



The Voice of the Martyrs is hosting a FREE **virtual event** on **Friday, March 5, 2021**, that will feature three inspiring speakers: Petr Jasek, Andrew Brunson and Dan Baumann.

In addition to their first hand testimonies, you will enjoy an engaging panel discussion moderated by VOM Radio host Todd Nettleton as well as inspiring worship music from Dove Award-winning artist Natalie Grant.

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# IMPRISONED

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FEATURING SPEAKER ANDREW BRUNSON, IMPRISONED IN TURKEY

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**Part 2**

*Christian Family Traditions*

# The Sacraments

## *In the Bible...*

There are two *sacraments*...

(holy ritual - *ceremony* - , symbolical ordinances - *order; a decree*)

Which *Christians* are *commanded* by Jesus  
to *practice* and *observe*:

*Communion* and *Water Baptism*



# *Communion* and *Water Baptism*

The purpose of both...

Is to signify by *outward symbolism (action)*,  
what *Jesus has accomplished* in a believer's life  
through faith in Christ.

As true believers,

we are both *instructed* and *commanded* to submit  
to both as *expressions of our faith*



# *Water Baptism*



*What is Baptism?*





## *The word “baptize”... (The action of baptism)*

The word “baptize” is taken from  
the Greek word “**baptizo**” meaning:

*To immerse or submerge*

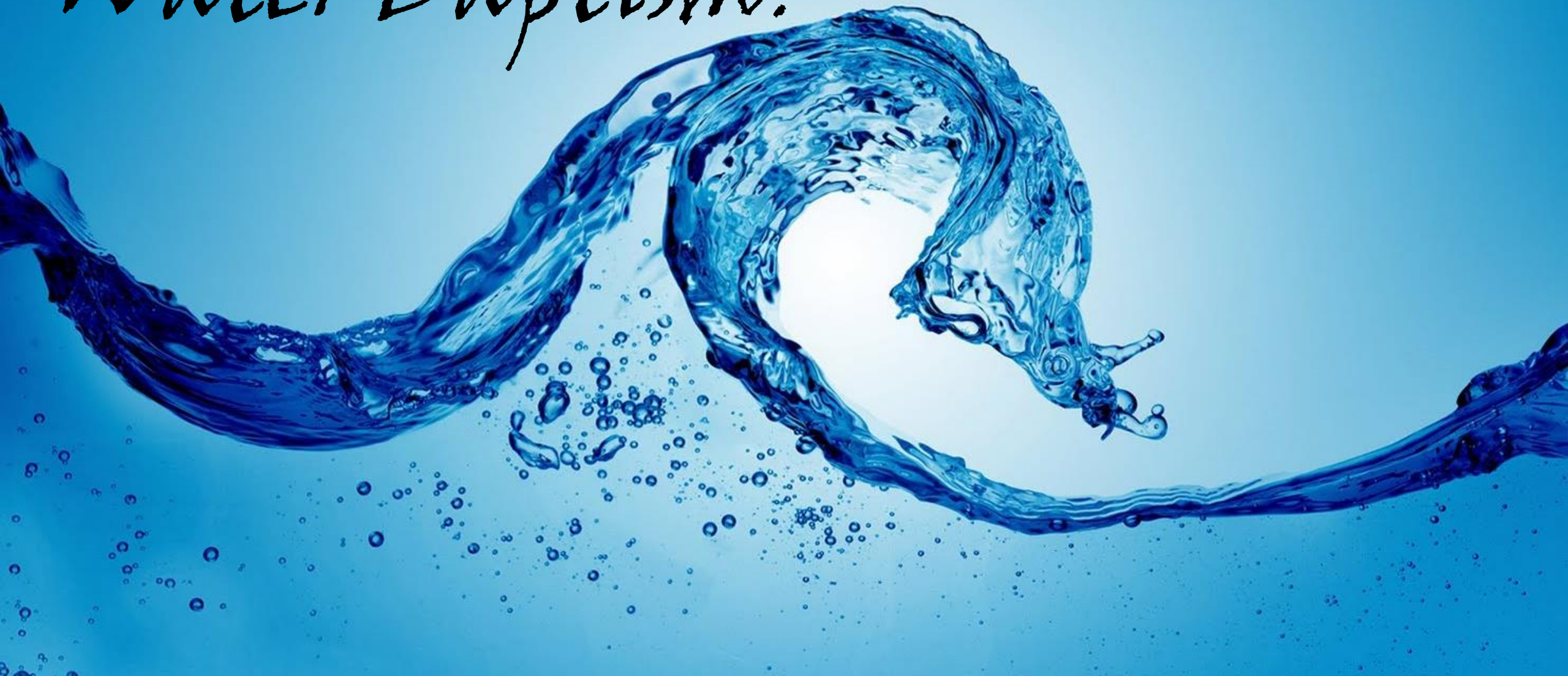
Strong’s Greek dictionary:

