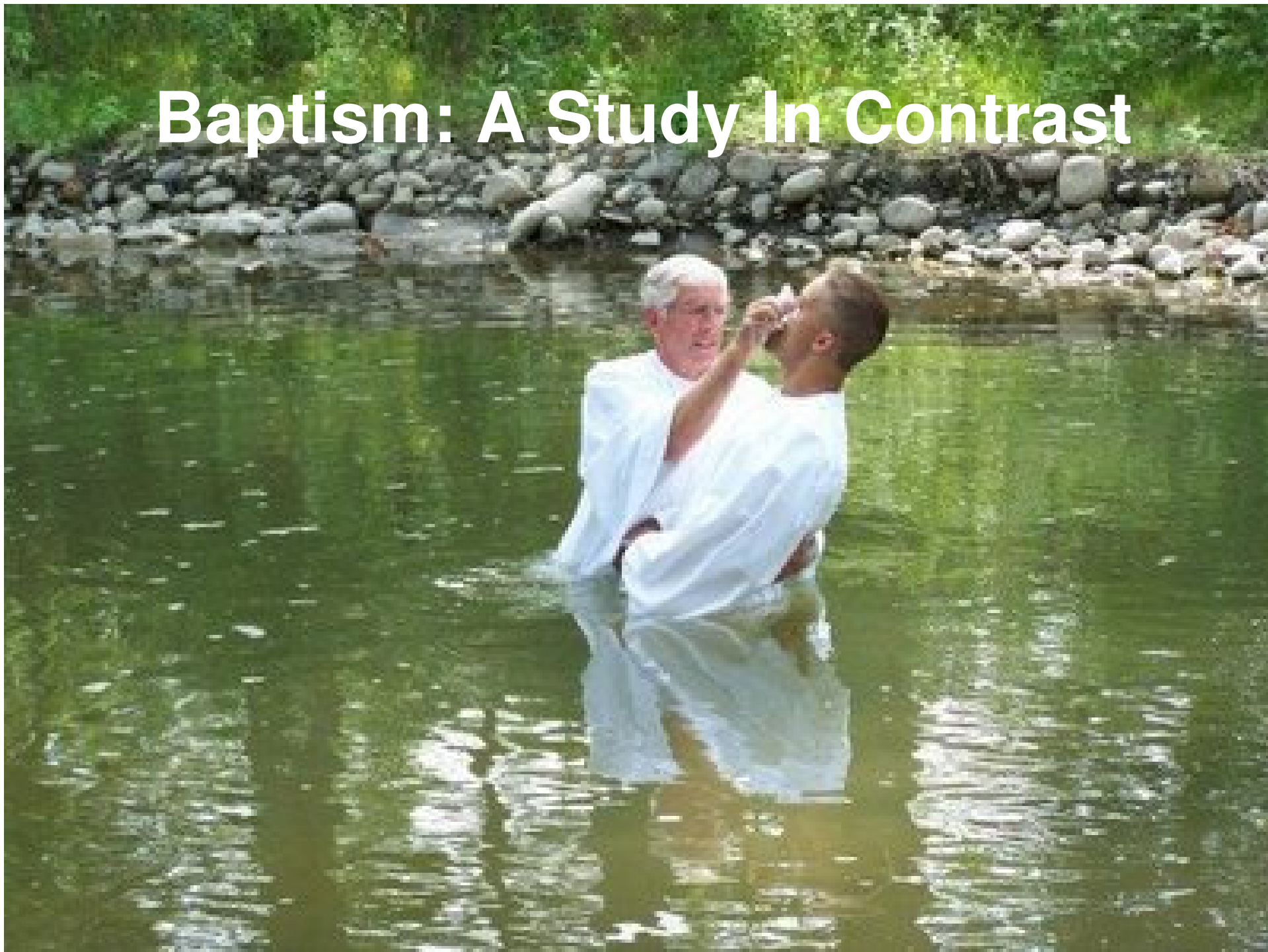


Baptism: A Study In Contrast





I. Who Should Be Baptized?

A. Some Baptize Infants

- **Many Infants are baptized long before they are able to know right from wrong!**
- **Others believe that one must be mature enough to be a penitent believer**
- **Obviously there is a contrast between these two ideas**

A. Some Baptize Infants

B. What Do The Scriptures Teach?

- **Several passages on being saved:**

1 Able to understand *Matt.28:19-20*

2 Must believe *Mk.16:15-16*

3 Repent *Acts 2:38*

4 Confess faith *Rom.10:9-10*

A. Some Baptize Infants

B. What Do The Scriptures Teach?

- **Some believe infants are born in sin**
 - **Paul taught that there was a time in his life where he was without the law *Rom.7:9-10***
 - **Ezekiel states that everyone is responsible for his own sin *Ezek.18:20***
 - **Baptism is for those who are of an age of accountability!**



II. Sprinkling Baptism? Or Immersion Baptism?

A. Some Sprinkle For Baptism

- **World Book Encyclopedia on baptism**

“The act of dipping a person in water or sprinkling water on him, as a sign of washing away sin”

- This definition was gradually brought into the church until it was finally accepted

A. Some Sprinkle For Baptism

B. Others Immerse For Baptism

- **Bible examples of baptism**
 - **John the Baptist baptized where there was “much water” *Jn.3:23***
 - **Jesus came up out of the water *Matt.3:16***
 - **The Ethiopian eunuch came out of the water and rejoiced *Acts 8:38-39***

A. Some Sprinkle For Baptism

B. Others Immerse For Baptism

- Baptism is clearly described in *Rom.6:3-5*

3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were **baptized into Christ Jesus** were baptized into His death?

