

A group of people, including men and women, are standing in a body of water. They are wearing dark-colored clothing. The water is a light greenish-blue color. The background shows a clear sky and a distant shoreline. The word "BAPTISM" is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image. The text is semi-transparent, allowing the people and water behind it to be visible.

# BAPTISM

**BAPTISM WEEKEND**

# Why get baptised?

**RAISED TO NEW LIFE**



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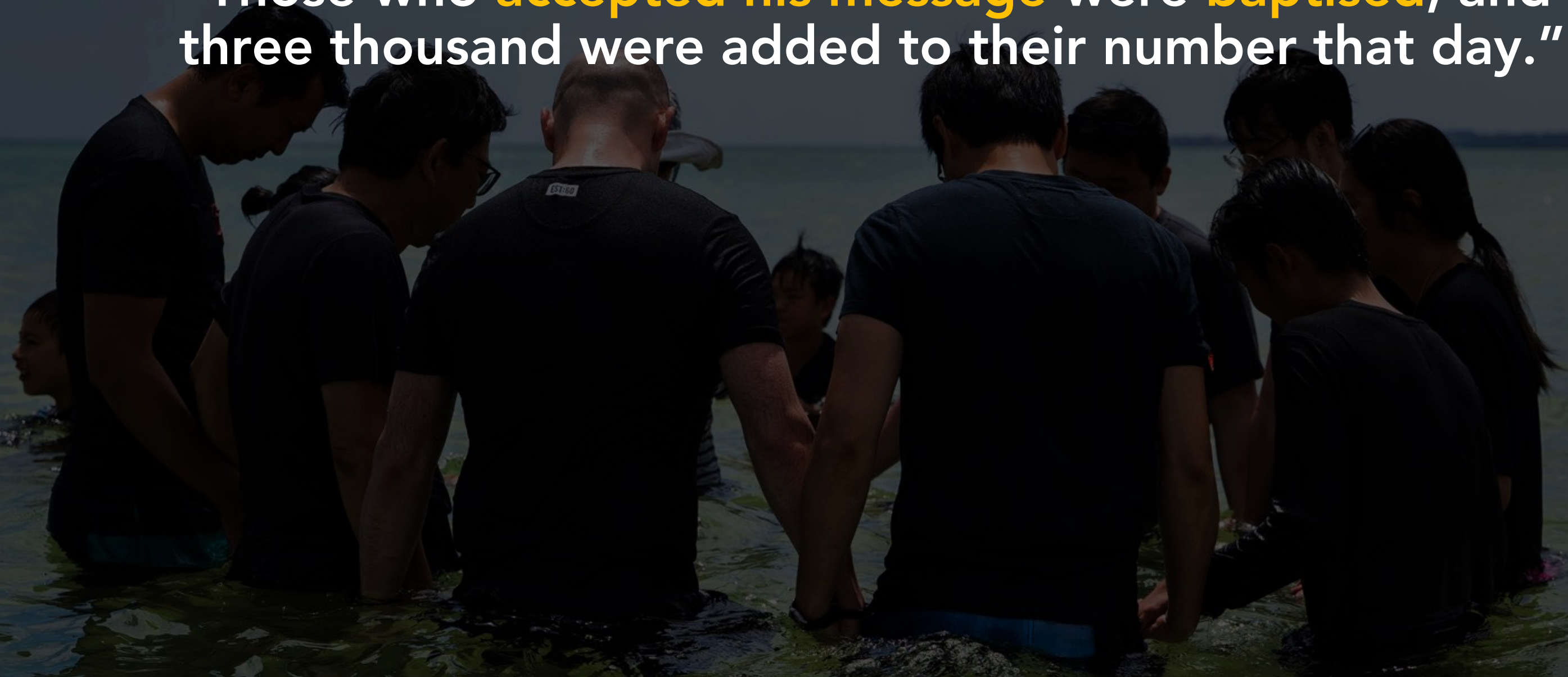
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Matthew 28:19

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, **baptising** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”

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## Acts 8:12

“But **when they believed** Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, **they were baptised**, both men and women.”



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# Colossians 2:11-12 NLT

11 When you came to Christ, you were “circumcised,” but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision—the cutting away of your sinful nature. 12 For you **were buried with Christ when you were baptized.** And with him you were **raised to new life** because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.





