

Christianity 101

3D Theology

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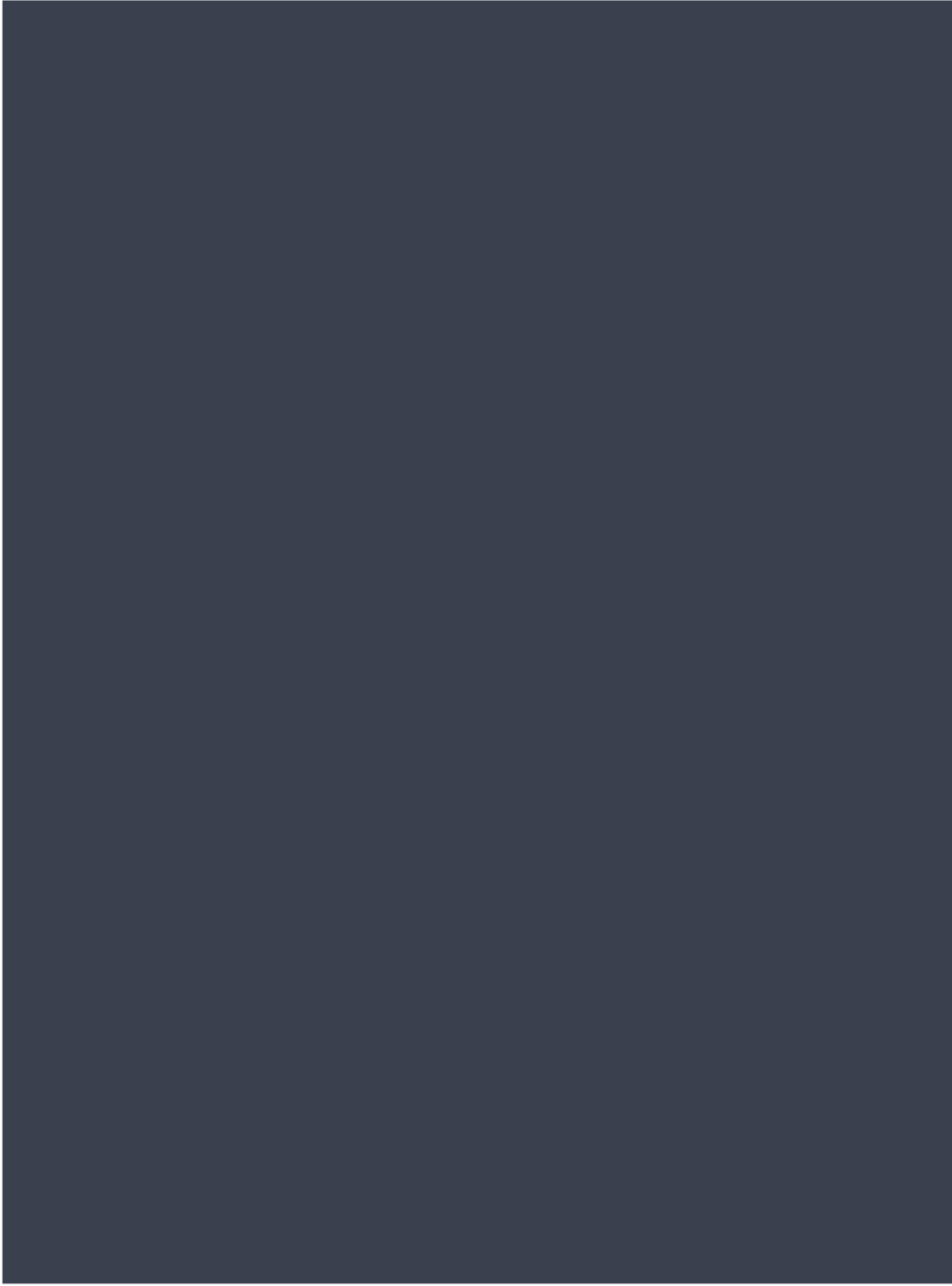
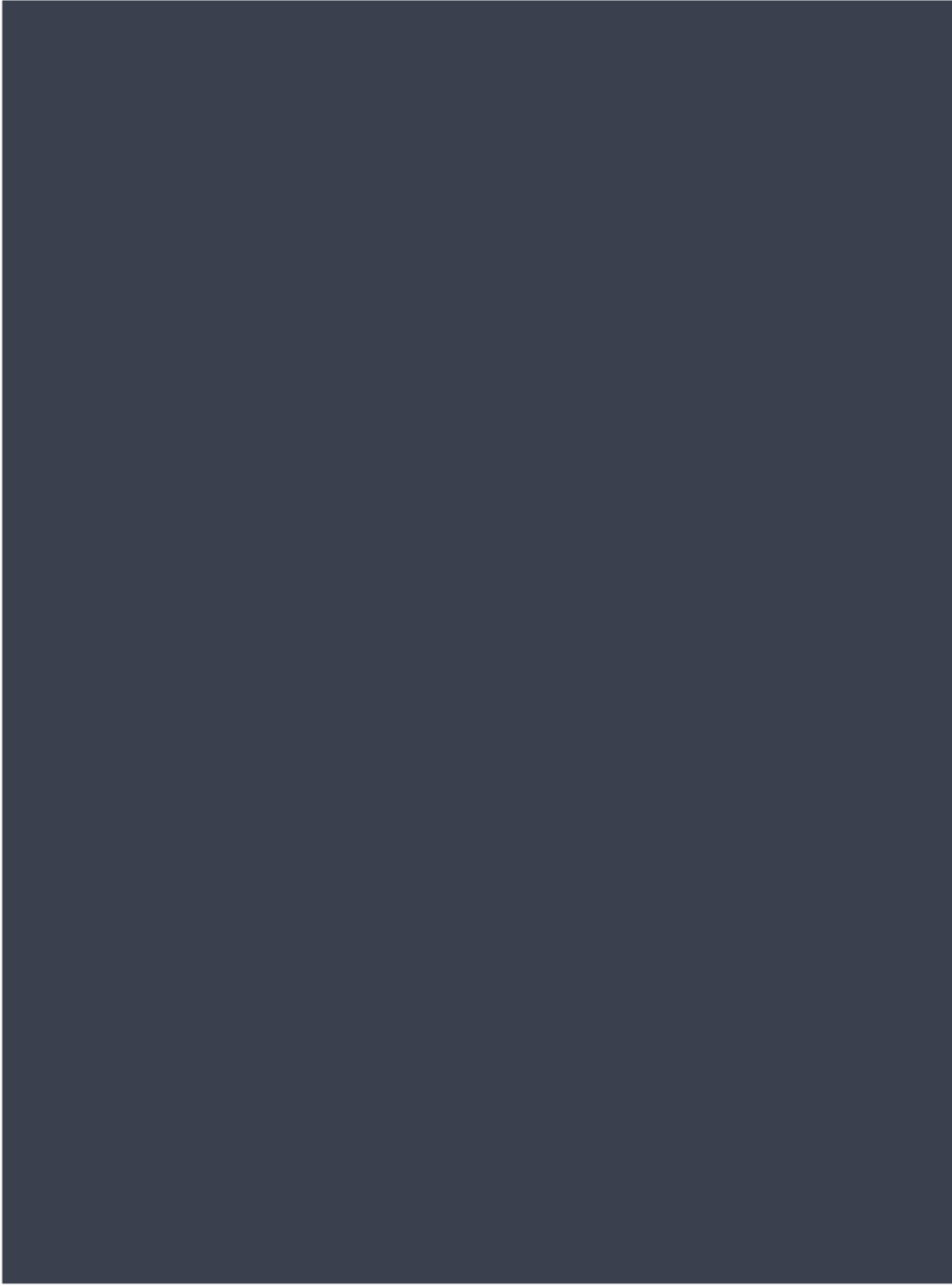
Sola Fide - Through Faith Alone

Interactiva - The class is interactive, ask questions.



Why is it that two Christian Churches can have almost identical doctrinal statements while one produces legalistic pharisees and the other produces sober minded disciples of Jesus Christ who trust Christ alone for their salvation and their lives are marked by the good works produced by the spirit?

Answer: Theology is Three Dimensional



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Result: True Disciples

Material Principle

is the **central** teaching of a religion, religious tradition or movement, denomination, church, religious body or organization. If properly identified and understood, the material principle helps people understand all the teachings of a religious group. All of the tenets of a doctrinal system can be explained in relationship to its material principle.

Formal Principle

is the authority which forms or shapes the doctrinal system of a religion, religious movement or tradition or a religious body or organization. Formal principles tend to be texts or revered leaders of the religion or tradition.



