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# **Water and the Spirit**

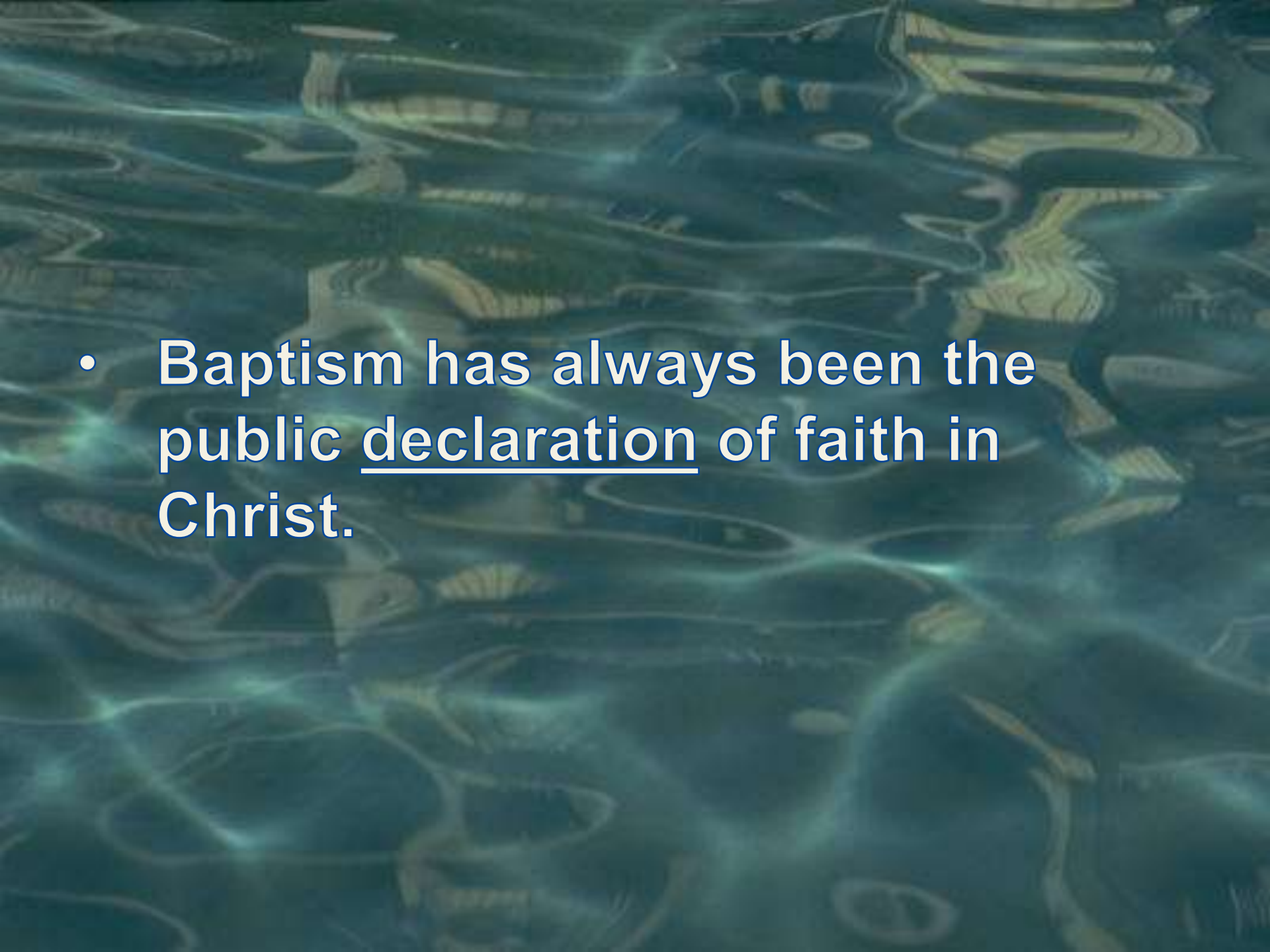
*Part 4: FAQs about Baptism*



**Do I have to be baptized to go to heaven?**

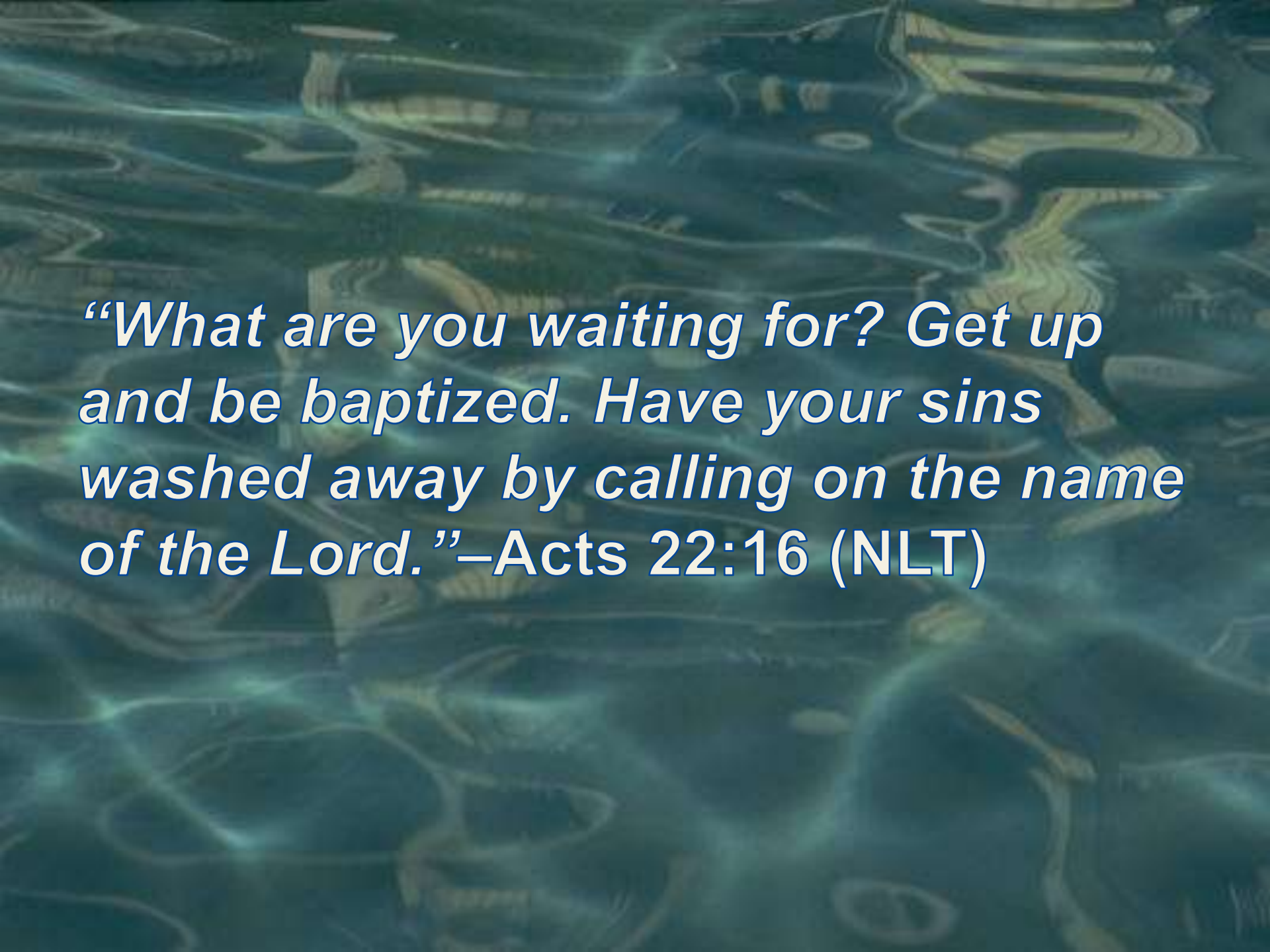
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- Jesus commands us to be baptized.

