

A large, clear water droplet is captured in mid-air, splashing against a dark blue background. The droplet is the central focus, with a smaller one just below it. The background is filled with various other water droplets of different sizes, some in motion, creating a sense of dynamic movement. The lighting highlights the texture and clarity of the water.

“Baptism: Not the Removal...”

1Peter 3:21

What Is The Revealed Purpose Of Baptism?

- The removal of sins

- Acts 2:38 - “Then Peter said to them, Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

- Acts 22:16 - “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”

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- Salvation from the consequences of sins
 - Mark 16:16 - “He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”
 - 1Peter 3:21 - “There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ”

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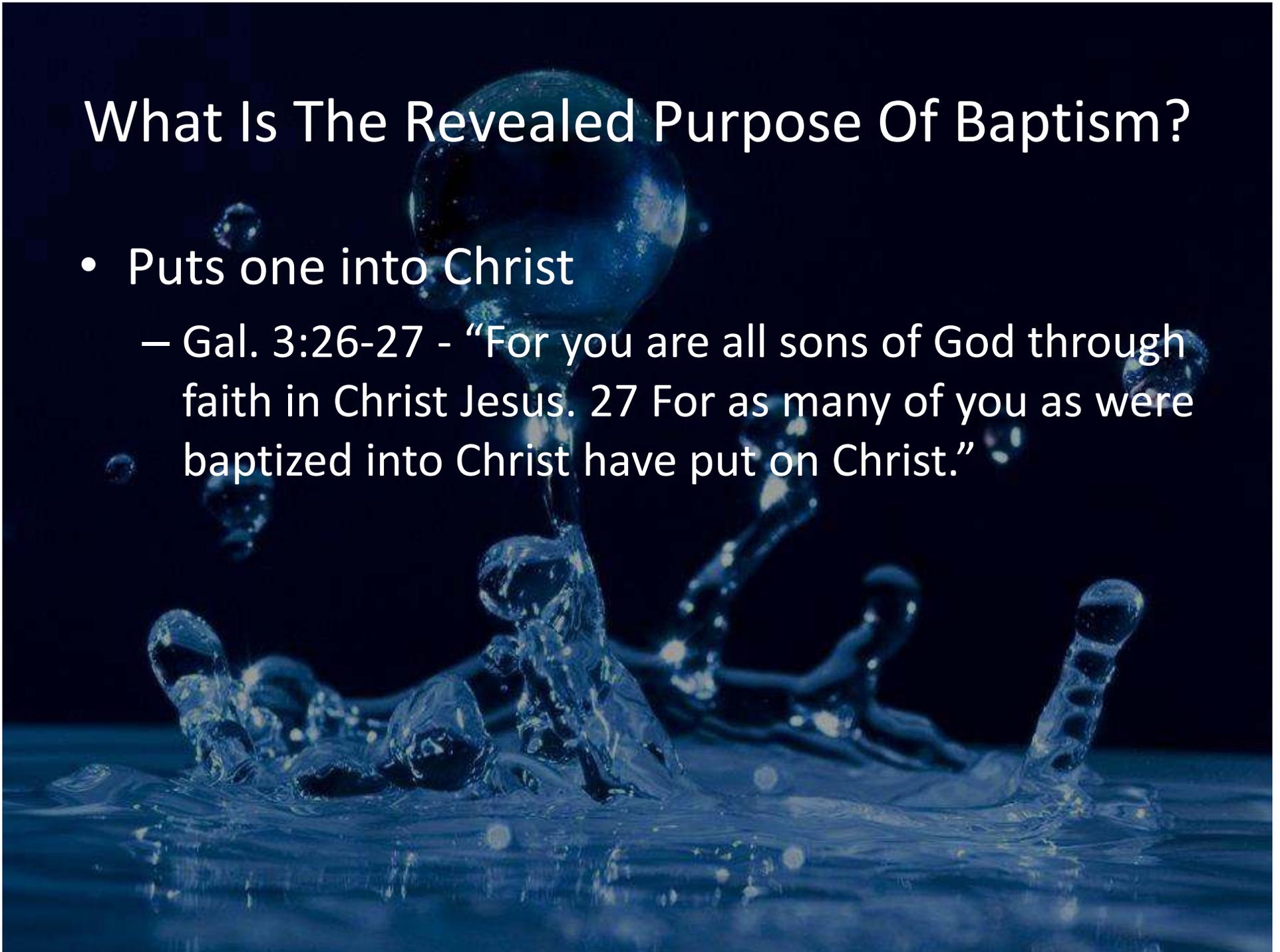
- Entrance into the church

- Acts 2:47 - “Praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.”

- 1Cor. 12:13 - “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.”

What Is The Revealed Purpose Of Baptism?

- Puts one into Christ
 - Gal. 3:26-27 - “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”



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- Rom. 6:3-6 - “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. 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, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.”

What Is Baptism Is Not Designed To Do

- Baptism does not remove temptation.
 - The appeal of sin does not go disappear after baptism
 - Jesus was tempted after He was baptized
 - Matt. 4:1-11



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 - Christians will suffer temptation
 - James 1:2-3 - “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience... 12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, I am tempted by God; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.”

