

**MYTHS THAT
MAKE US
MISERABLE**

Our Lenten Prayer

From the Fear that dares not face
new Truth,

From the Laziness that is content
with Half-Truth,

From the Arrogance that thinks it
knows all Truth,

Good Lord, deliver me. *Amen*



This is God's Word for my life in this Place and at this Time. Today I am a new creation in Christ, I am God's very own, and I believe He has a purpose for my life.



In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, *“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”*

This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: *“A voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”*



John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.



But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.



The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.



His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Matthew 3:1-12

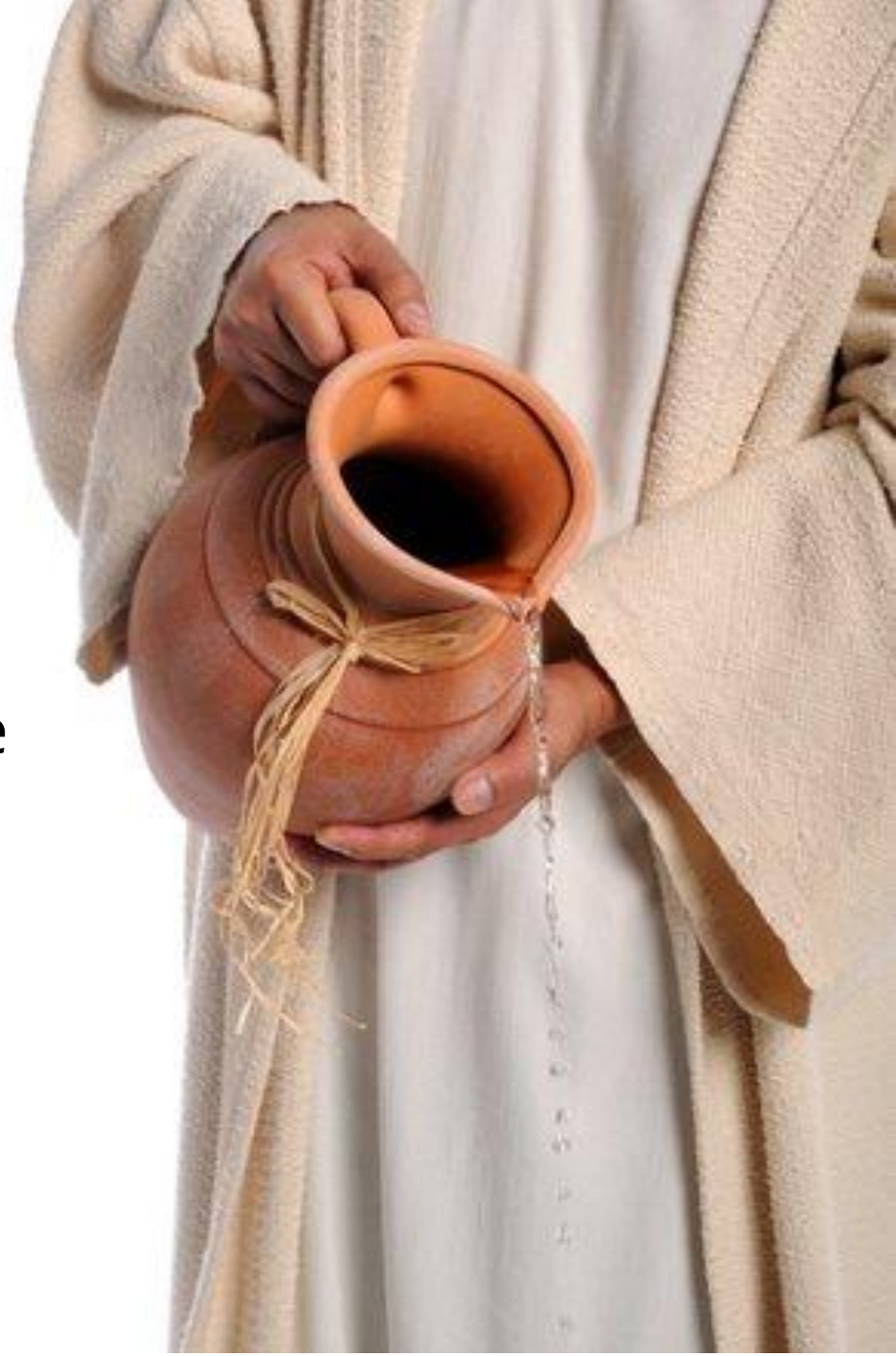


*Beyond
Words*



Baptism

Expresses the inexpressible

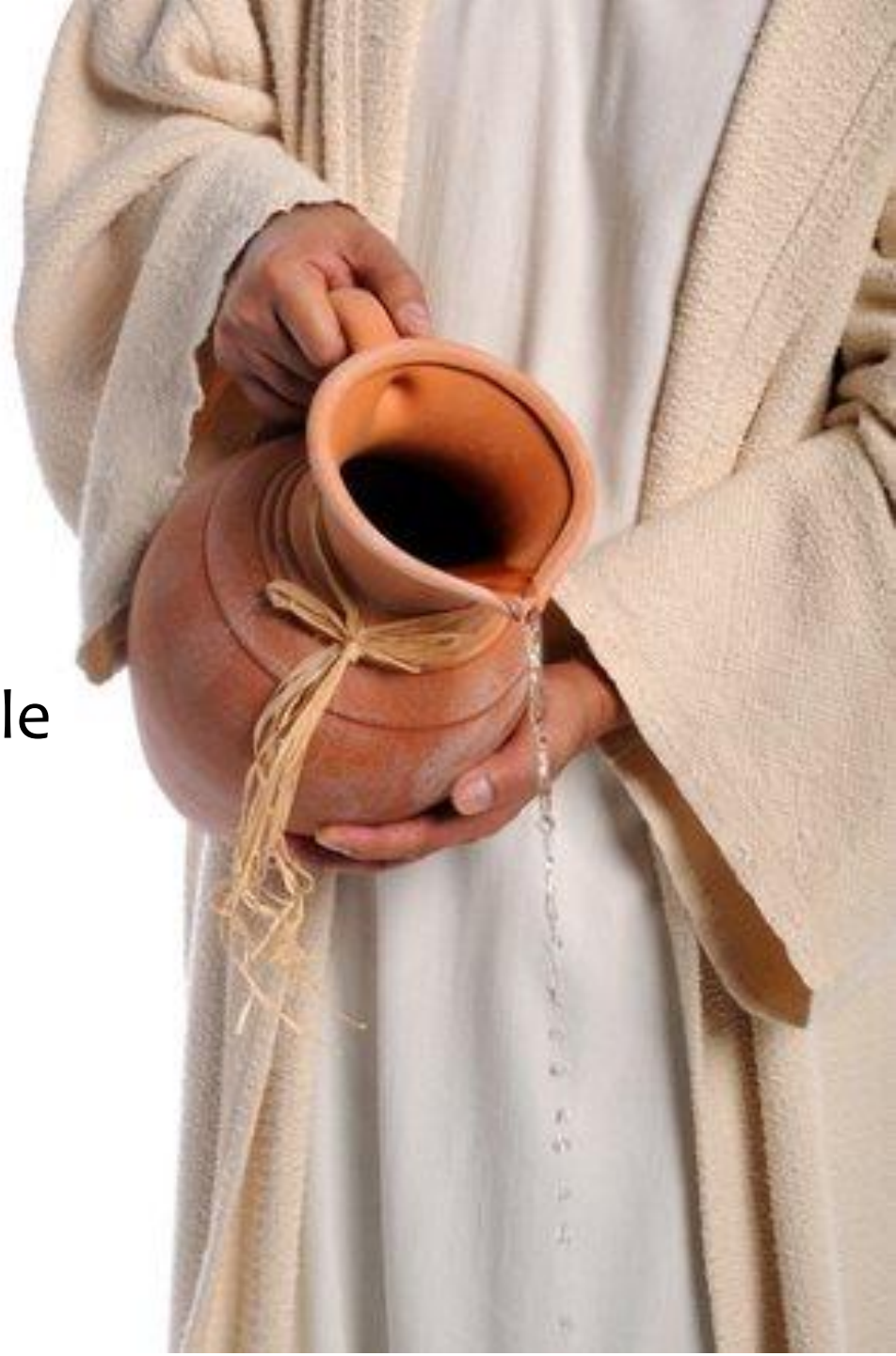


Baptism