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**Better
Family**

**Better
Career**

**Better
Finances**

**Better
Health**

**Regenerated
Life**

**Bible As
Guidebook
for Living**

**Second
Coming**

Center of this Theology is ME an
MY Changed/Regenerated Life

**Important but
Not Practical**

- Trinity
- Deity of Christ
- Salvation by Grace

Material Principle: My Changed Life

Formal Principle: Bible as Guidebook

- Jesus just gets you in the door
- Gospel is for UNBELIEVERS
- Focus is on doing things to please God
 - This is a confusion of Law & Gospel

Marriage

Finances

Parenting

MY
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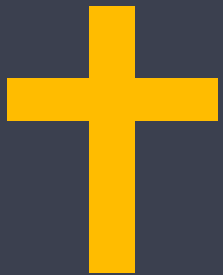
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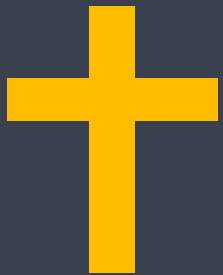
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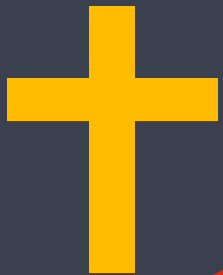
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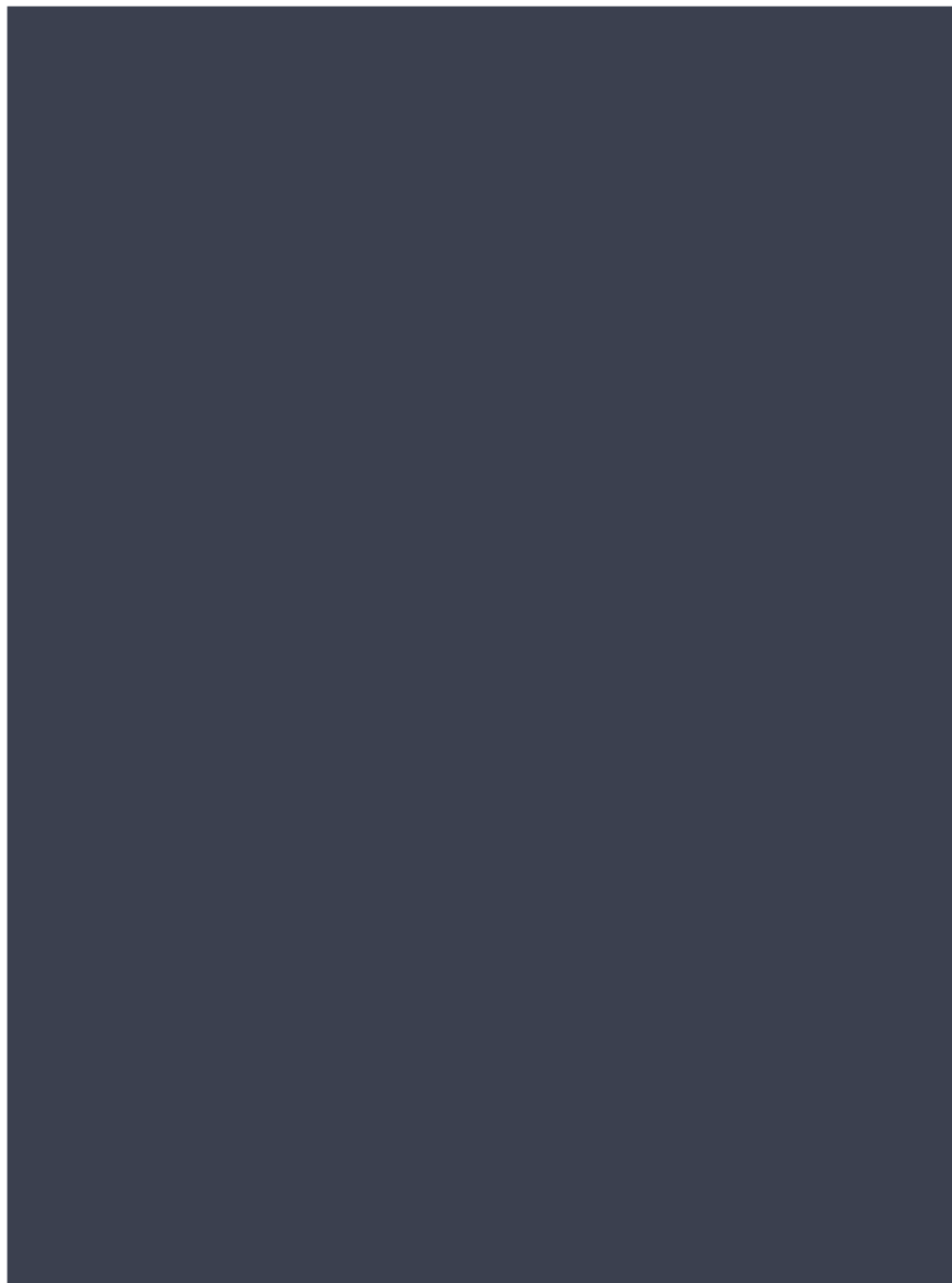
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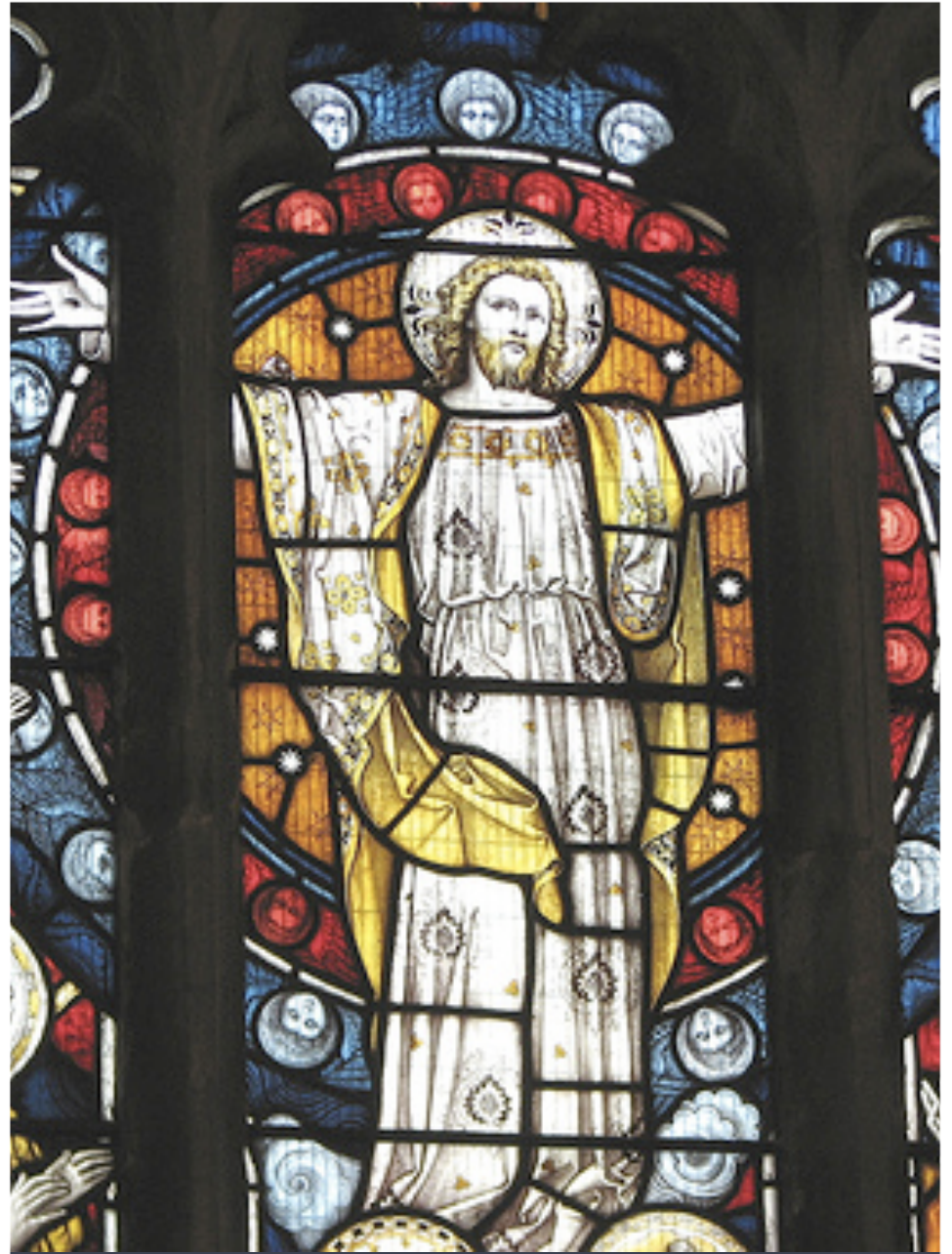
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1Cor. 15:1 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, **that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,** 4 and that He was buried, and that **He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,**

