

The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, **the Son of God**. ... John came, baptizing ... a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ...⁷ And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I ... ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and **the Spirit** descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." ¹² At once **the Spirit** sent him out into the desert, ...

Mark 1:1-12



BAPTISM
OF OUR LORD



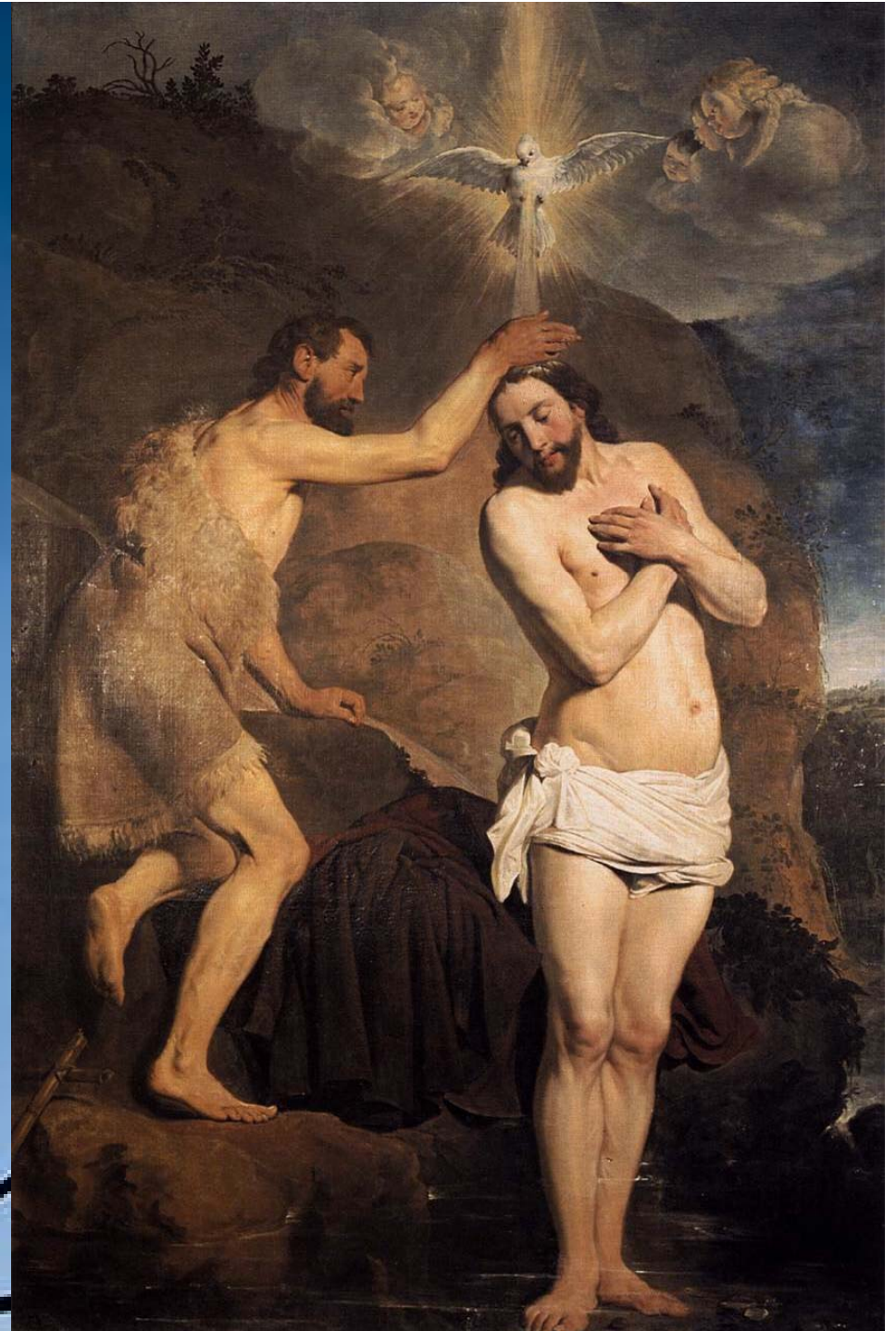
Baptism of the Lord marks inauguration of His public ministry.