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”—Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)*

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- Baptism has always been the public declaration of faith in Christ.

*Peter replied, “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.”—Acts 2:28 (NIV)*

- The act of baptism is not what saves us; our salvation rests solely on our relationship with Jesus Christ through repentance and faith.



*“What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized. Have your sins washed away by calling on the name of the Lord.”—Acts 22:16 (NLT)*

*Then [the thief] said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.”*

*And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”—Luke 23:42-43 (NLT)*



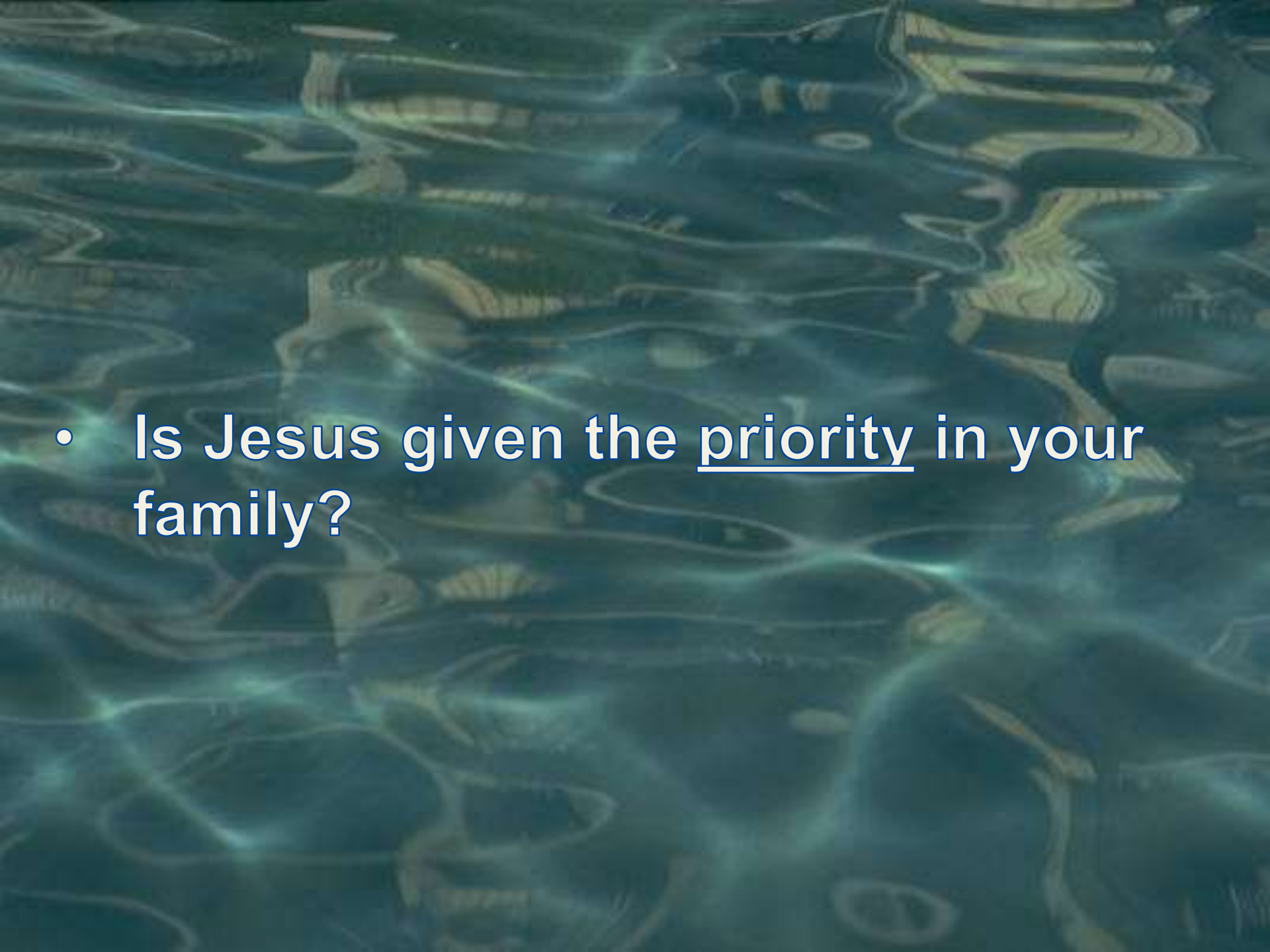
**What is the right way to be baptized?**

- Each method emphasizes a different aspect of baptism's significance.
  - ❖ Sprinkling emphasizes cleansing [See Hebrews 10:22].
  - ❖ Pouring relates to being filled with the Holy Spirit [See Titus 3:5-7].
  - ❖ Immersion identifies us with Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection [See Colossians 2:10-12].

The background of the image is a close-up, slightly blurred view of water. The water is a deep teal or blue-green color. There are numerous ripples and reflections of light across the surface, creating a shimmering, textured effect. The light appears to be coming from above, creating bright highlights and darker shadows in the crevices of the ripples. The overall mood is calm and serene.

**Should I have my child baptized?**

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- Are you followers of Jesus Christ?

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- Is Jesus given the priority in your family?

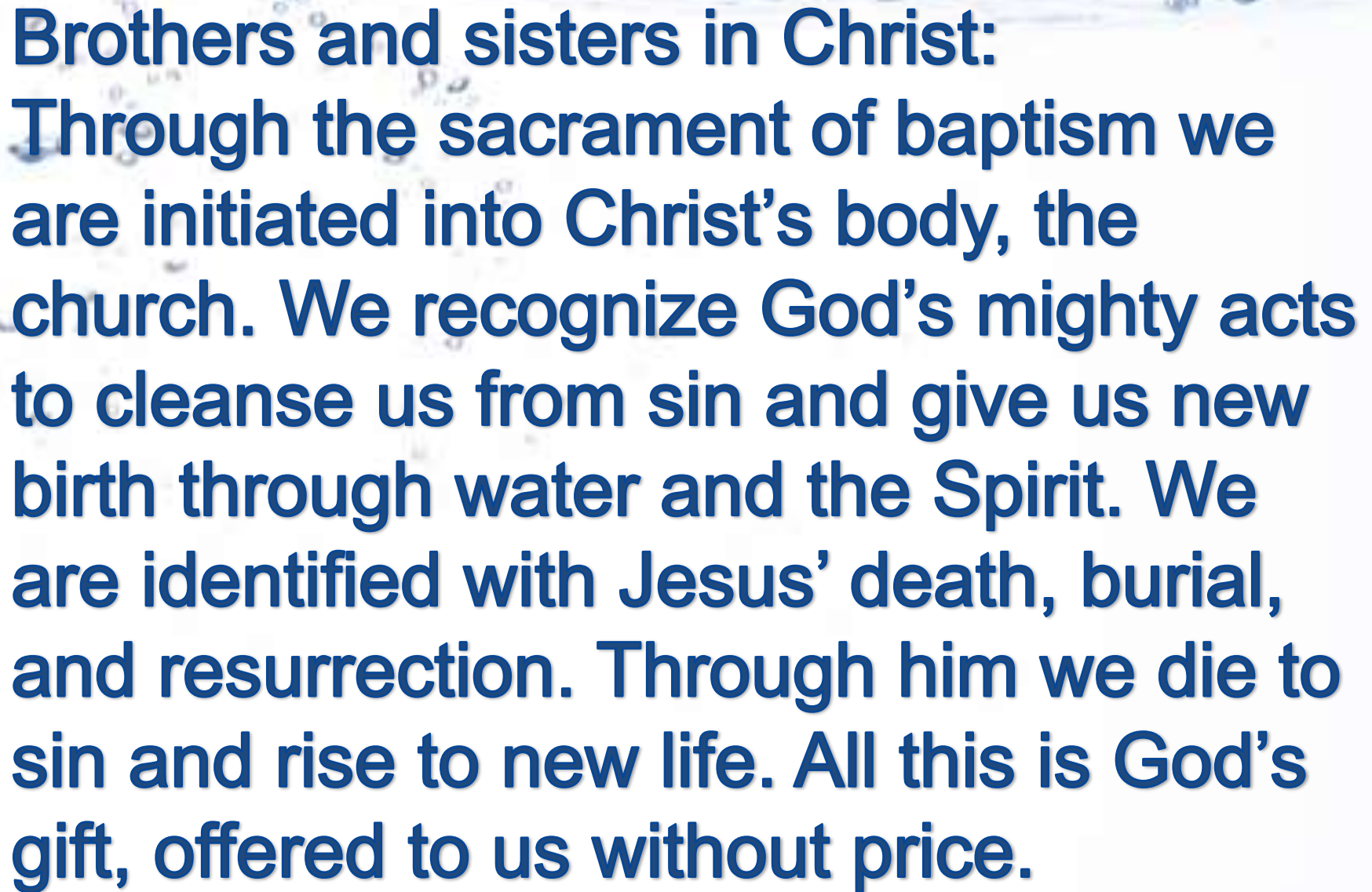
*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.—Deuteronomy 6:4-7 (NIV)*