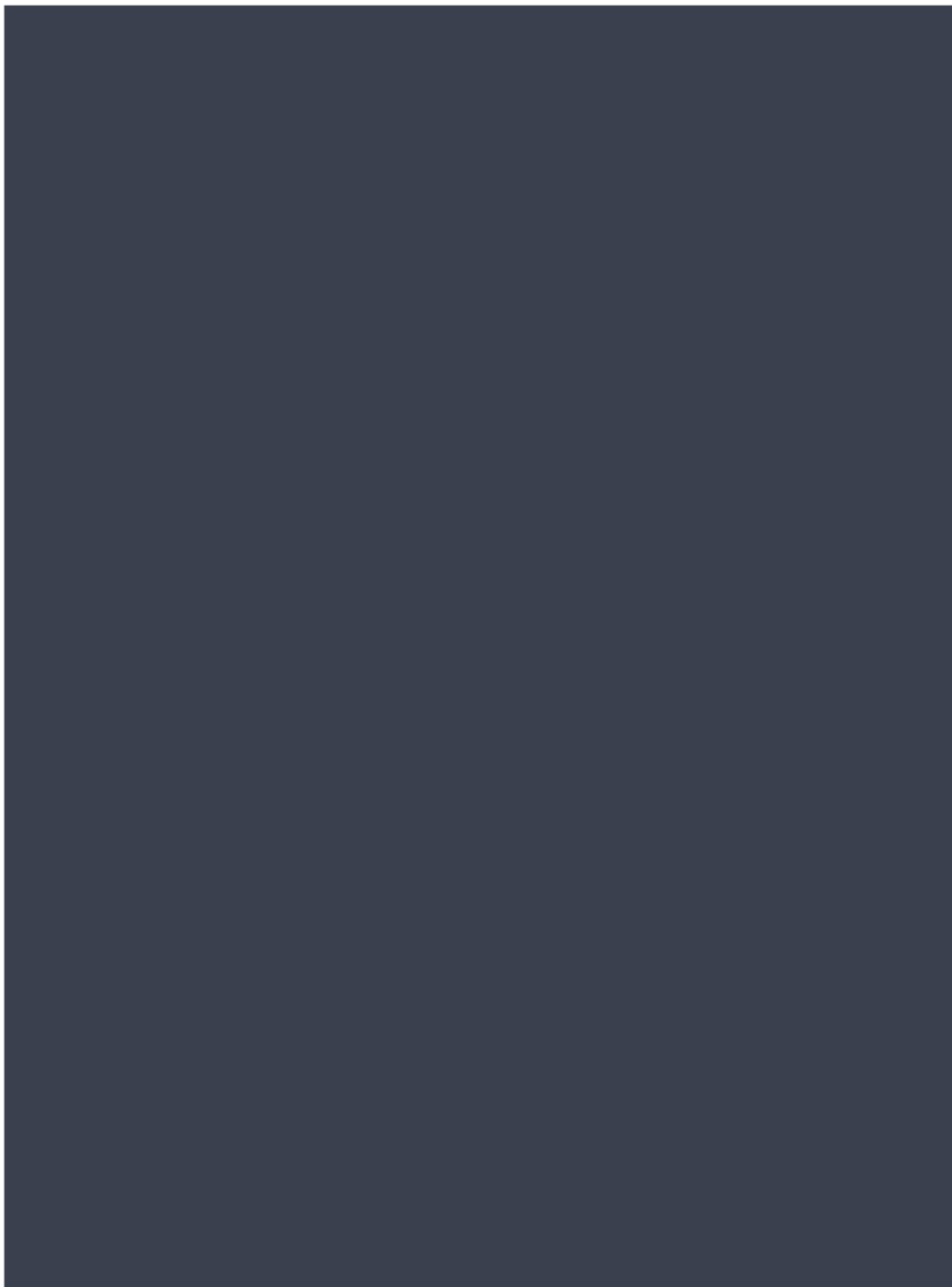




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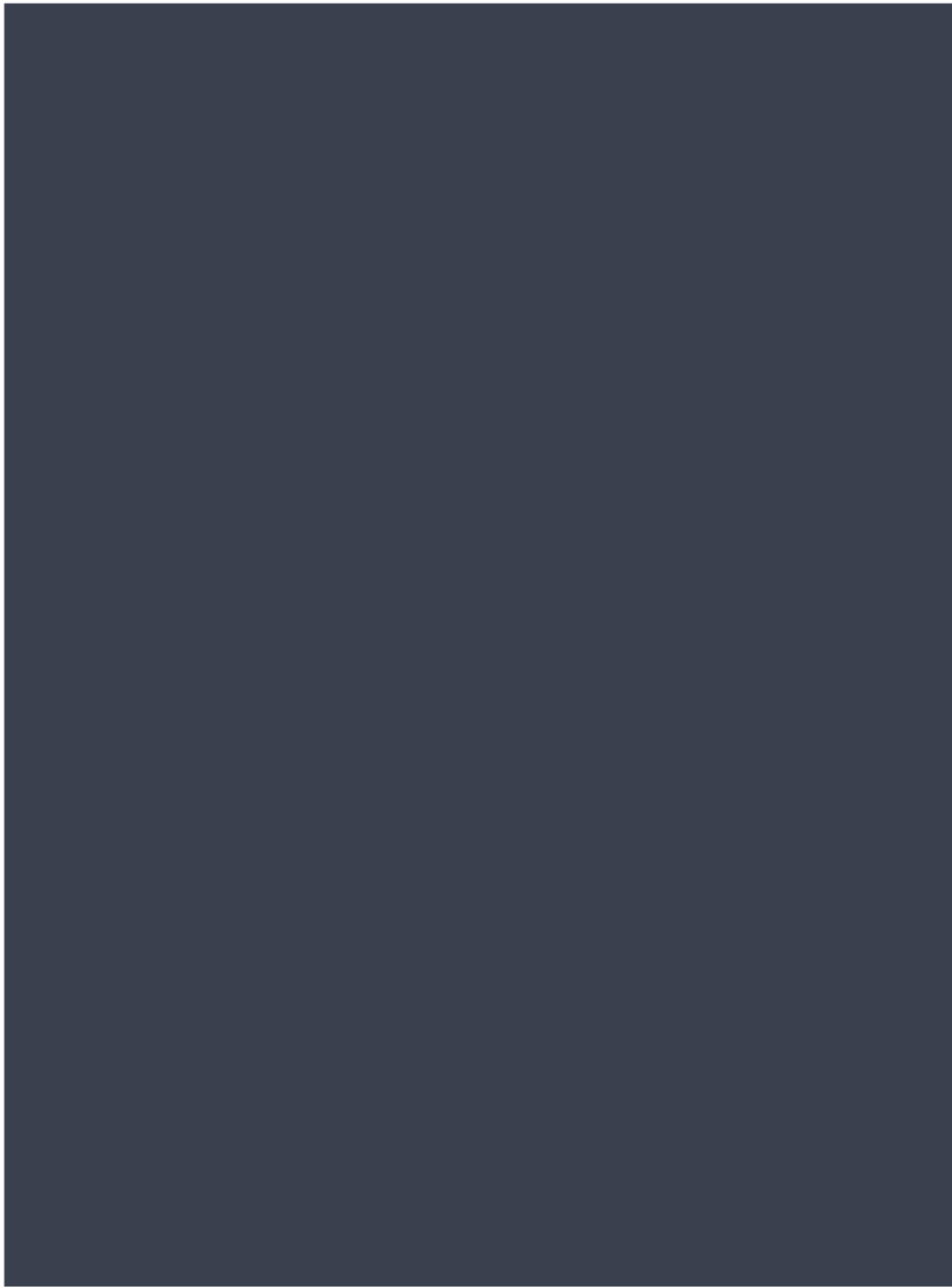
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1Cor. 1:18 For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And the cleverness of the clever I will set aside." 20 Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. 22 For indeed Jews ask for signs, and Greeks search for wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