Jesus' identity with the Most Blessed Trinity.

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He will perform a different baptism with the Holy Spirit.

Donald J. Hying



*"Reaffirm your
Identity,
Vocation, &
Mission!"*



1. *With Christ - the Power of God - Jan. 6*
2. *As Apostles born of Christ - Jan. 13*
3. *Exclusively Inclusive - Jan. 20*
4. *As Co-workers in God's Service - Jan. 27*
5. *To Share One Loaf of the Bread - Feb. 3*
6. *As a Part of the Body of Christ - Feb. 10*

Perfect Harmony
Sermon Series

**"Remember Your Baptism
and Be Thankful"**



1 Corinthians 2:6-16
Hidden Wisdom for You!

BUT WE SPEAK THE WISDOM OF GOD IN A MYSTERY,
the hidden wisdom
WHICH GOD ORDAINED BEFORE THE AGES FOR OUR GLORY,
WHICH NONE OF THE RULERS OF THIS AGE KNEW;
FOR HAD THEY KNOWN, THEY WOULD NOT HAVE CRUCIFIED
the Lord of glory.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:7-8





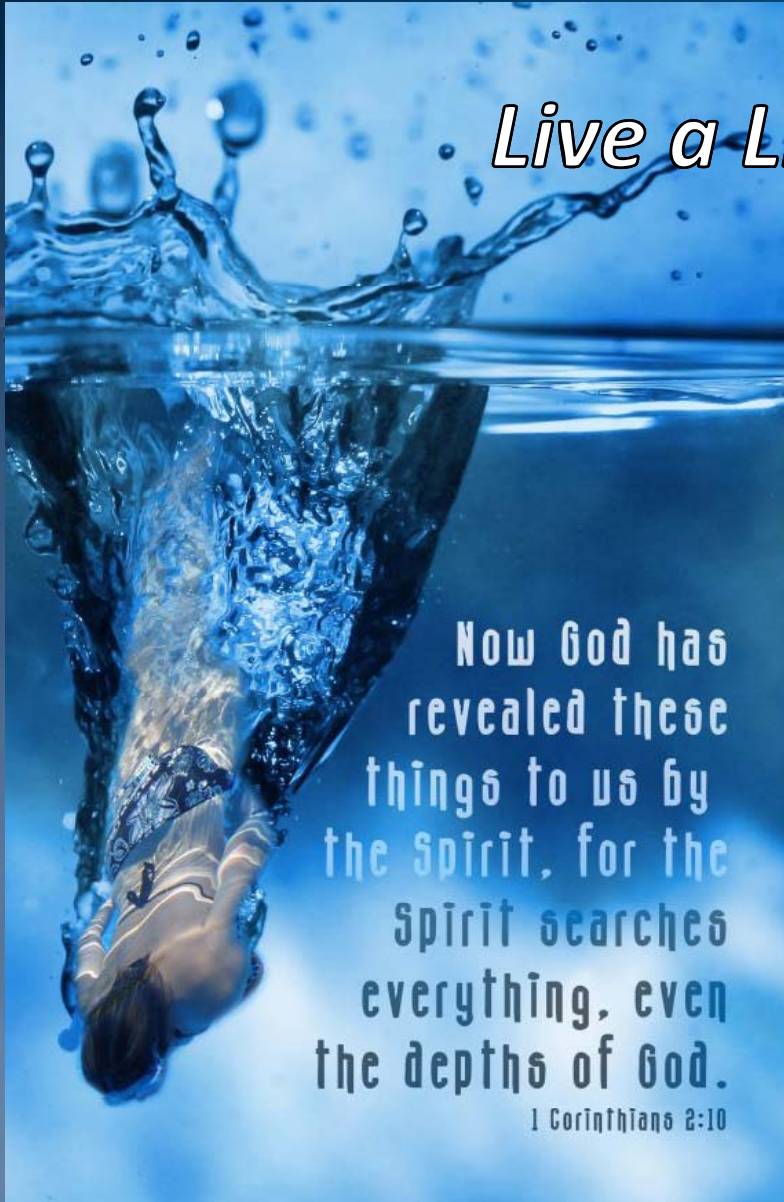
1 Corinthians 2:6-16
God Has Planned for "You" Who Love Him.