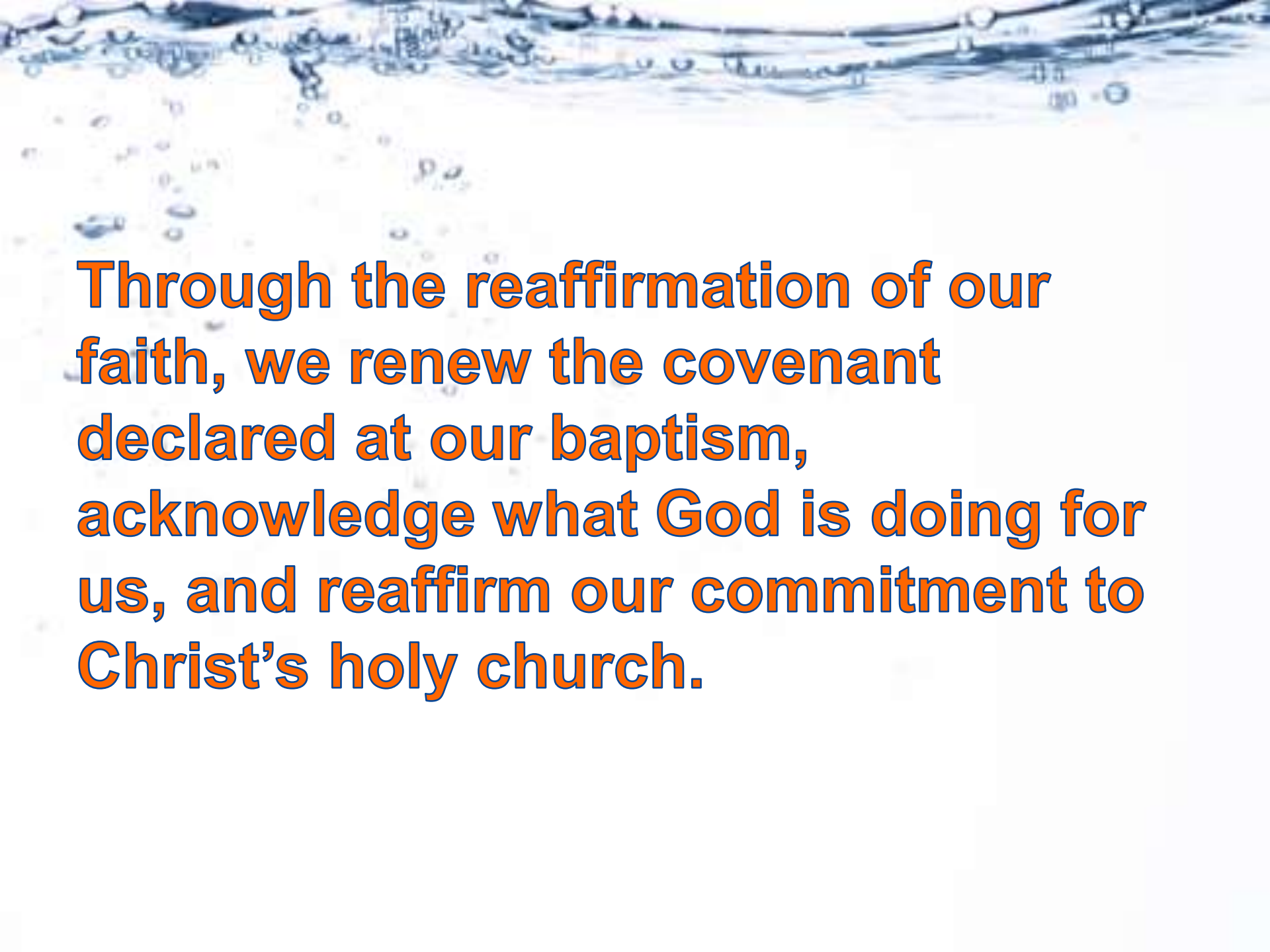
Should I be re-baptized?

- Baptism as an expression of God's action doesn't need to be repeated because his side of the relationship hasn't changed.

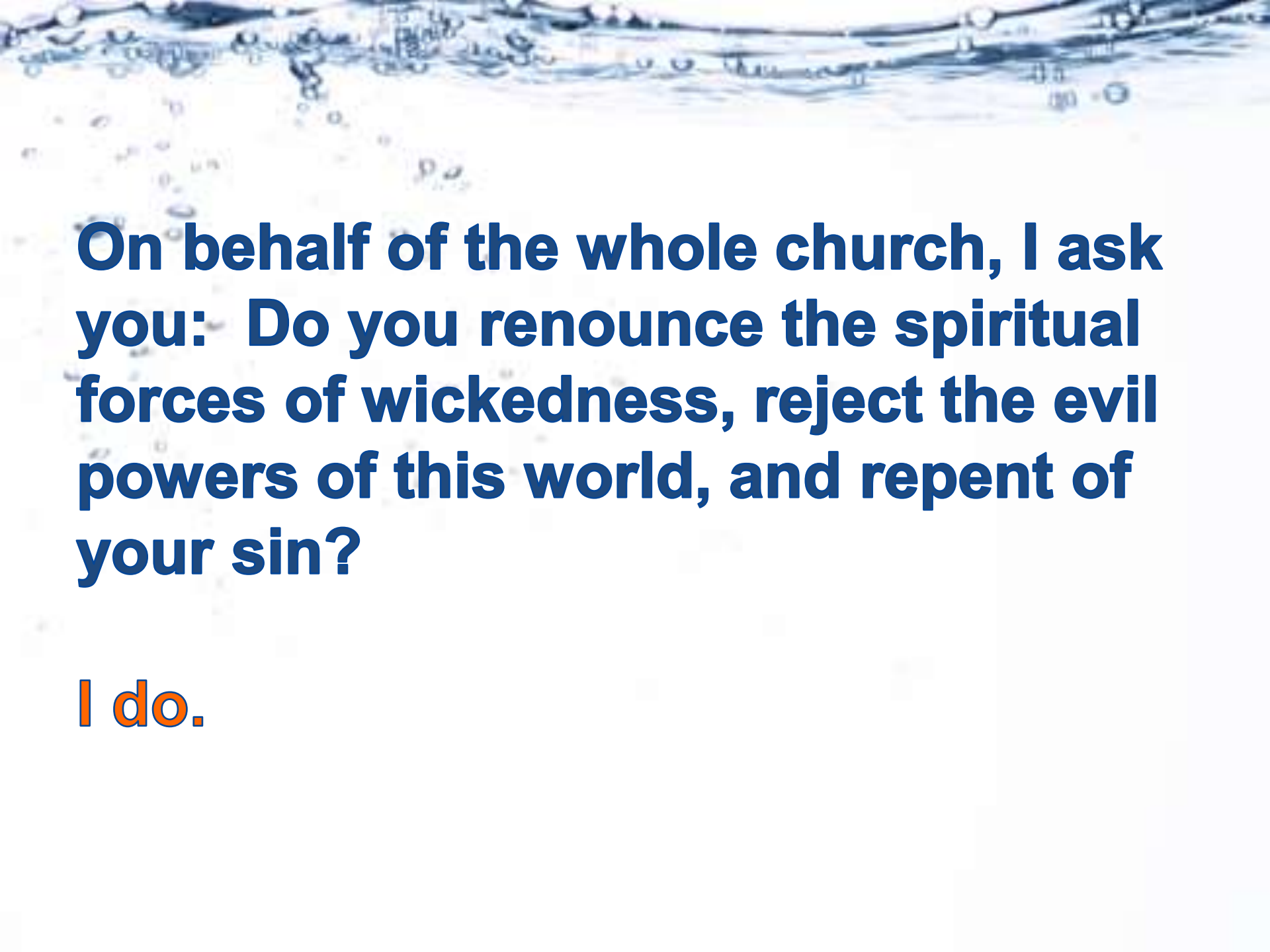
*If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just (true to His own nature and promises) and will forgive our sins....—1 John 1:9 (Amp.)*