“You are **physically experiencing** something that has happened to you **spiritually**”



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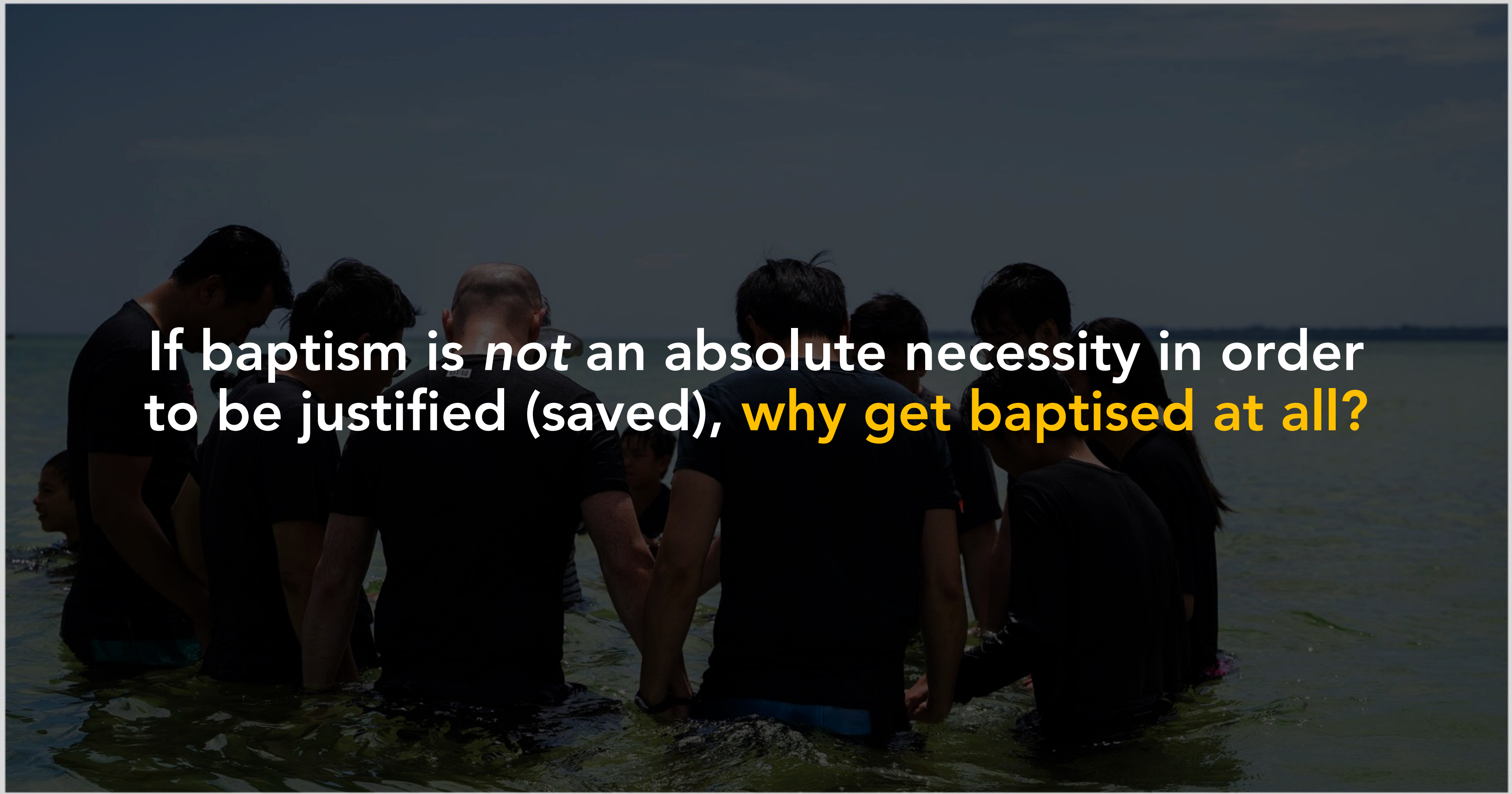
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If baptism is *not* an absolute necessity in order to be justified (saved), **why get baptised at all?**









A group of people, including men and women, are standing in a line in a body of water. They are wearing dark clothing and appear to be participating in a baptism ceremony. The water is calm, and the background shows a distant shoreline under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

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A group of people, mostly men, are standing in shallow water, holding hands in a circle. They are wearing black t-shirts. The background is a calm body of water under a clear sky. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**“If what Jesus claimed to be and do was *true*,  
what would that mean for your life?”**

"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: "I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God." That is the one thing we must not say.

A man who was merely a man, and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher.

He would either be a lunatic...or else he would be the Devil of Hell.

**You must make your choice.** Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon, or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronising nonsense about his being a great human teacher. **He has not left that open to us.** He did not intend to."



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