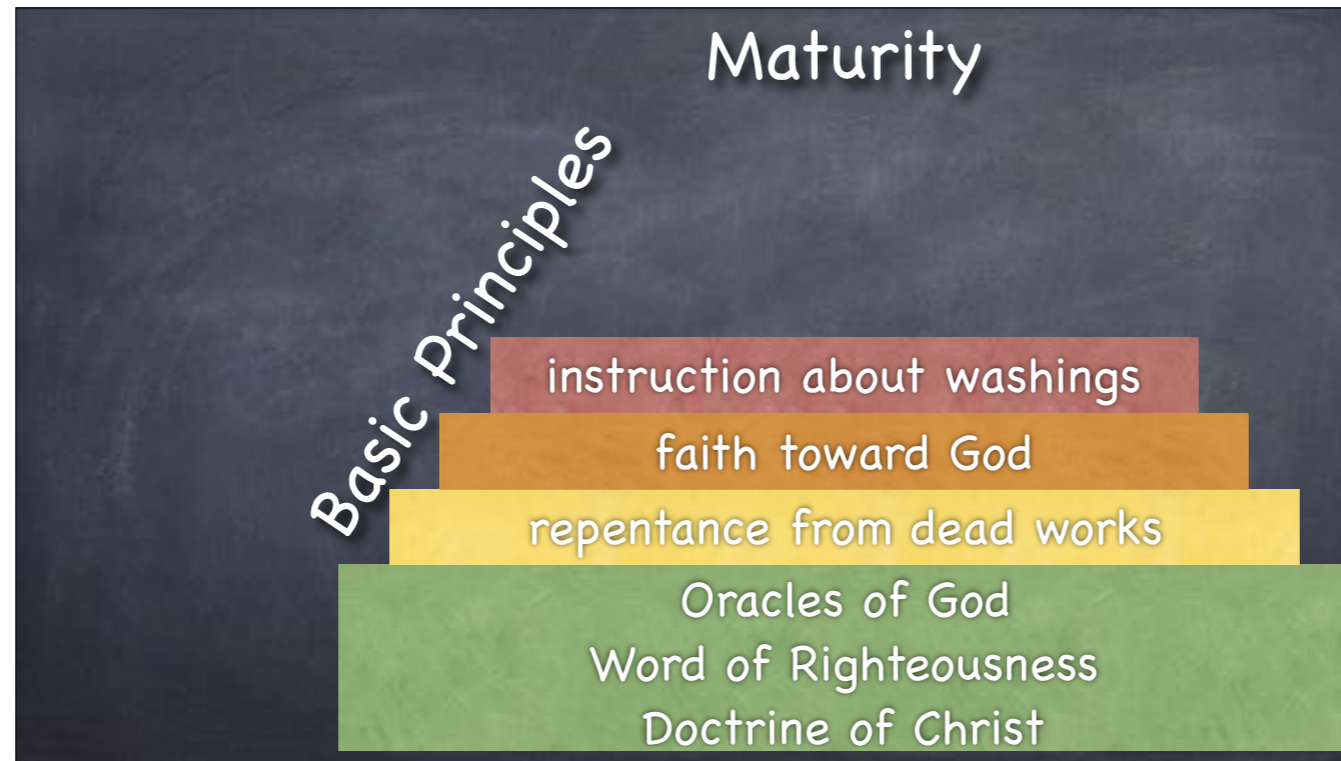
- Romans 6:11 (ESV) 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.



- Galatians 3:23-29 (ESV) 23 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. 24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.



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Mark 16:16, NT p. 94

BE BAPTIZED!

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

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Baptism Saves You

1 Peter 3:21

Synopsis: Baptism saves you.

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