The background of the slide features a close-up, high-speed photograph of water splashing, with numerous bubbles and droplets visible, creating a dynamic and textured appearance. The water is clear and bright, with some darker shadows where the droplets are more concentrated.

**Brothers and sisters in Christ:  
Through the sacrament of baptism we  
are initiated into Christ's body, the  
church. We recognize God's mighty acts  
to cleanse us from sin and give us new  
birth through water and the Spirit. We  
are identified with Jesus' death, burial,  
and resurrection. Through him we die to  
sin and rise to new life. All this is God's  
gift, offered to us without price.**

A background image showing water splashing and bubbles, with the top portion being a close-up of the splash and the bottom portion being a lighter, more blurred area.

**Through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and reaffirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.**

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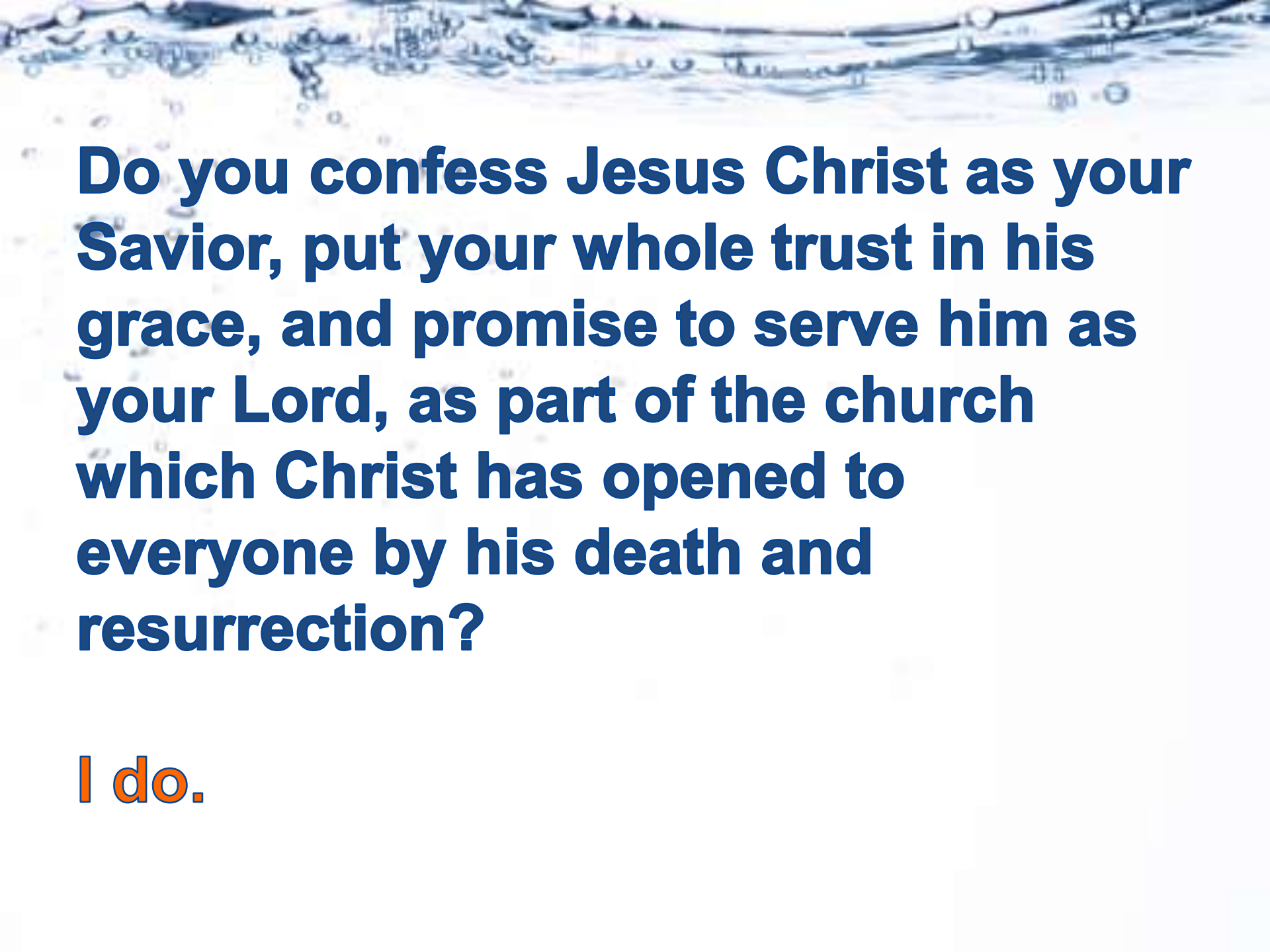
**On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?**