4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, **even so we also should walk in newness of life.**

A. Some Sprinkle For Baptism

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- Baptism is clearly described in *Rom.6:3-5*

5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, **certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, *Rom.6***

- Bible baptism symbolizes the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ!



III. Baptized Thinking Saved or Baptized In Order To Be Saved

A. Views Are Clearly Stated

- **A tract from the Sunday School Board of a very large denomination**

“We believe that we are baptized because we are saved, not in order to be saved”

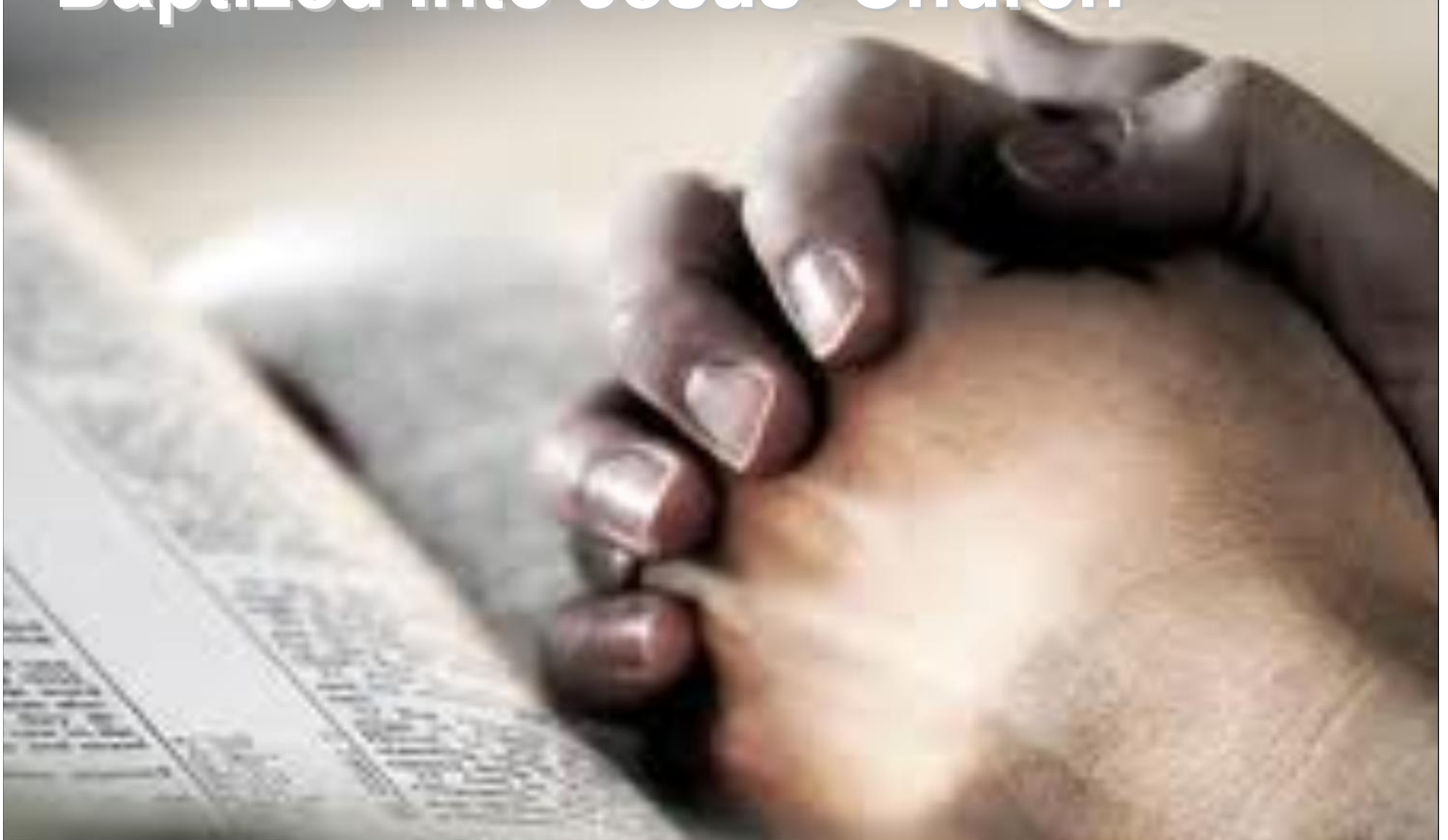
- This idea is completely opposed to the contrasting idea

A. Views Are Clearly Stated

B. What Does God's Word Teach?

- Peter said to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins *Acts 2:36-47*
 - The 1st view is believe, repent, confess, and pray for salvation – then baptism
 - Many good people might be thinking, “What is the difference?” *Acts 19:1-5*

IV. Baptized Into A Denomination or Baptized Into Jesus' Church



A. Baptism Then Choose A Denomination

- **Some see Jesus' church as a large group encompassing all denominations**
 - **After being baptized then one is to choose which denomination they would like**
 - **Does this concept follow Bible teaching?**

A. Baptism Then Choose A Denomination

B. Jesus Only Has One Church

- No baptized person ever joined a denomination *Jn.17:20-21*

20 “I do not pray for these alone, **but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;**
21 That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; **that they also may be one in Us,** that the world may believe that You sent Me.”

- Complete oneness in Christ our Lord!

What Have We Learned About Salvation?

- Believe in Jesus *Jn.8:24*
- Repentance *Lk.13:3-5*
- Confession of faith *Matt.10:32-33*
- Baptized Into Jesus Christ *Gal.3:26-28*