is a partnership with God



Baptism
produces a change in lifestyle



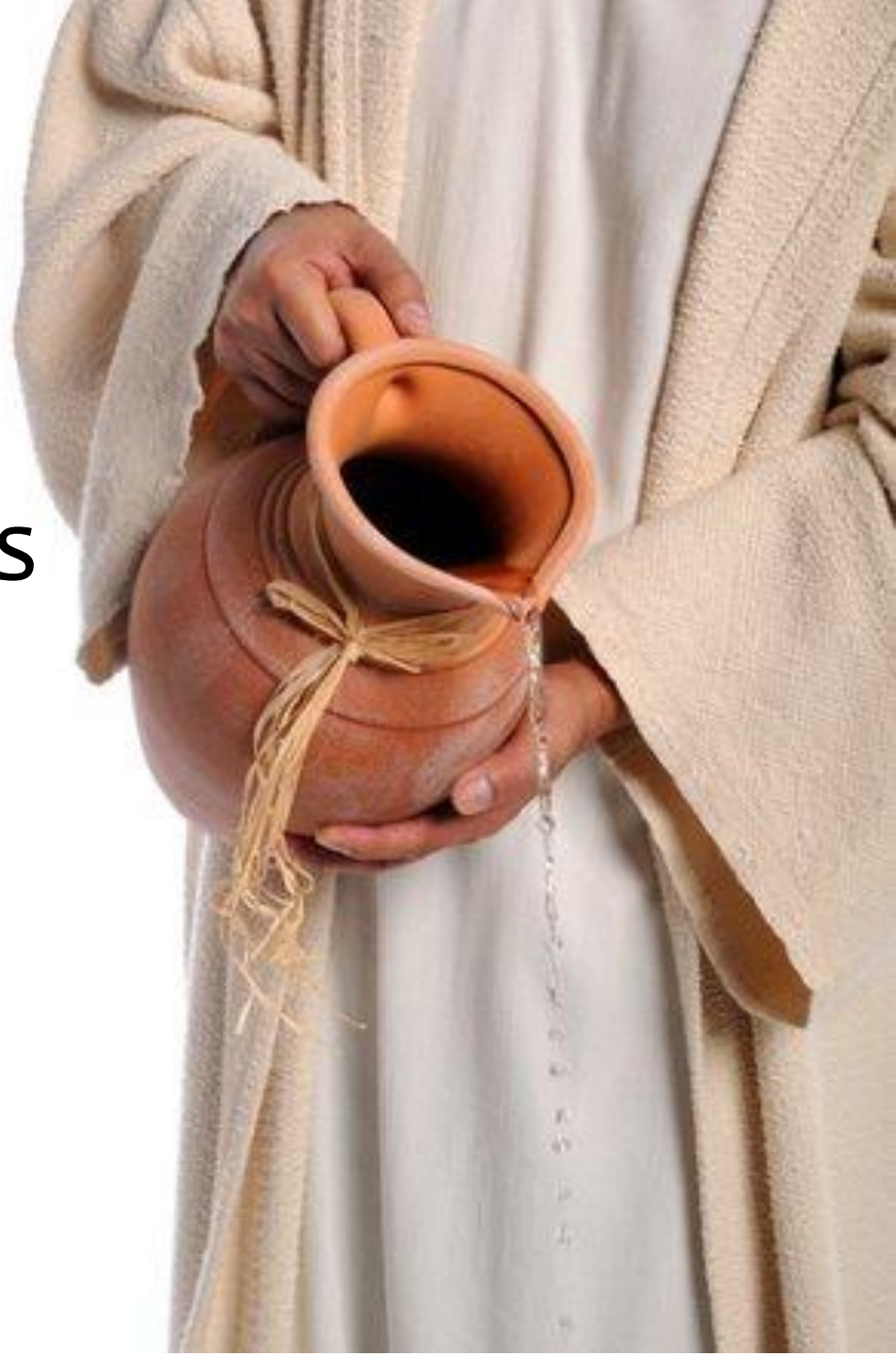
Baptism Essentials

Full Attention

Cultivate Intimacy

Express Gratitude

Contribute Joyfully



A close-up photograph of a person's feet standing on a wooden floor. The soles of the feet are severely charred and blackened, suggesting a fire. The person is wearing dark pants with the cuffs rolled up. The background is a wooden floor with decorative black scrollwork in the corners.

**DARE TO BE A
DISCIPLE**