**I do.**

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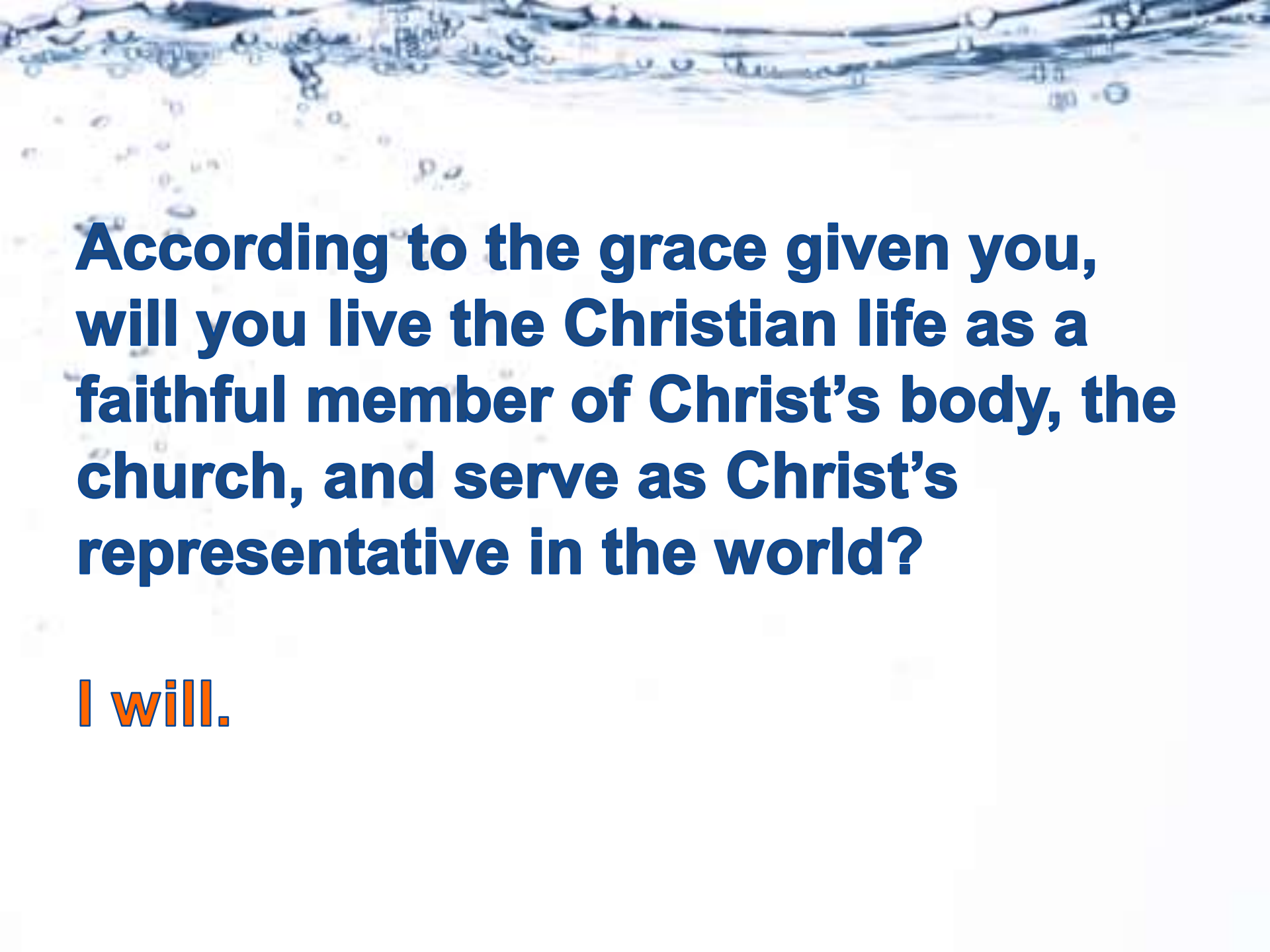
**Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil and stand against the evil one?**

**I do.**

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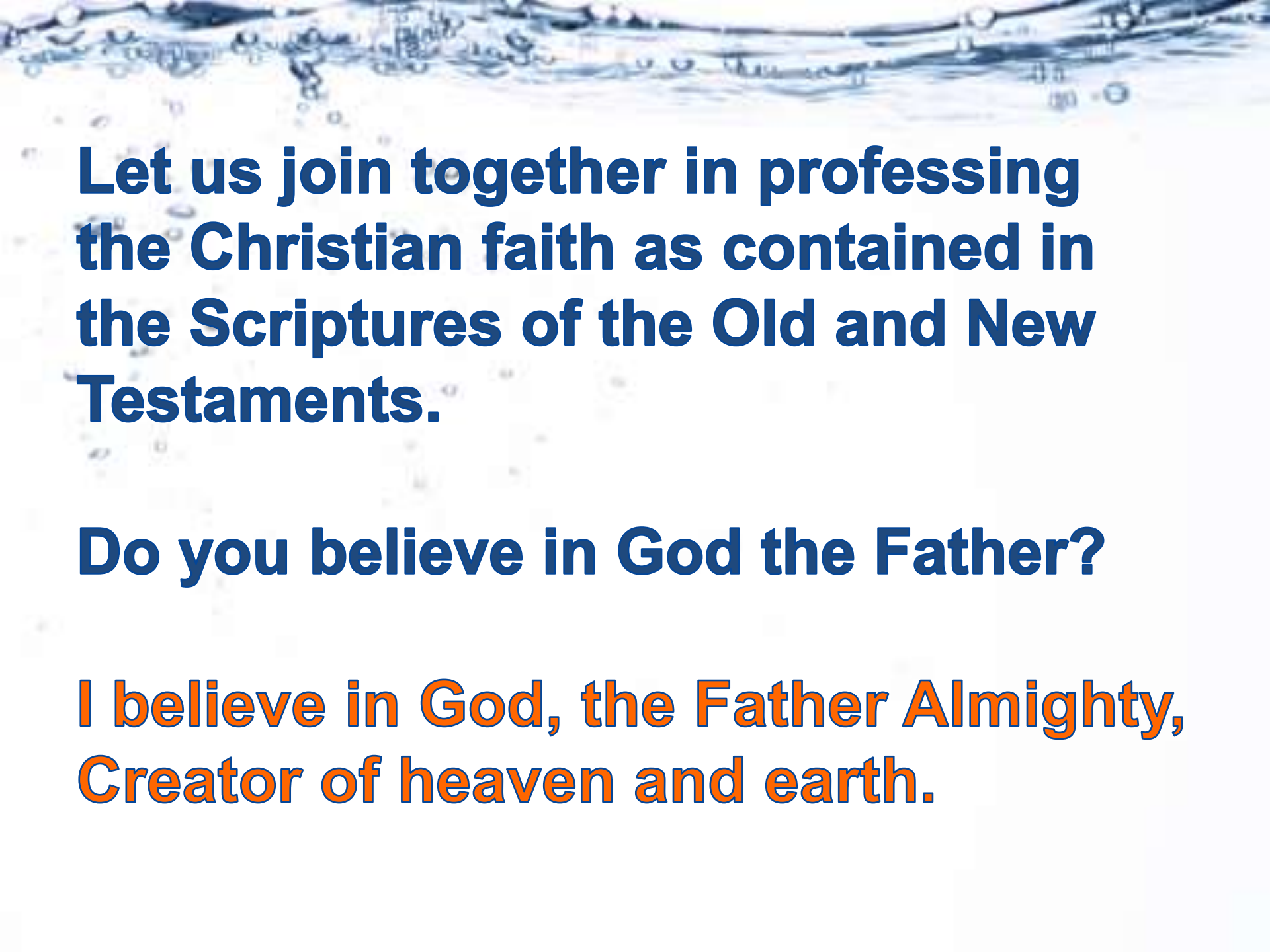
**Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, as part of the church which Christ has opened to everyone by his death and resurrection?**

**I do.**

A background image showing a splash of water with bubbles and ripples, transitioning from a darker blue at the top to a lighter blue and white at the bottom.

**According to the grace given you, will you live the Christian life as a faithful member of Christ's body, the church, and serve as Christ's representative in the world?**

**I will.**

A background image showing a splash of water with bubbles and ripples, creating a dynamic and fresh visual effect.

**Let us join together in professing  
the Christian faith as contained in  
the Scriptures of the Old and New  
Testaments.**

