



# SYMBOLIC

AKA, WET BAPTISM

# BAPTISM



# John the Baptist

(Mt.3:1-11; Mk.1:4-5; Jn.1:25-33)

- **Based on Repentance (Mt.3:1-2)**
  - *“Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Mt.3:2)*
  - *“Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance” (Mt.3:8)*
- **Israel Corporately in Unbelief**
  - *“O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?” (Mt.3:7)*
- **Believe in God's Coming Messiah**
  - *“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but 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” (Mt.3:11)*



# Christ's Baptism

(Mt.3:13-17; Mk.1:9-11; Lk.3:21-23)

- **No Need For Repentance Of Sins**
- **Illustrates His Providing Salvation**
- **Inaugurated His Ministry**
- **The Father Confirmed His Identification**



# Christian Baptism

- **Commanded By Christ Before Ascension**
  - *“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost”  
(Mt.28:19)*

**The  
Great  
Commission**





# Christian Baptism

- **Qualification: Believer in Jesus Christ**
  - *The New Testament pattern is that only born again believers are baptized.*
  - *The Epistles never discuss who is to baptize, but rather the meaning behind baptism.*
  - *Any true believer has authority from God to baptize, as he has the authority to evangelize according to all that Christ commanded.*



# Christian Baptism

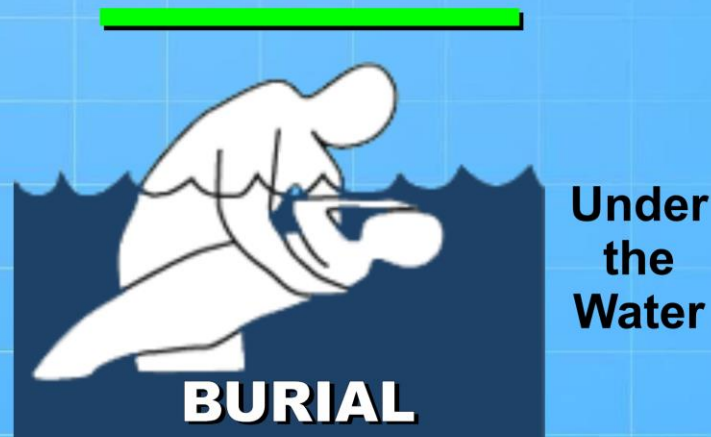
- Symbolic Identification With Christ's Death, Burial, and Resurrection