"What God has planned
for people who love him
is more than eyes have seen
or ears have heard.
It has never even
entered our minds!"

1 Corinthians 2:9

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Live a Life Shaped by the Spirit



1. *Proclaim the message of wisdom among the mature, but not that of this age or of the rulers of this age.*

A silhouette of a person standing on a ledge, holding a glowing orb. The person's right arm is raised, and their left hand is extended. The background is a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the bottom right of the image.

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1. *Proclaim the message of wisdom among the mature, but not that of this age or of the rulers of this age.*

Spiritual maturity

is achieved through becoming more like Jesus Christ. After salvation, every Christian begins the process of spiritual growth, with the intent to become spiritually mature.

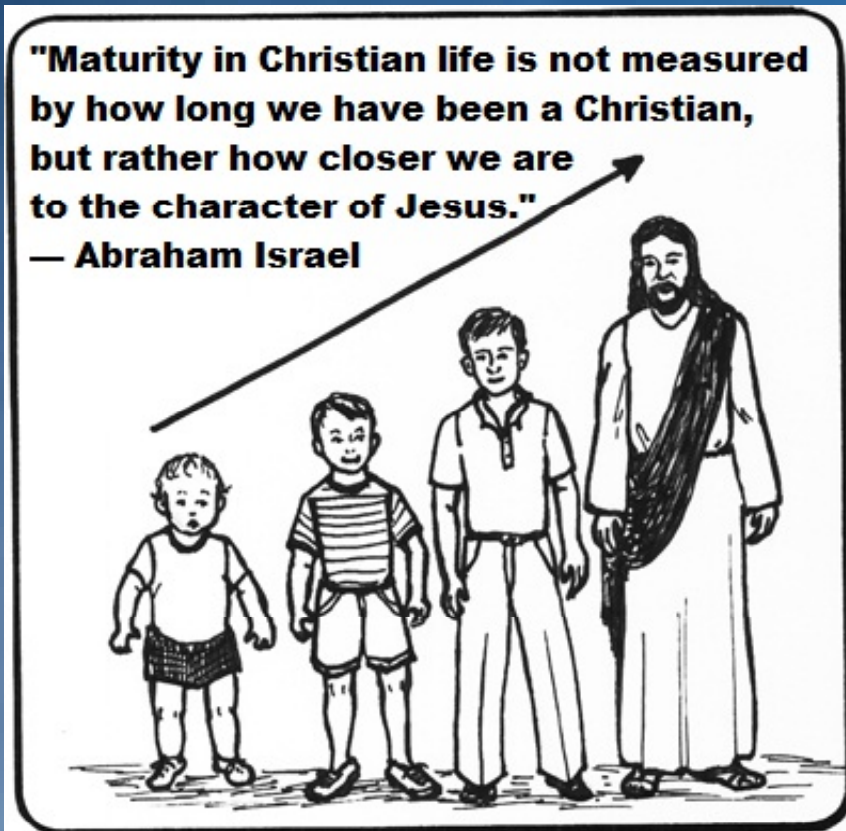
**BE PERFECT,
THEREFORE, AS
YOUR HEAVENLY
FATHER IS PERFECT.**