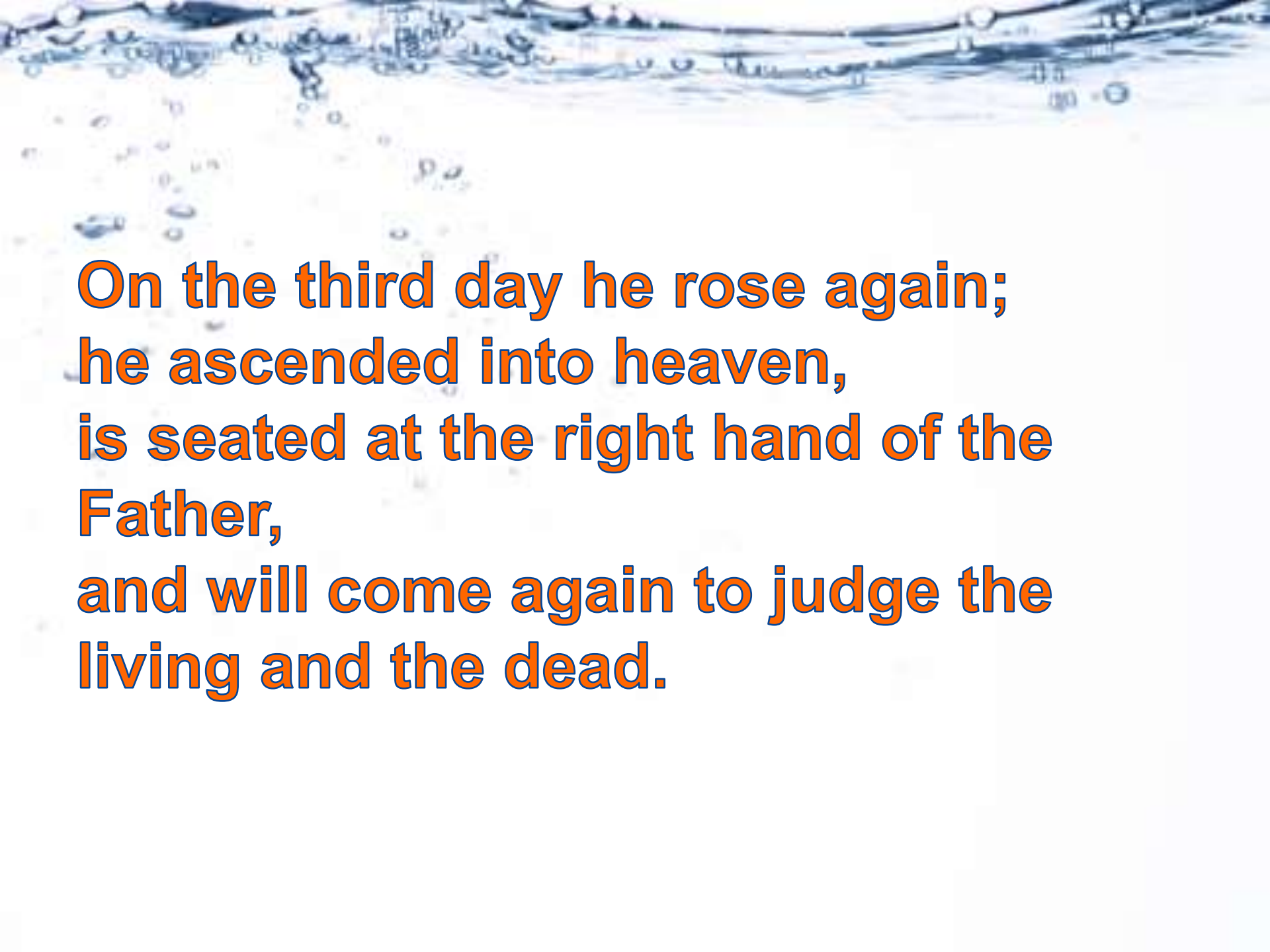
**Do you believe in God the Father?**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

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**Do you believe in Jesus Christ?**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

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**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the  
Father,  
and will come again to judge the  
living and the dead.**



**Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?**

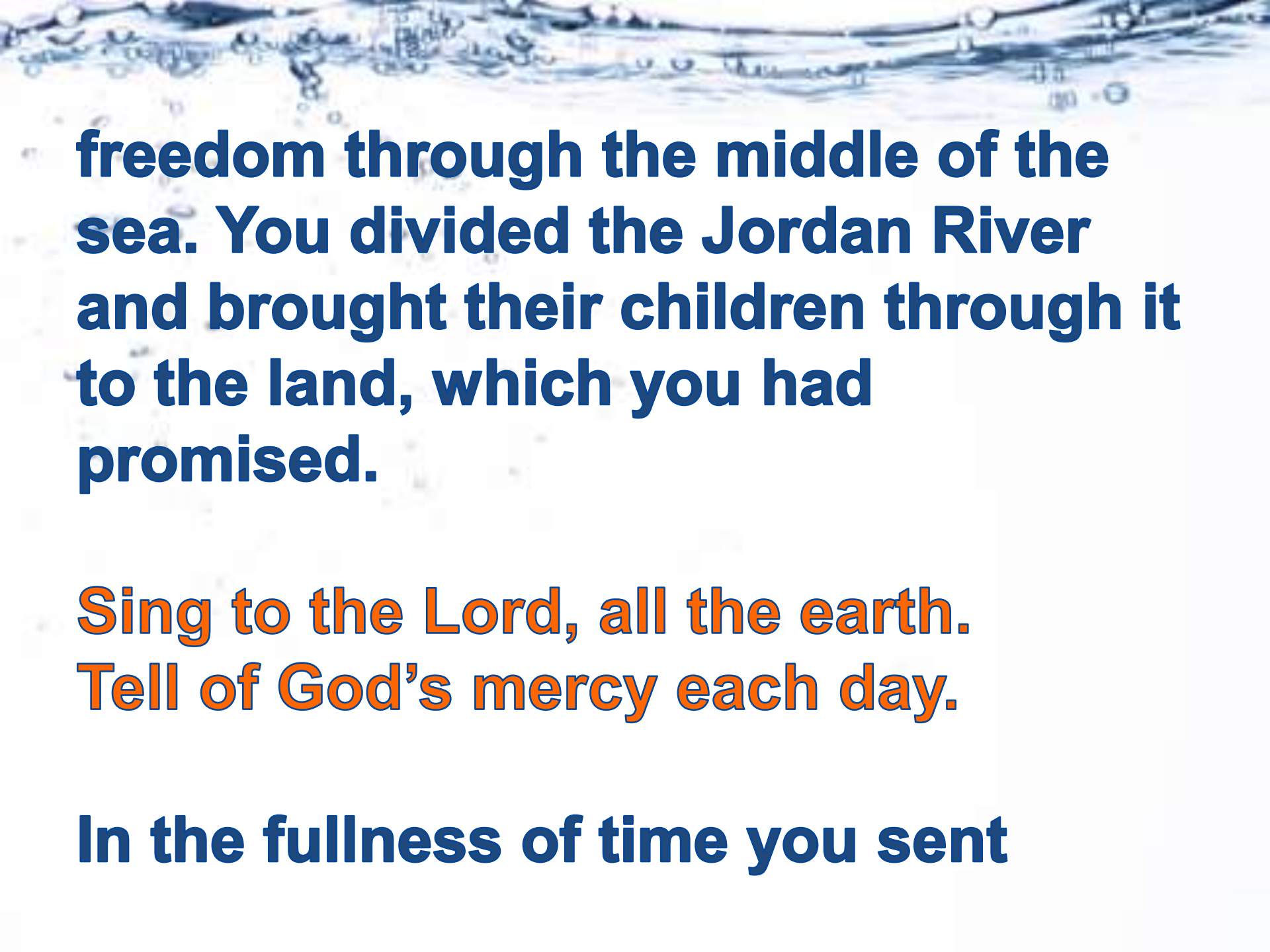
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**\*universal**