OLD LIFE

**Crucified with Him**  
(Rm.6:3-8; Ga.2:20)



**Buried with Him**  
(Rm.6:3-4; Cl.2:12)



**Raised with Him**  
(Ep.2:5-6; Cl.2:12; 3:1)



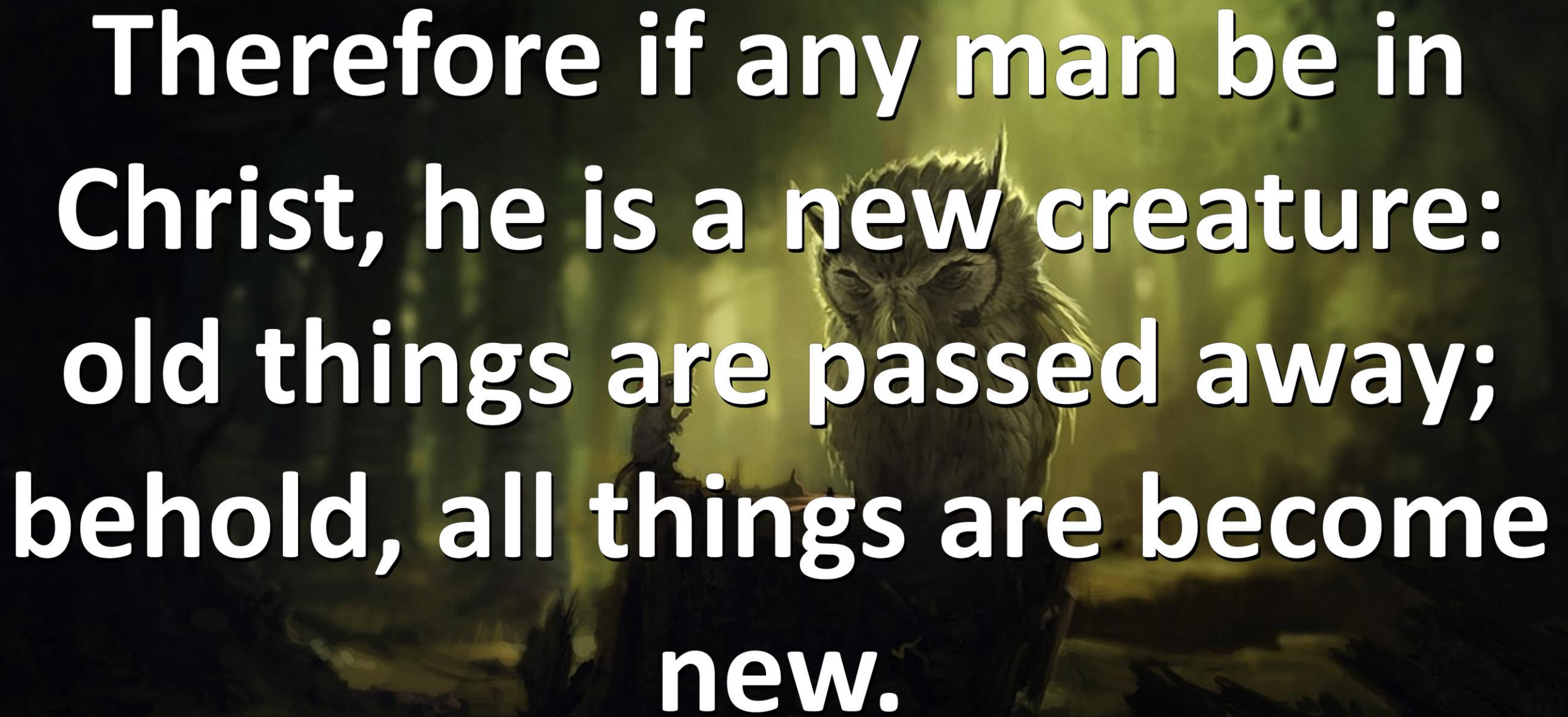
NEW LIFE

**PICTURES THE GOSPEL (1Co.15:3-4)**



<sup>3</sup>For I delivered unto you first of all  
that which I also received, how  
that Christ died for our sins  
according to the scriptures; <sup>4</sup>And  
that he was buried, and that he  
rose again the third day according  
to the scriptures

**(1Co.15:3-4)**



Therefore if any man be in  
Christ, he is a new creature:  
old things are passed away;  
behold, all things are become  
new.

**2Co.5:17**



# 7 BAPTISMS IN THE BIBLE

Baptism is not for the forgiveness of sins. Jesus, who was sinless, was baptized by John the Baptist. The word baptism in the Greek is *baptizo* and means to dip, immerse, or plunge, and is always used to identify with something. From the 7 baptisms shown below, we will see that baptism is for identification purposes. Baptism especially has the idea of associating with a message, and in one case rejecting a message. There are 3 “wet” baptisms, and 4 “dry” baptisms.

BAPTISM TYPE		REFERENCES
“Wet” Baptisms SYMBOLIC	<b>1 Baptism of John the Baptist</b> Those baptized believed the message of John concerning the kingdom promises through the soon coming of the Messiah. This was a baptism of repentance for the nation of Israel (Mk.1:1-8). Israel, especially its leaders were in unbelief and needed to repent.	Mt.3:1-12; Mk.1:1-8; Lk.3:1-9; Jn.1:25-34; Ac.18:25—19:7
	<b>2 Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist</b> This was a one-time baptism. This baptism identified Jesus with God the Father’s plan. That plan showed that Jesus was the Son of God, the long awaited Messiah.	Mt.3:13-17; Lk.3:21-22
	<b>3 Church Age Water Baptism</b> This baptism emphasizes a believer's relationship with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection (Rm.6:3-11).	Mt.28:19; Ac.8:12; 16:33; Rm.6:3-11; 1Co.1:13-17
“Dry” Baptisms ACTUAL	<b>4 Baptism of the Holy Spirit</b> This baptism began at Pentecost. Each believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit and we become members of Christ's spiritual body, the Church .	1Co.12:12-14
	<b>5 Baptism of Moses</b> This baptism occurred during the Exodus of Israel. Israel was baptized into Moses when the nation went through the Red Sea and was led by the cloud during the day; the nation was identified with Moses, their leader.	1Co.10:1-4
	<b>6 Baptism of the Cup</b> This baptism is a figure of speech used by Jesus to identify Himself with His suffering and death on the cross.	Mt.20:22-23; Mk.10:38-39; 14:36; Lk.12:50
	<b>7 Baptism of Fire</b> This baptism is a judgment upon those who reject Christ as Messiah. It will likely be fulfilled at Christ's Second Coming to the Earth as Messiah.	Mt.3:10-12; Lk.3:16-17