MATTHEW 5:48

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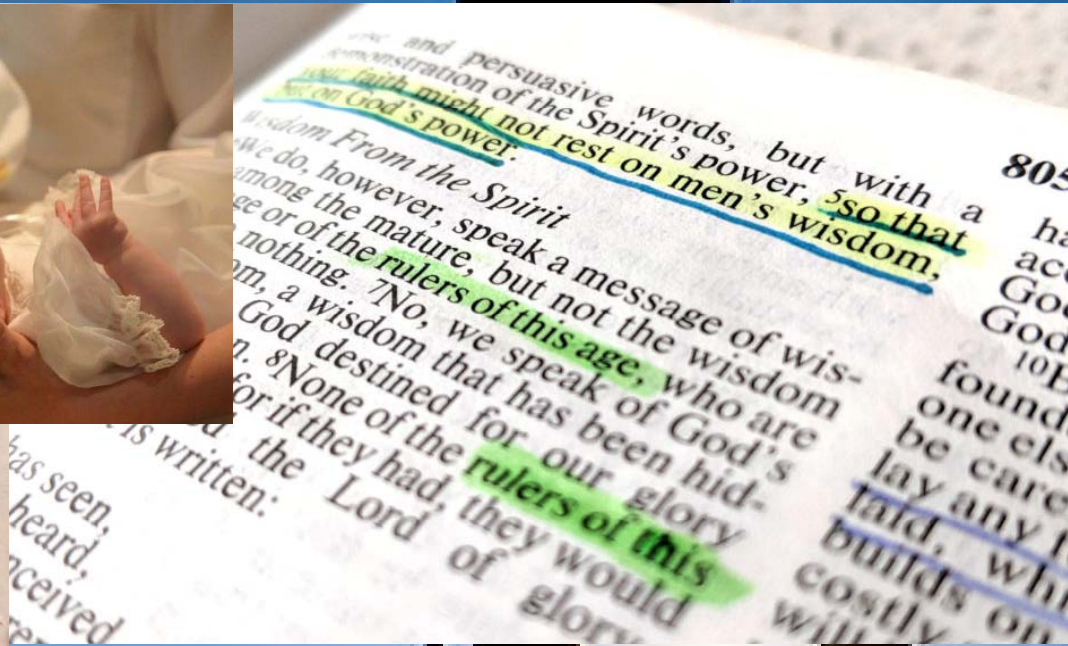


Immature leaders act.

Mature leaders think,
act, and reflect.

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For we are
His masterpiece,
created in
Christ Jesus
for good works,
which God prepared beforehand
in order that we would walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10



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GOD'S PLAN IS ALWAYS THE BEST. SOMETIMES THE PROCESS IS PAINFUL AND HARD. BUT DON'T FORGET THAT WHEN GOD IS SILENT, HE'S DOING SOMETHING FOR YOU.

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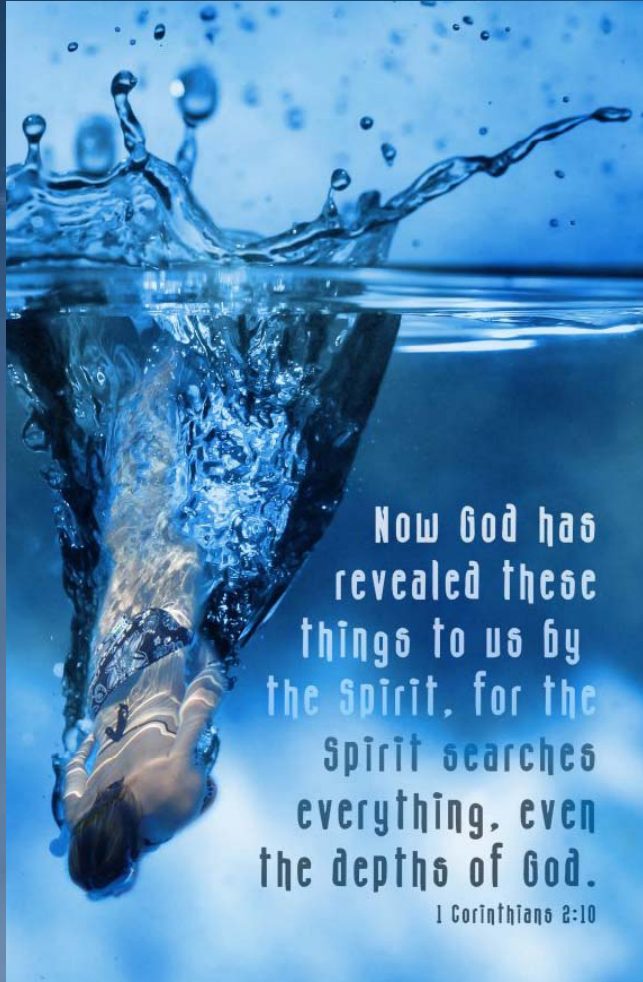
A silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or prayer, set against a clear blue sky. A bright, glowing light source is visible behind the person's legs, creating a lens flare effect. The overall mood is one of spiritual joy and triumph.

