

A NEW NATURE IN BAPTISM

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- Our old nature (corrupt) was ignorant regarding spiritual matters
- "And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ." (1Corinthians 3:1)
- "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." (John 3:2)
- "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3)



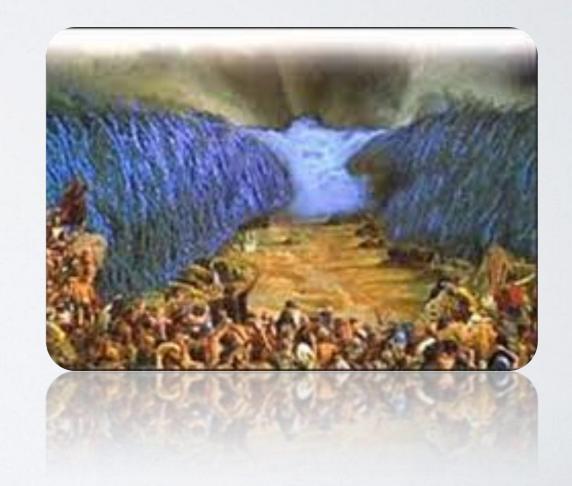
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- The Remedy to our fallen nature
- "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." (John 3:5)
- "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?" (Romans 6:3)
- "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in <u>Him who sent Me</u> has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life." (John 5:24)



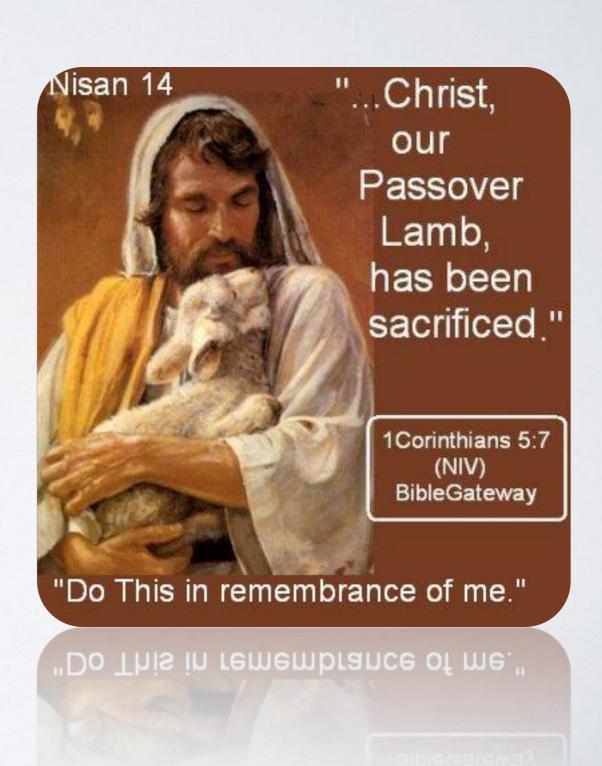
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- "Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea..."
 (1 Corinthians 10:1-2)
- "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." (John 8:36)



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- The cost of our freedom
- "...For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us." (1 Cor 5:7)



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- Preserving our freedom
 - Requires a relationship with an altar
 - "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him." (John 6:56)
 - Also, the altar of our heart
 - Live in the world, but not of the world.



CONCLUSION

- We receive a new nature in Baptism
 - Our old nature is ignorant
 - Baptism is necessary to obtain this new nature
 - We must keep the Lord Christ's clothes clean
- Baptism is freedom
 - A free person lives without fear
 - Our freedom cost the Lord Christ His blood
 - We must strive to preserve this freedom