*“To make **whelmed**” (To cover with water; submerge)*

*That is... **fully, totally, entirely... under the water***



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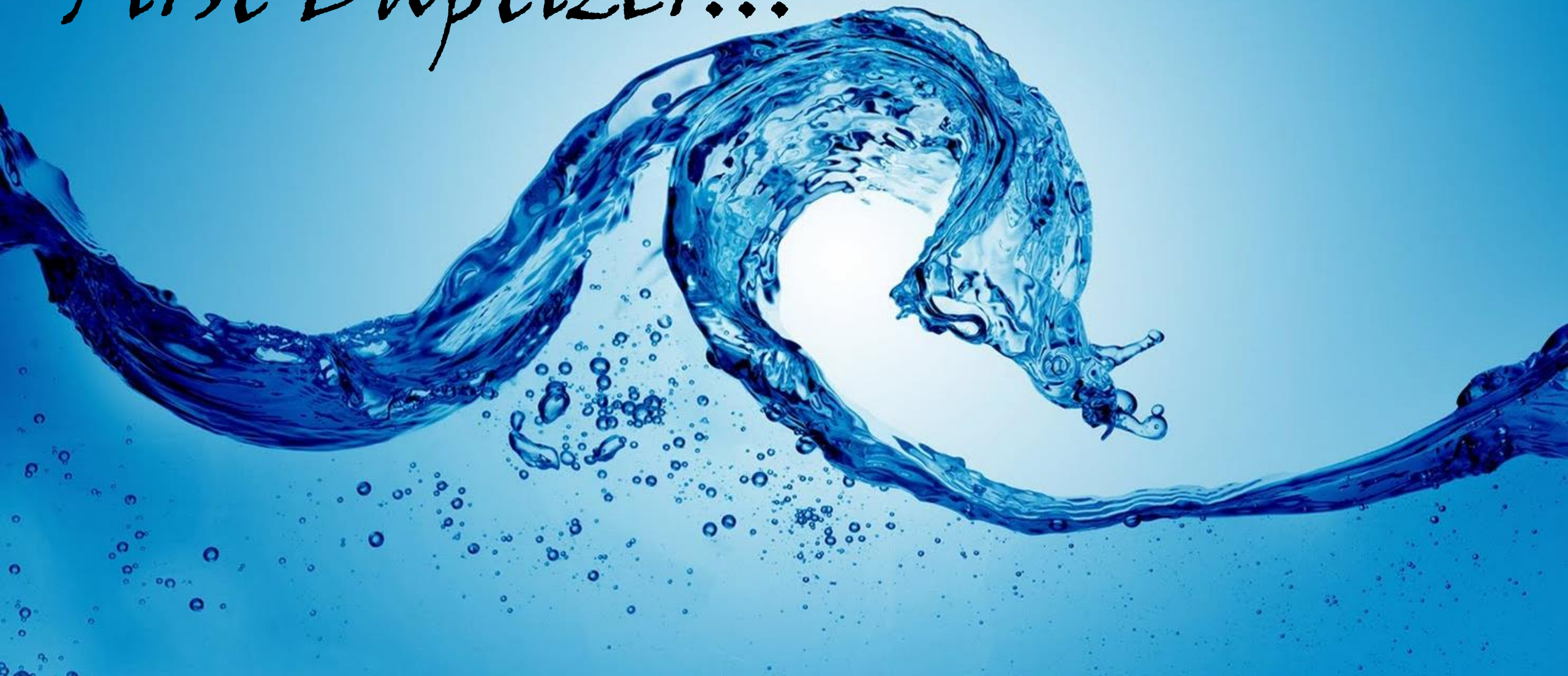
The *immersion* of *a believer* in *water*...

