4. Baptismal Salvation

The decision to be baptized should be our first act of discipleship. A true free will decision.

- -Many years ago in Sunday School
- -1 Peter 3:20-22

who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through *the* water. ²¹ Corresponding to that, baptism now <u>SAVES</u> you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

We leave this world under God's judgment and enter the Kingdom of God where there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.

5. The Sign of the New Covenant

-Romans 2:29

But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God.

-Colossians 2: 11-12

and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

-As physical circumcision is the sign of the old covenant so spiritual circumcision through water baptism is the sign of the New Covenant. -The removal of the flesh, our old man, our old life.

-All that came from Adam is removed that all that comes from the last Adam, Christ may replace it.

6. Preparation to receive the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.