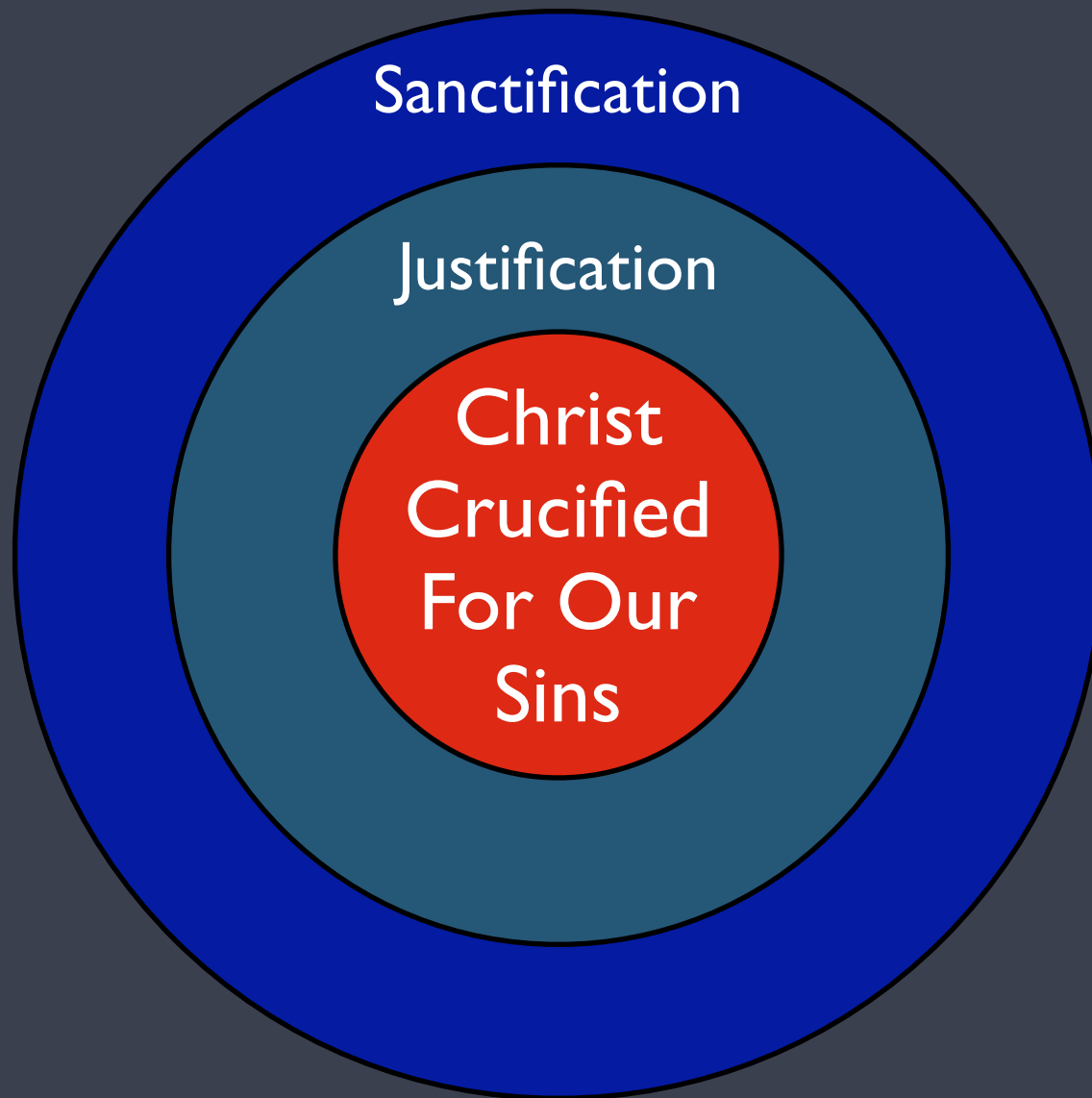


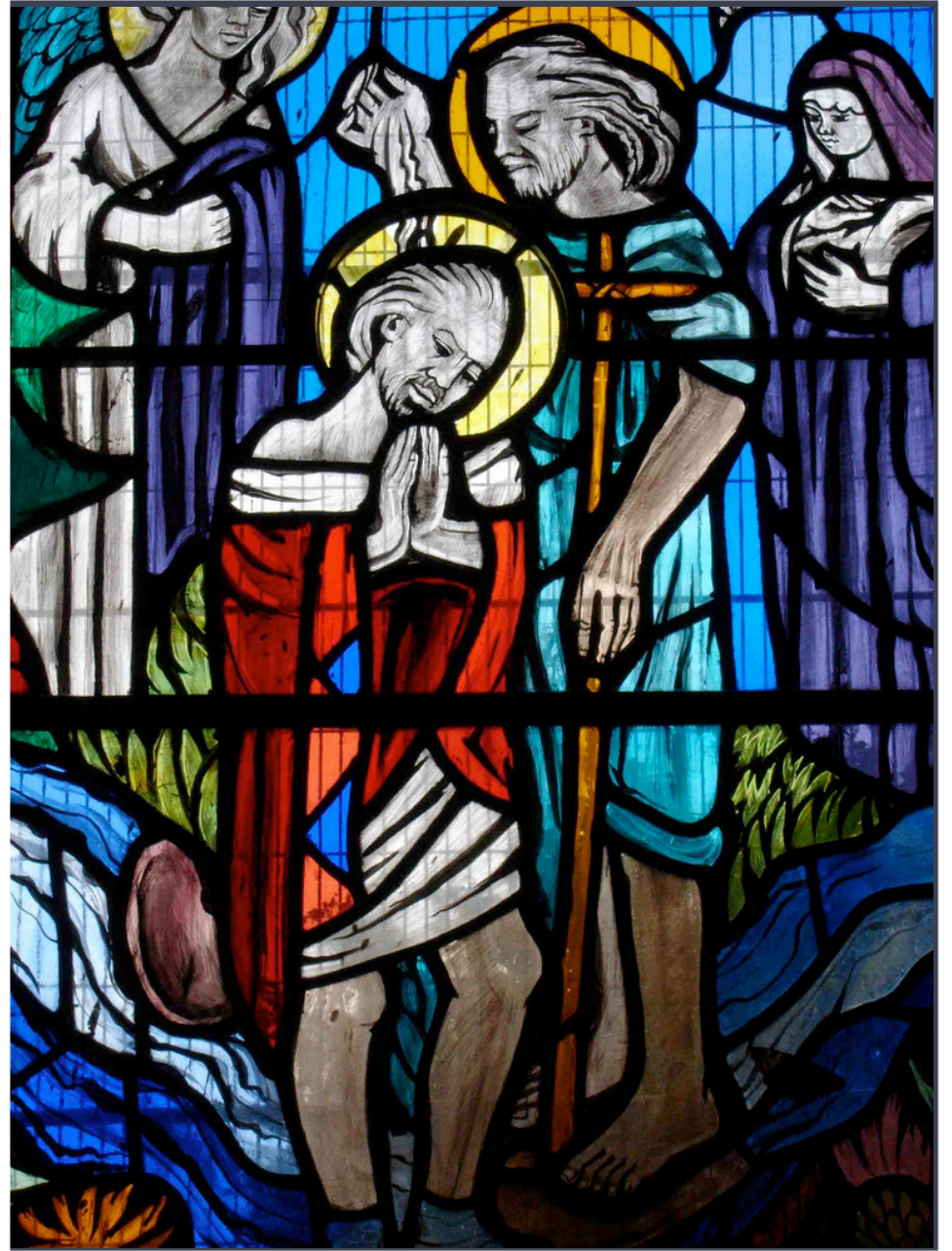


1Cor. 1:26 For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; 27 but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, 28 and the base things of the world and the despised, God has chosen, the things that are not, that He might nullify the things that are, 29 that no man should boast before God. 30 **But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, 31 that, just as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord."**