*Symbolizing* the *death* of the believer's *sinful nature*  
and the *new birth* (*new creation*\*) in Jesus,

*And testifying* to the *death, burial,*  
and *resurrection* of **Jesus** as the  
*only way* of *salvation*.



*The  
First Baptizer...*



# *The First Baptizer... John “The Baptist”*

Mark 1: 4-5

(NLT)

This messenger was **John** the **Baptist**.

He was in the wilderness and preached

*that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven.*

<sup>5</sup> All of Judea, including all the people of Jerusalem, went out to see and hear John. And

*when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River.*



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Then **Jesus** came from Galilee to the Jordan *to be baptized* by **John**.<sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying,

“I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

<sup>15</sup> Jesus replied,

“*Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.*”

Then John consented.





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<sup>16</sup>As soon as **Jesus was baptized**, He went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and He saw **the Spirit of God** descending **like a dove** and **alighting on Him**.

<sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said,

“This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.”



# *Why was Jesus Baptized?*

- **To acknowledged** the life John demanded was correct for Himself and for His followers.
- **To identify** with sinful mankind and to be a model for others to follow.
- **His public ministry** was to begin...  
Which included His threefold office of Prophet, Priest, and King.



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*The New Unger's Bible Dictionary*



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(ESV)

Do not think that *I (Jesus) have come to abolish the Law* or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them *but to fulfill them.*

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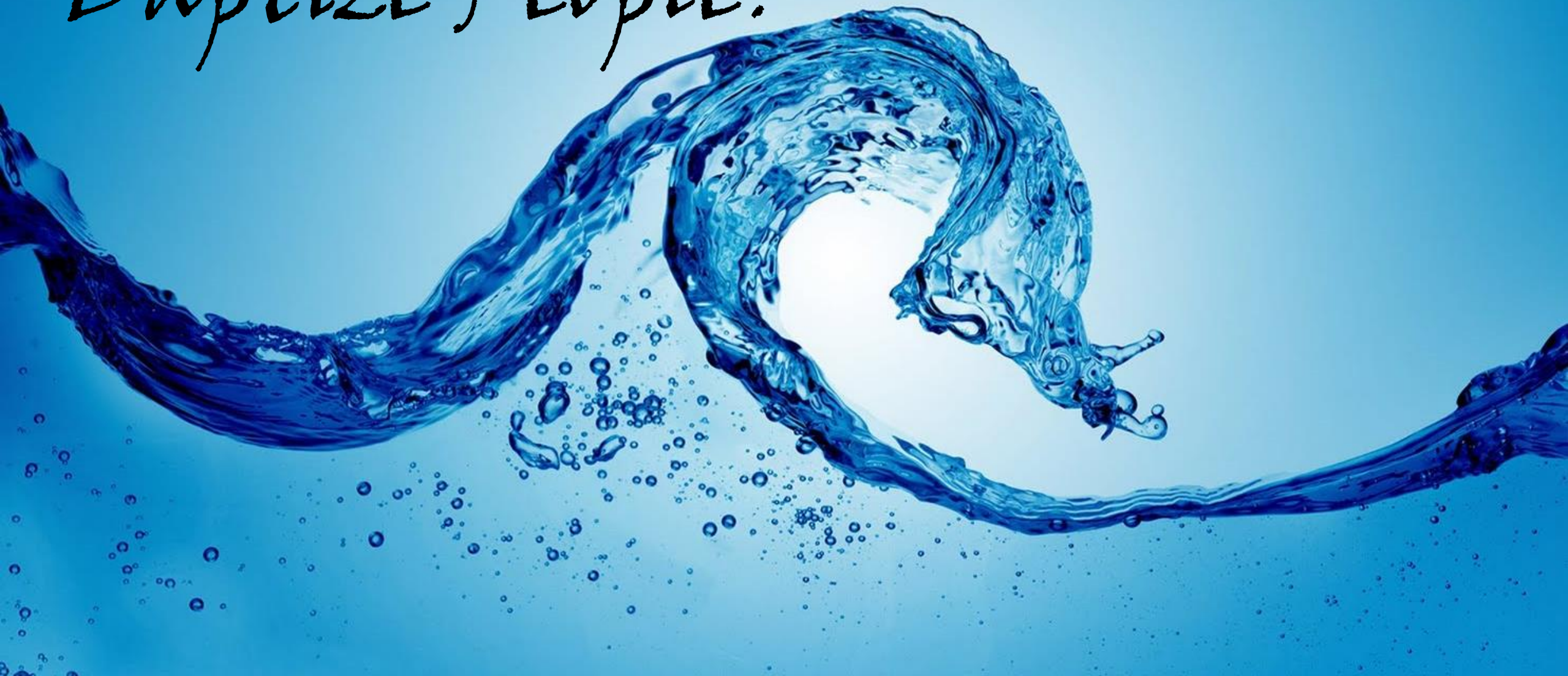
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This **was the priestly anointing** of **Him** who was not only a Priest by **divine appointment** but **an eternal** Priest (Psalm 110:4) who was thus divinely consecrated for the work of redemption (Matthew 3:16; Acts 4:27; 10:38).”