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- Baptism does not remove temptation.
 - Christians will suffer temptation
 - 1Cor. 10:12-13 - “Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

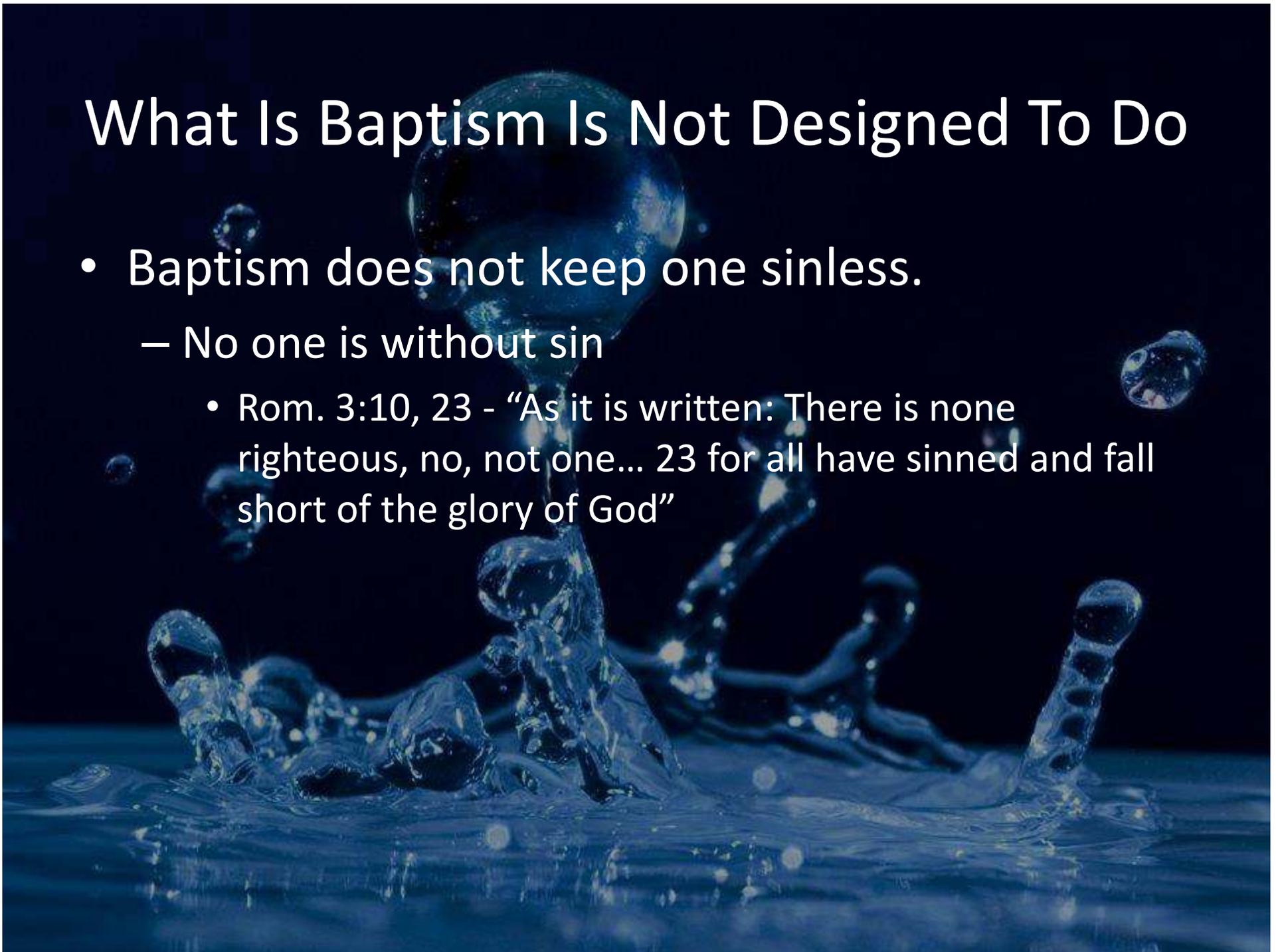
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- Baptism does not remove temptation.
 - Temptation may increase after baptism
 - Eph. 6:11 - “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”



What Is Baptism Is Not Designed To Do

- Baptism does not keep one sinless.
 - No one is without sin
 - Rom. 3:10, 23 - “As it is written: There is none righteous, no, not one... 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”



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- Baptism does not keep one sinless.
 - That includes baptized believers
 - 1John 1:8 - 2:1 - “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. 2:1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”

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- Baptism does not guarantee eternal salvation.
- Salvation is spoken of in two ways:
 - Salvation from past sins - Mark 16:16
 - Eternal salvation in heaven
 - 1Peter 1:3-5 - “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

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- A number of scriptures admonish Christians about losing salvation
 - Gal. 6:1 - “Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.”
 - Acts 8:18-23
 - Luke 9:62 - “...No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God”

What Is Baptism Is Not Designed To Do

- Baptism does not guarantee eternal salvation.
- Baptism is not the end of one's obedience, but the beginning
 - Rom. 6:11-13 - “Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.”

What Is Baptism Is Not Designed To Do

- Baptism does not guarantee membership in a local church
 - Acts 9:26-28
 - Acts 18:27 - “And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him...”
 - 2John 10 - “If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him”