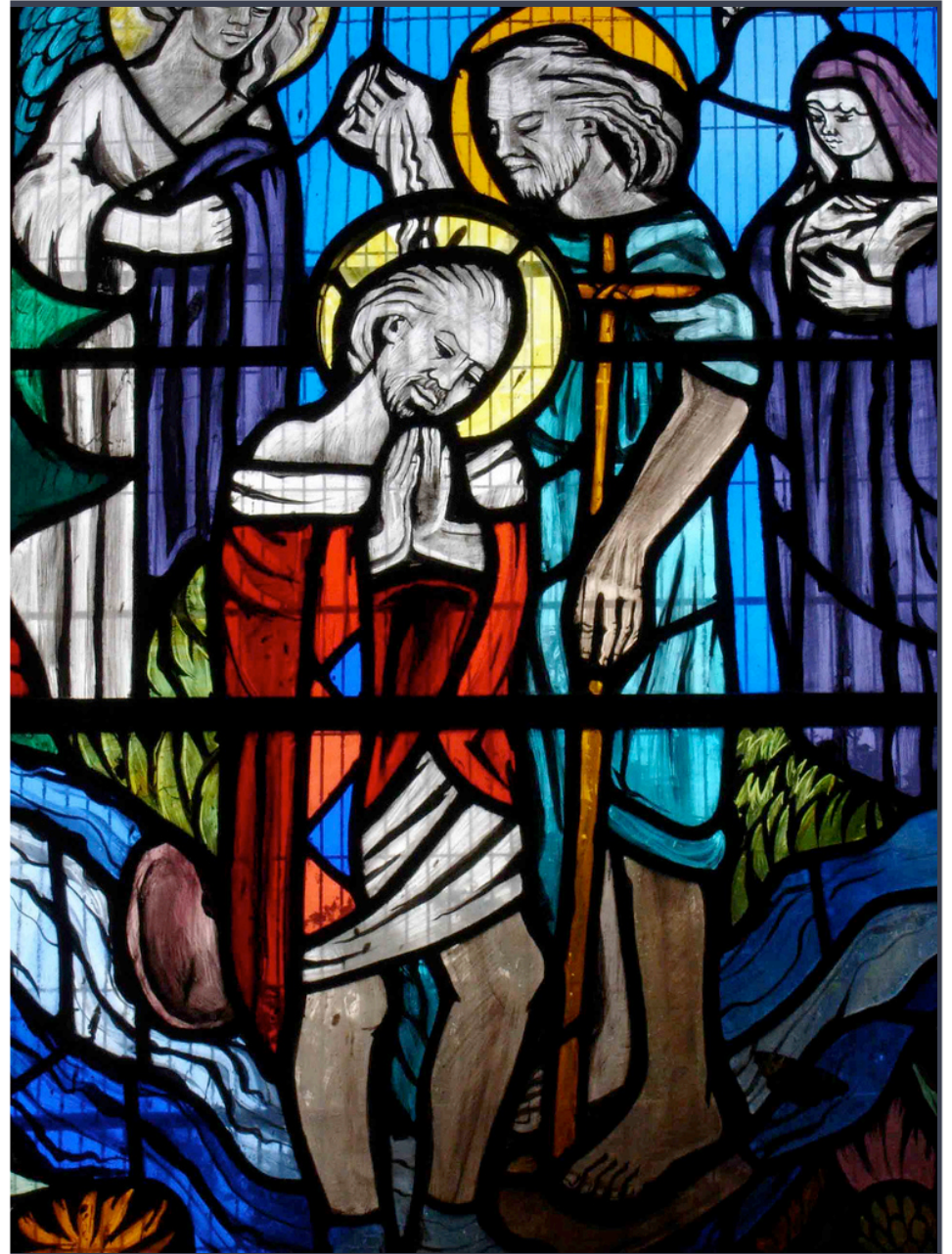
1Cor. 2:1 And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. 2 **For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.**