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Matthew 28:19-20

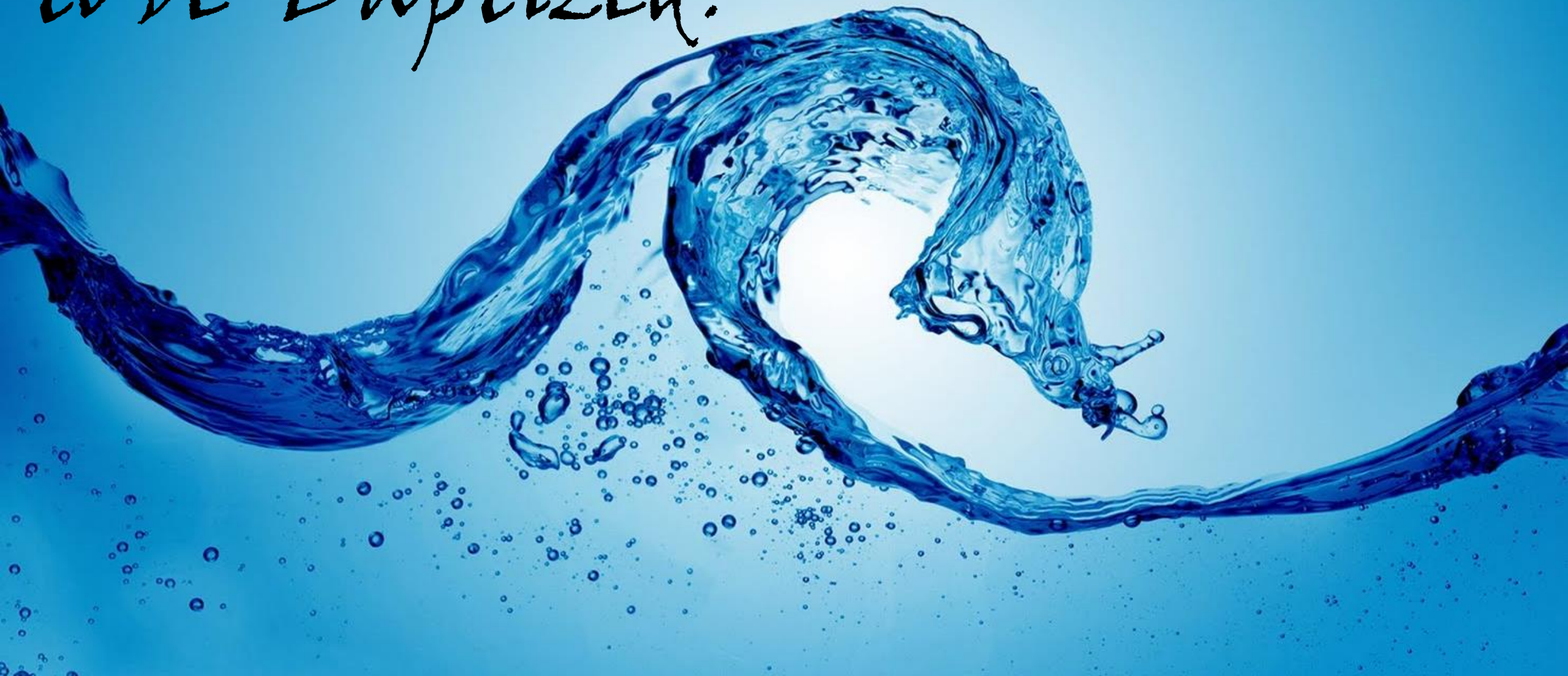
(NLT)