3. We have received the Spirit who is from God,
not from the world.

A silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or worship, set against a clear blue sky. A bright, glowing light source is positioned behind the person's lower body, creating a strong backlight effect and casting a soft glow on the surrounding area.

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“Finding Clarity of Mission”

In Christian baptism, we become

- 1) adopted children of the Father;
- 2) members of the Church – the body of Christ; and
- 3) temples of the Holy Spirit.

Baptism washes away our sin and claim us for the Kingdom of God.

Through this saving sacrament, God fills us with sanctifying grace, we may live a life with our own **identity, vocation and mission.**



By Donald J. Hying,
Bishop of Diocese of Gary

“We spend time and energy seeking a lost object to the extent that we value it.

I will spend much more time looking for my wallet or cell phone than I will a misplaced magazine.

How **infinitely valuable** we must be to the Lord God that He sent His own Son to **seek and save us lost in the valley of death!**”

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YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL PS. 45:11 • YOU ARE UNIQUE PS. 139:13
• YOU ARE LOVED JER. 31:3 • YOU ARE SPECIAL EPH. 2:10 •
YOU WERE CREATED FOR A PURPOSE JER. 29:11 • YOU
ARE CARED FOR EPH. 3:17-19 • YOU ARE LOVELY DAN. 12:3 •
YOU ARE PRECIOUS 1 COR. 6:20 • YOU ARE STRONG PS. 135:2
• YOU ARE IMPORTANT 1 PET. 2:9 • YOU ARE FORGIVEN
PS. 103:12 • YOU ARE A NEW CREATION 2 COR. 5:17 • YOU ARE
PROTECTED PS. 121:3 • YOU ARE EMPOWERED PHIL. 4:13 •
YOU ARE CHOSEN JN. 15:16 • YOU ARE FAMILY EPH. 2:19
• YOU ARE MINE IS. 43:1 •

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4. Begin this year with the mind of Christ.

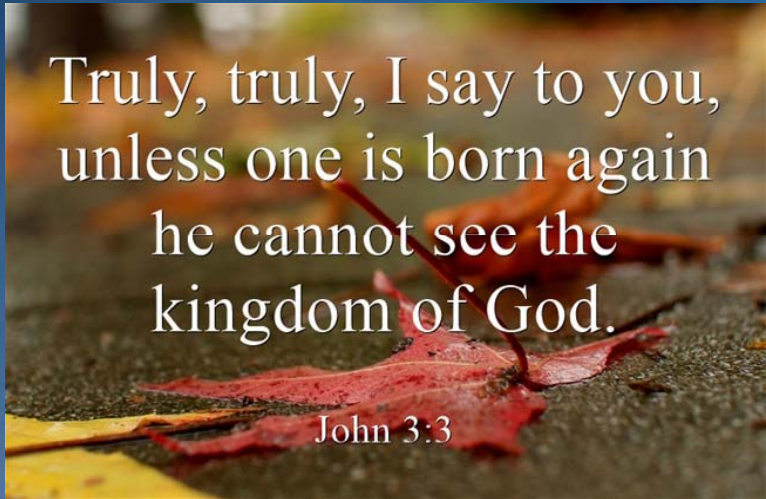
A silhouette of a person in a dynamic, expressive pose, possibly dancing or performing, against a clear blue sky. The person is positioned on the right side of the frame, with their right arm raised high and their left arm extended forward. A bright, glowing light source is positioned behind the person's lower body, creating a strong backlight effect and casting a long shadow to the left. The overall mood is one of energy and movement.

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4. Begin this year with the mind of Christ.

Truly, truly, I say to you,
unless one is born again
he cannot see the
kingdom of God.

John 3:3



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4. *Begin this year with the mind of Christ.*

The Mind Of Christ

Through the Spirit

"...we have the mind of Christ"

1 Corinthians 2:16

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