**Let us pray:**

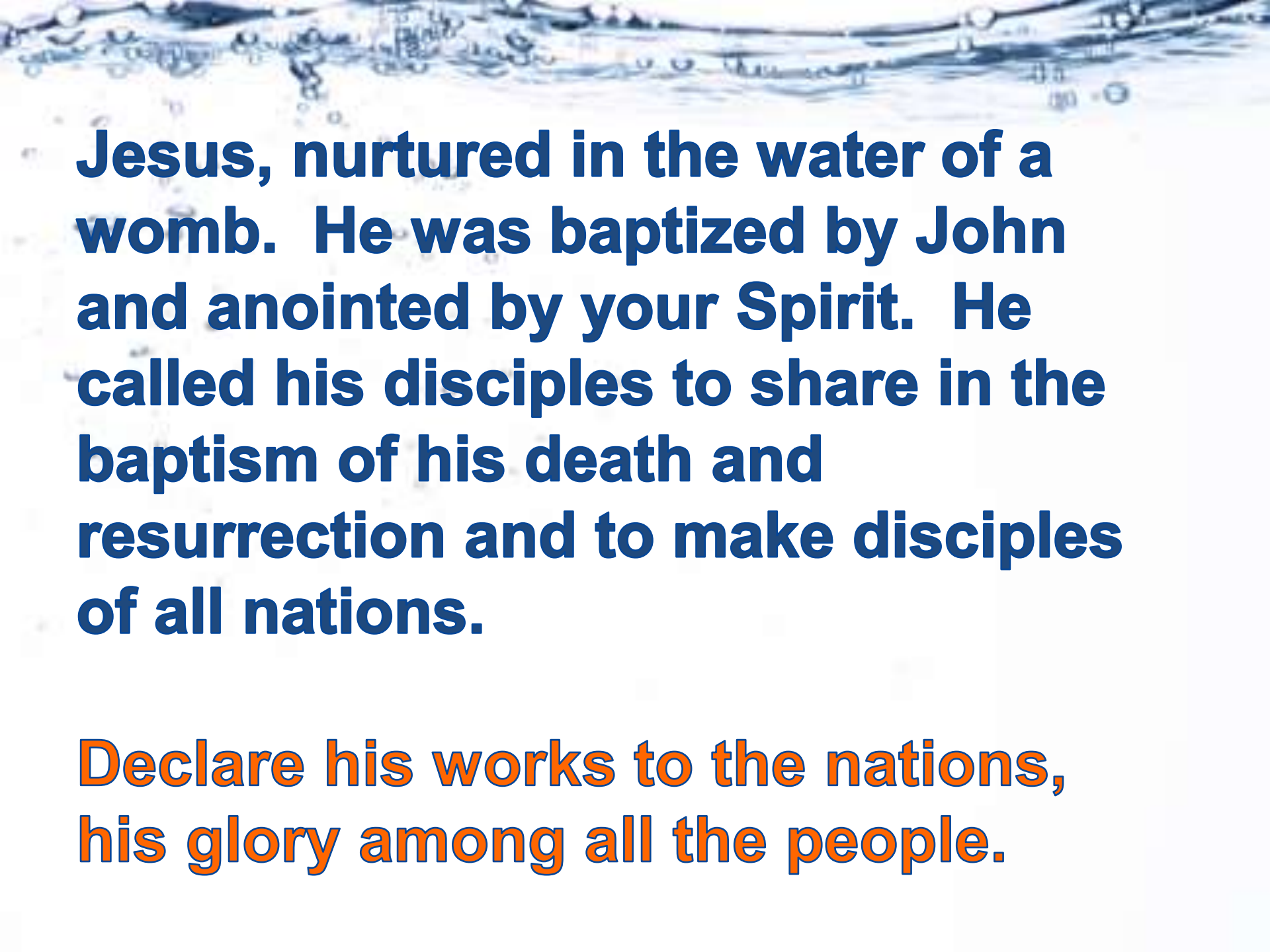
**Eternal Father, when the earth was formless and empty and darkness covered the surface of the waters, you spoke into the darkness and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those in the ark from water through water. After the flood you set a rainbow in the clouds. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to**

A background image showing water splashing and bubbling, with a white surface at the bottom.

**freedom through the middle of the  
sea. You divided the Jordan River  
and brought their children through it  
to the land, which you had  
promised.**

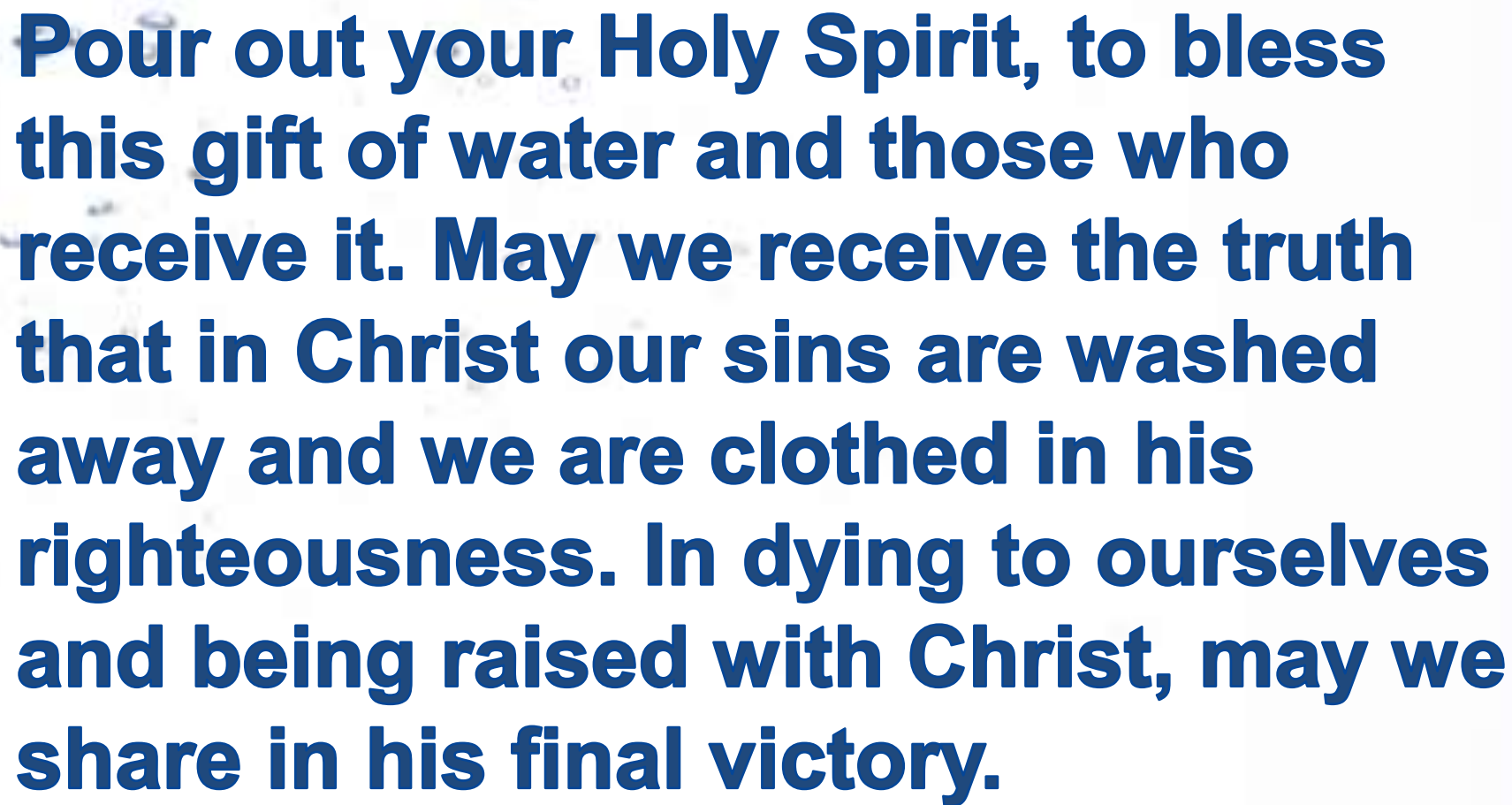
**Sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Tell of God's mercy each day.**