Therefore, go and make *disciples* of all the *nations*, *baptizing* them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

<sup>20</sup> *Teach* these new *disciples* to *obey* all the *commands* I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”



Why you need  
to be Baptized?



# Why you *need* to be *Baptized*?

## 1. Act of **Obedience**

Throughout the New Testament water baptism was practiced *following* conversion.

This was done in direct response to Jesus' command that Christians everywhere are to "*disciple*" and "*baptize*" those who believe.

Therefore, everyone who becomes a Christian needs to be baptized *out of obedience to God*.



# *Why you need to be Baptized?*

## 2. Statement of **Faith**

Water baptism is an *outward* statement of one's *belief in Christ's atonement for our sins*, and *the indwelling presence of His Holy Spirit to guide, influence and empower our lives*.

Baptism is a way to make a *public statement of your faith*.



# Why you need to be Baptized?

## 3. Public Testimony

In the New Testament *we see baptism practiced publicly.* It was a very powerful and meaningful way to fulfill Jesus' promise "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven." Those who are publicly baptized "*acknowledge before men*" *their life's* commitment to *Him* as *their Lord* and *Savior*.



*What Baptism  
Cannot do...*



# *What Baptism Cannot Do...*

1. Baptism cannot *save* us

Salvation comes through faith alone,  
and *not works*. (Ephesians 2:8)

Therefore, the act of baptism cannot save us.

Rather, it *gives evidence* through *public action*  
that a person *has already* been *saved*.



## *What Baptism Cannot Do...*

2. Baptism cannot *cleanse* us from sin

The *cleansing of sins* takes place *when we believe* and *accept Jesus* and ask *Him* to *cleanse our sins* (1 John 1:9).

Baptism may *witness* to our cleansing, but *the water itself* is *powerless* to *cleanse* from *sin*.





## What Baptism Cannot Do...

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\* Usually... but...

**Psalm 115:3**

*But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.*



*Water Baptism...*  
*Quick Review*



# Water Baptism... Quick Review

❖ Through Baptism we:

*Obey* Jesus,

*Identity* with Jesus,

*Witness* for Jesus, and

*Declare* (publicly) we are a “*A disciple (follower) of Jesus*”

❖ We Establish:

A *Milestone*, a *Marker* in life...

That symbolizes *new birth*...dying to the old life

and *being raised* to *New life in Jesus!*



Video: Indeed-Joy - Baptism

# *If you have not been “Baptized”*

Contact the church  
office.

We are planning a  
Baptismal Service:  
Late spring or  
early summer.



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