

The background of the entire image is an underwater scene. It features a deep blue color palette with numerous bubbles of various sizes rising from the bottom. The lighting is soft, creating a serene and somewhat ethereal atmosphere. The bubbles are most concentrated in the upper left and lower right corners, with a few scattered throughout the center.

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Jesus answered [Nicodemus], “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”

**John 3:5**

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For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that 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**

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Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” 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. 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.”

**Acts 2:37-39**

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What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

**Romans 6:1-3**

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Put to death therefore what is earthly in you...

- *Colossians 3:5*

...if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

- *Romans 8:13*

And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

- *Galatians 5:24*



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We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.

**Romans 6:6-7**

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And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

**1 Corinthians 6:11**

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Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

**Hebrews 10:19-22**

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...God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. 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...

**1 Peter 3:20-21**

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For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

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...having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

**Colossians 2:12**

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“And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.”

- *Acts 22:16*

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.

- *Joel 2:32*



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