**In the fullness of time you sent**

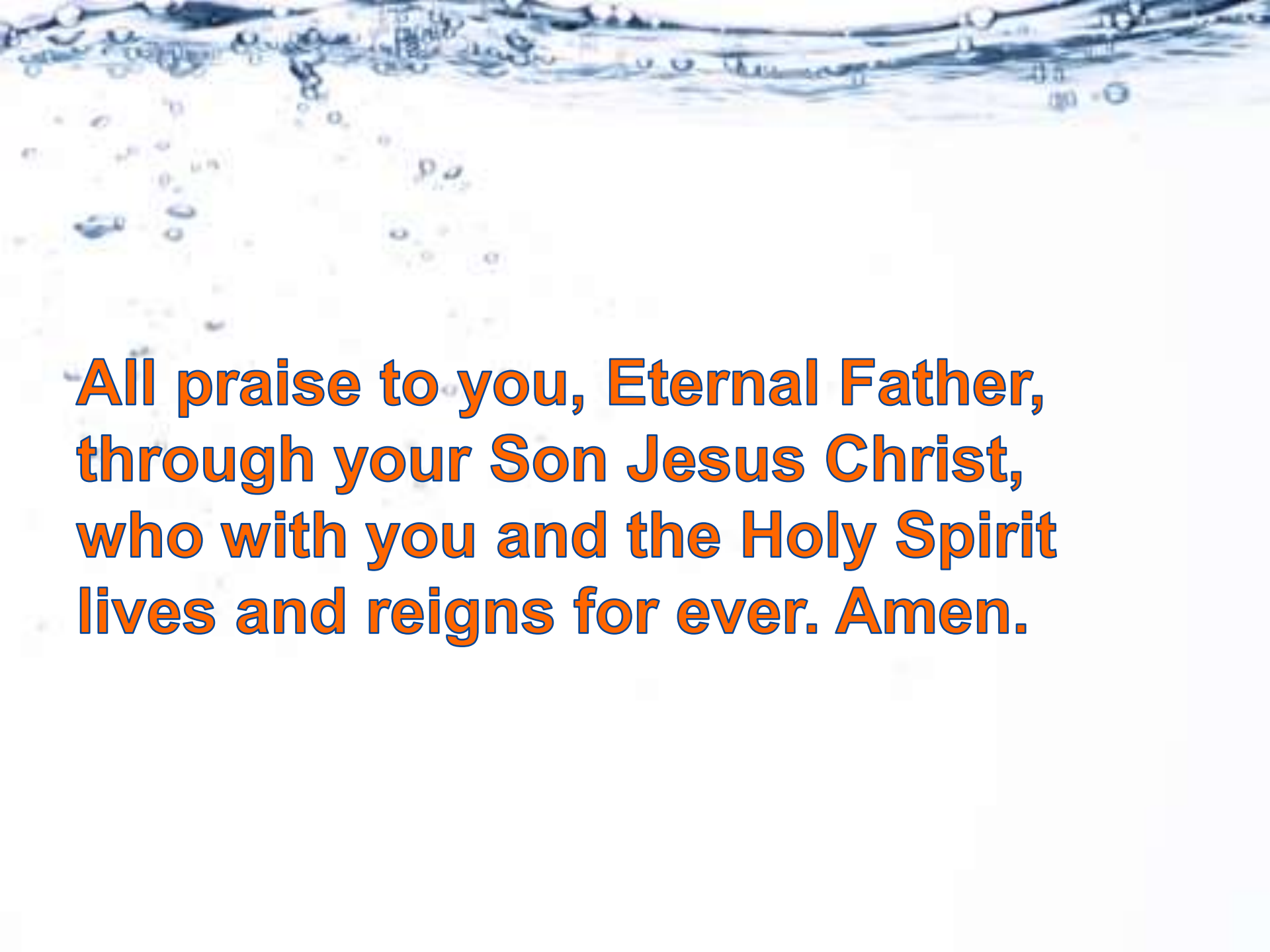
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**Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.**

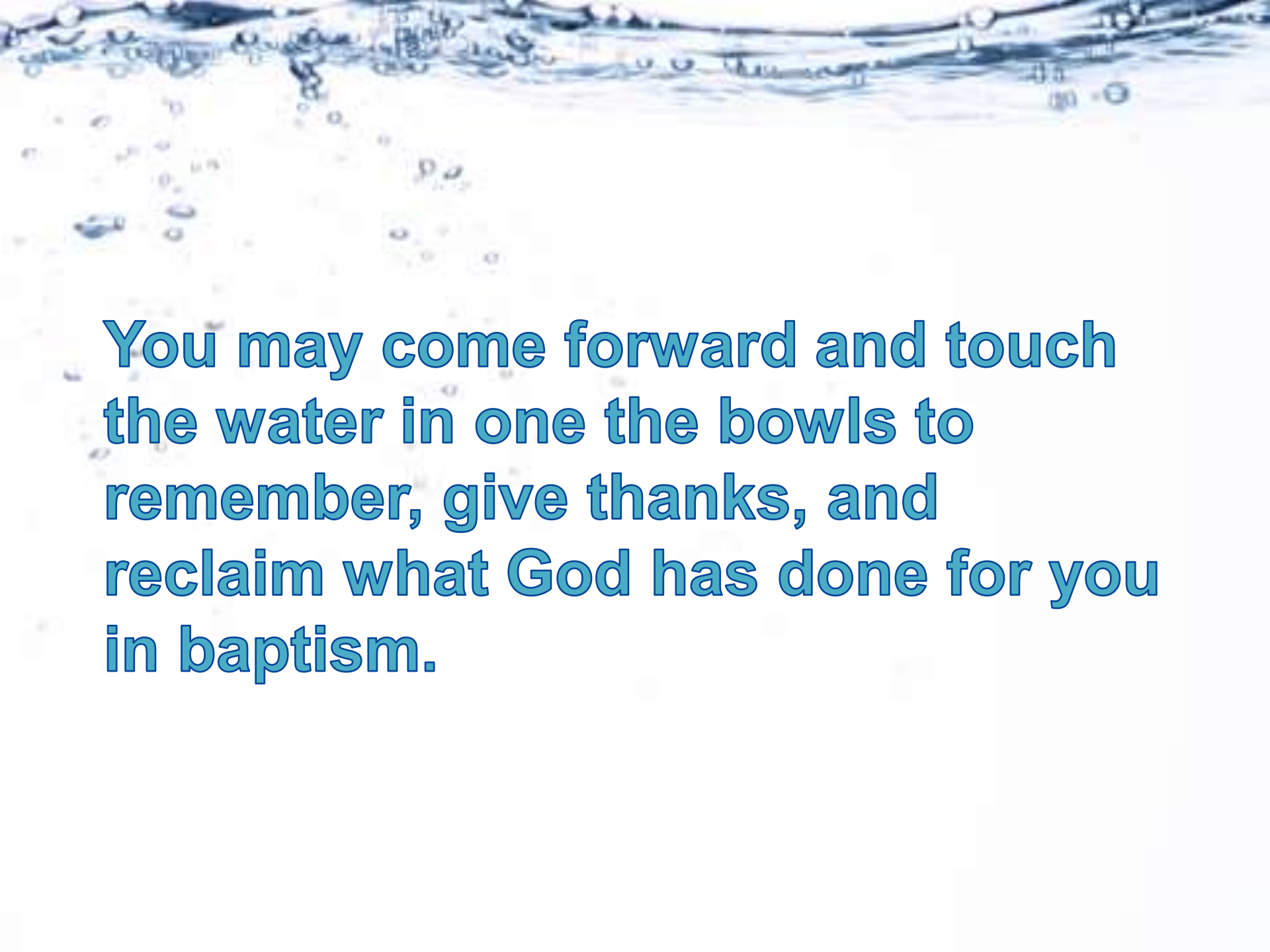
**Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.**

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**Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it. May we receive the truth that in Christ our sins are washed away and we are clothed in his righteousness. In dying to ourselves and being raised with Christ, may we share in his final victory.**



**All praise to you, Eternal Father,  
through your Son Jesus Christ,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit  
lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

An underwater photograph showing a clear blue water environment. Numerous small, light-colored bubbles are scattered throughout the scene, particularly in the upper half. Sunlight rays penetrate from the surface, creating a shimmering effect. The overall tone is bright and serene.

**You may come forward and touch the water in one the bowls to remember, give thanks, and reclaim what God has done for you in baptism.**