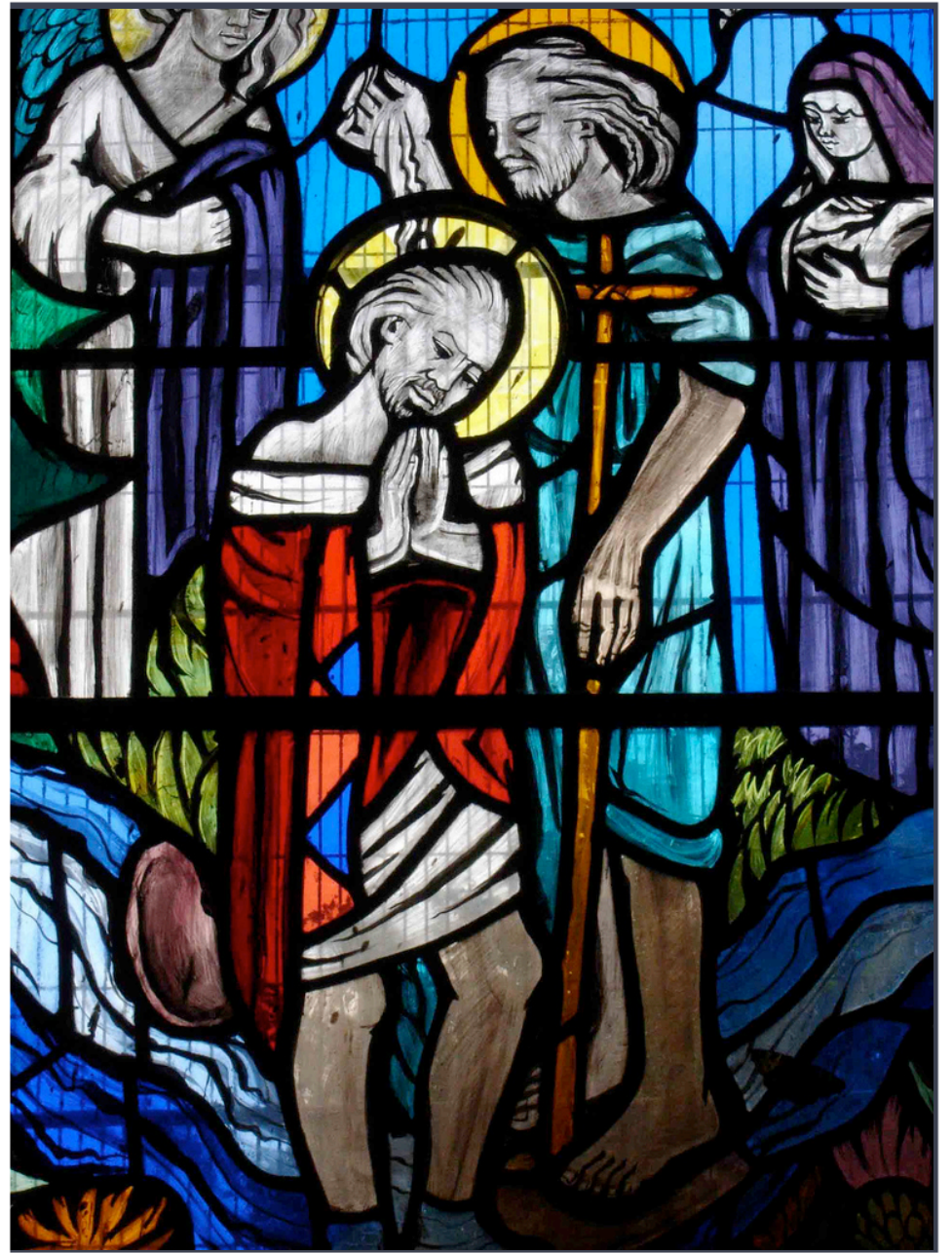




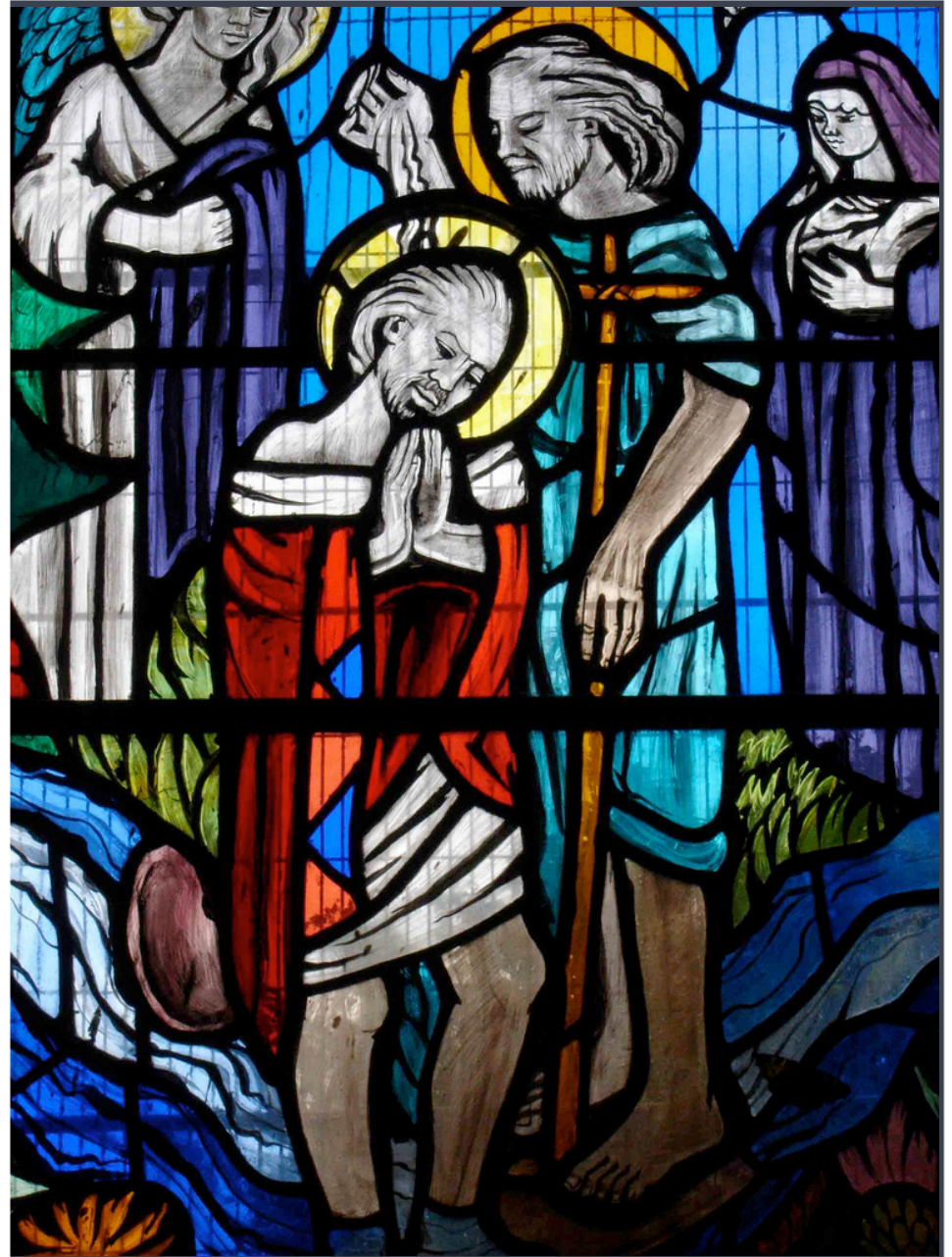


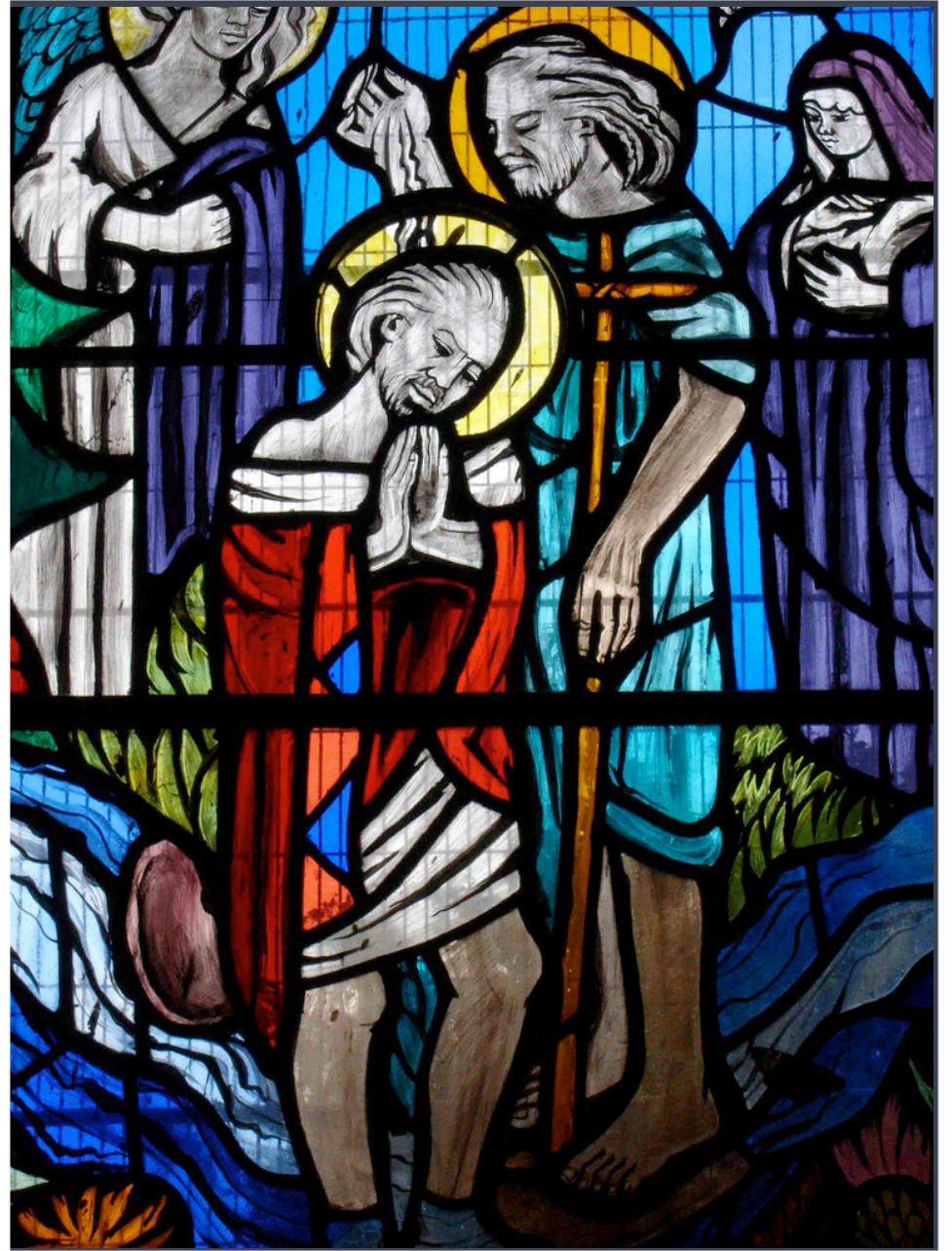
Joh 5:36 “But the witness which I have is greater than that of John; for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish, the very works that I do, bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. 37 “And the Father who sent Me, He has borne witness of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. 38 **“And you do not have His word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He sent.** 39 “You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is **these that bear witness of Me;** 40 and you are unwilling to come to Me, that you may have life.



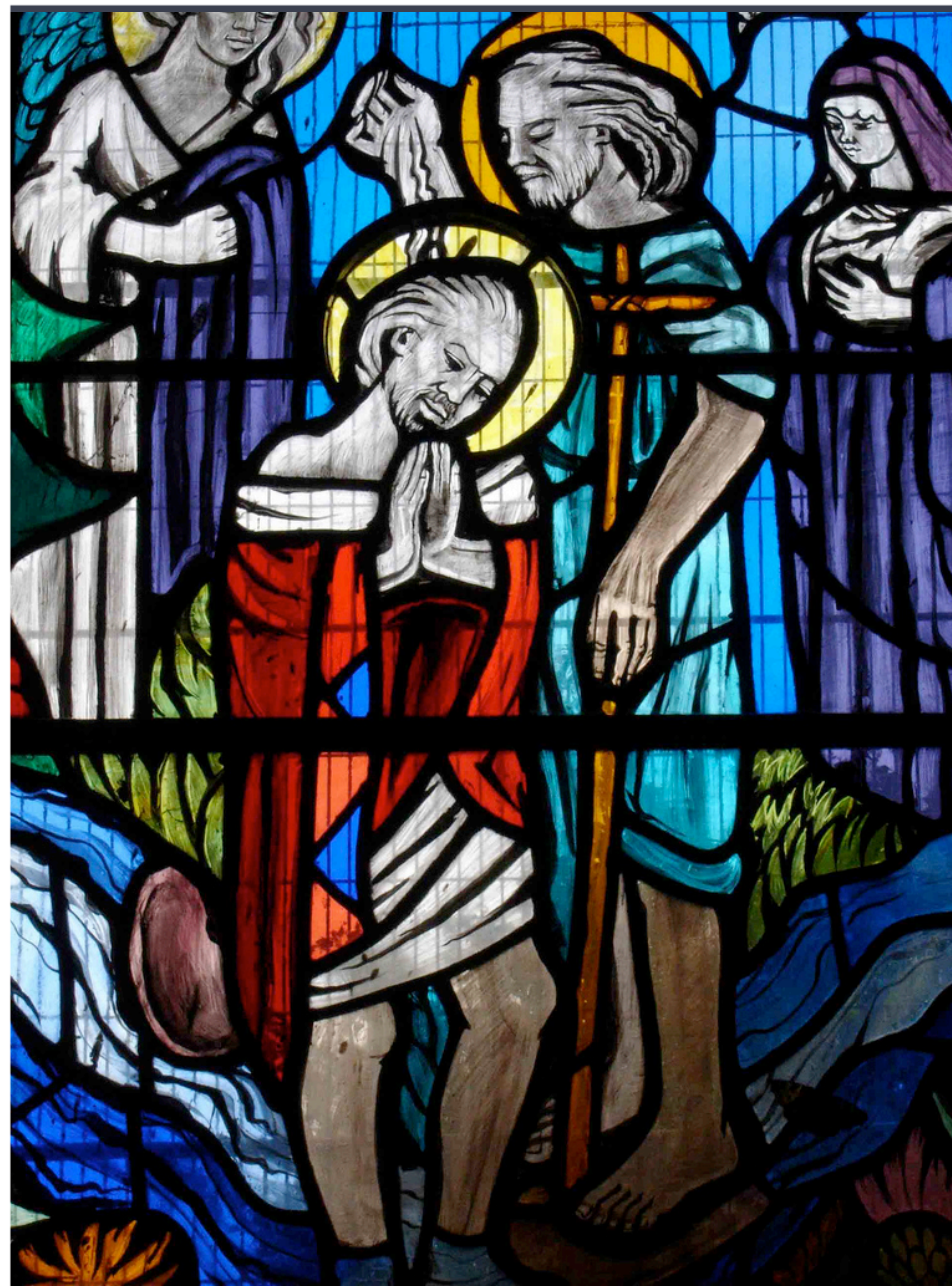


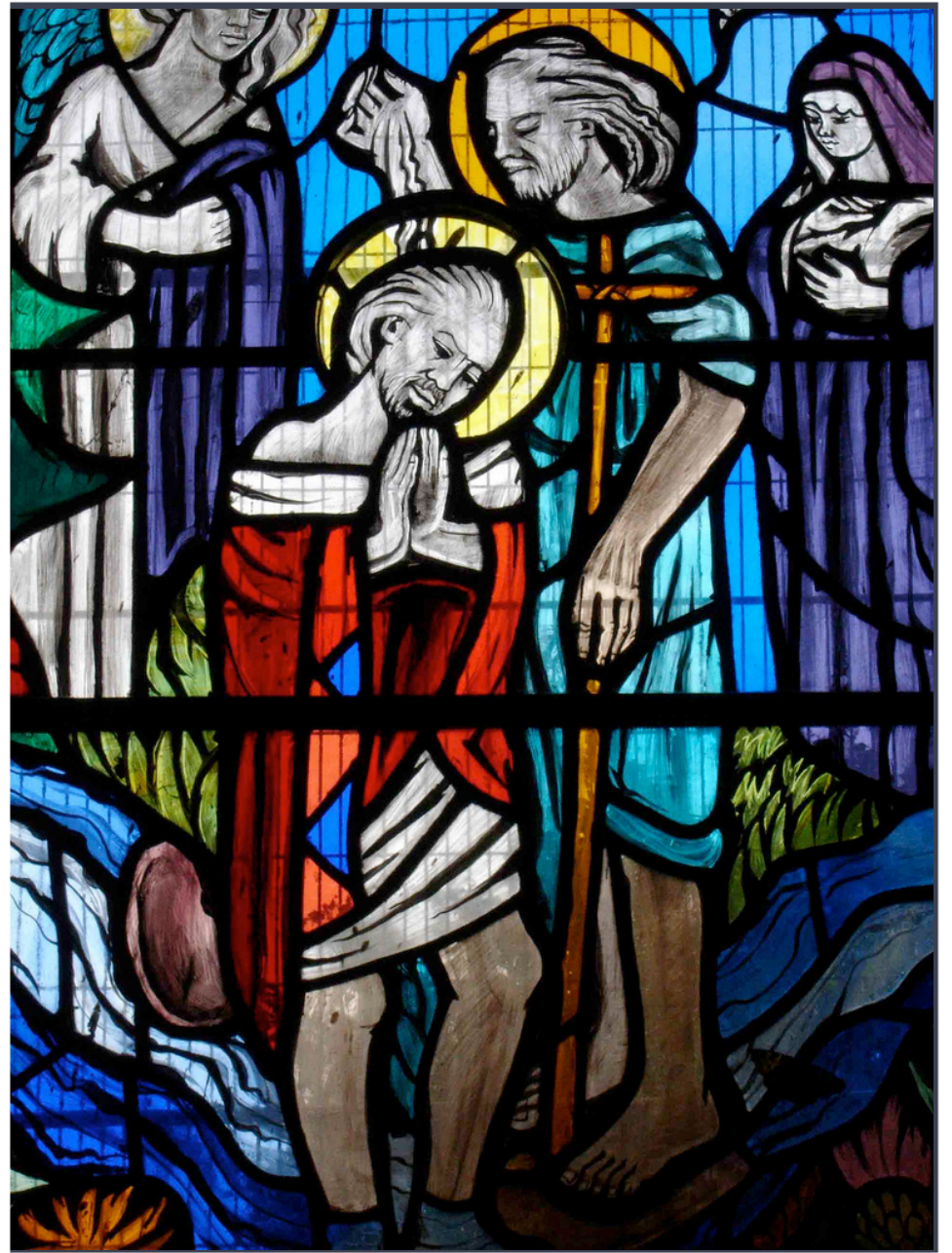
Luke 24:13 And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 And they were conversing with each other about all these things which had taken place. 15 And it came about that while they were conversing and discussing, Jesus Himself approached, and began traveling with them. 16 But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him. 17 And He said to them, "What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?" And they stood still, looking sad. 18 And one of them, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, "Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?"





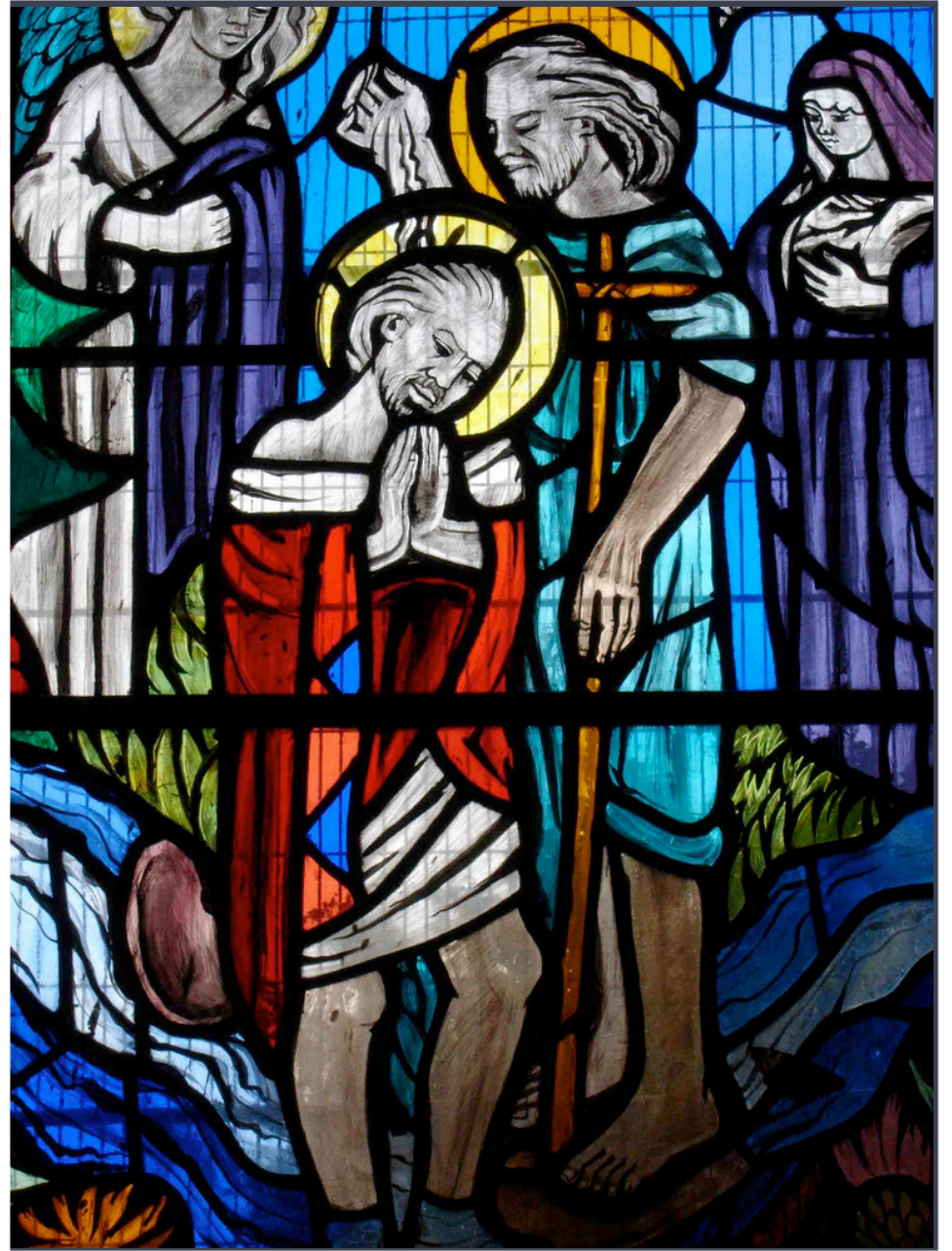
Luke 24:19 And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, 20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him up to the sentence of death, and crucified Him. 21 "But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened. 22 "But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive. 24 "And some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see."



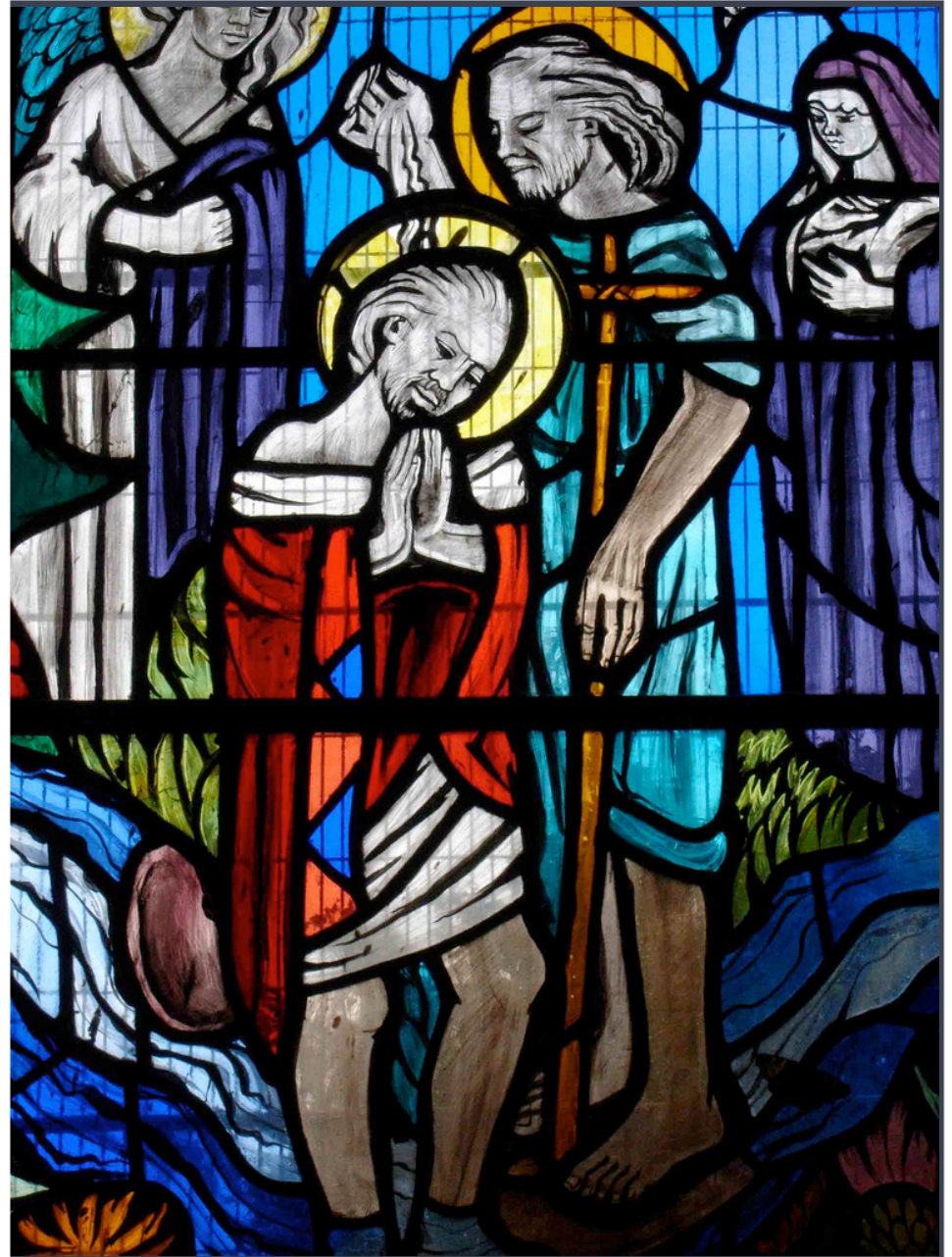


Luke 24:25 And He said to them, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 “Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?” **27 And beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.** 28 And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He would go farther. 29 And they urged Him, saying, “Stay with us, for it is getting toward evening, and the day is now nearly over.” And He went in to stay with them. 30 And it came about that when He had reclined at the table with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them. 31 And their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight.





Luke 24:32 And they said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while **He was explaining the Scriptures to us?**” 33 And they arose that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them, 34 saying, “The Lord has really risen, and has appeared to Simon.” 35 And they began to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.



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Christ's Redemptive Work for Sinners In All Ages

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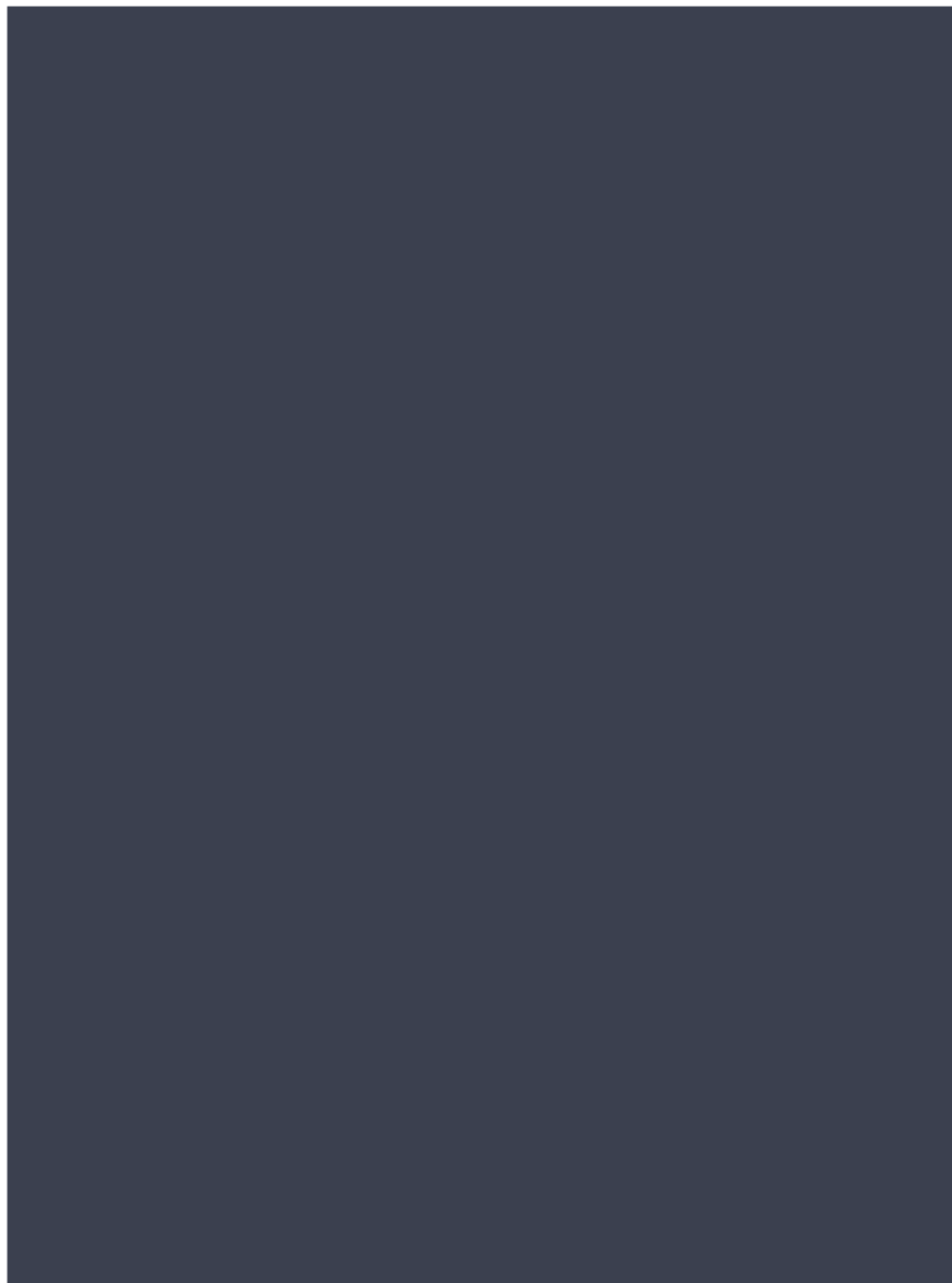
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Matt. 1:1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Matt. 1:2 To Abraham was born Isaac; and to Isaac, Jacob; and to Jacob, Judah and his brothers; 3 and to Judah were born Perez and Zerah by Tamar; and to Perez was born Hezron; and to Hezron, Ram; 4 and to Ram was born Amminadab; and to Amminadab, Nahshon; and to Nahshon, Salmon; 5 and to Salmon was born Boaz by Rahab; and to Boaz was born Obed by Ruth; and to Obed, Jesse;

Matt. 1:6 and to Jesse was born David the king. And to David was born Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah; 7 and to Solomon was born Rehoboam; and to Rehoboam, Abijah; and to Abijah, Asa;





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