

baptism, but it does symbolize a break from our past life of sin as we are saved—to use MacArthur's words—in *“the Ark of Christ.”*

Reminders From Our GRBC Catechism:

Question 44: **What is baptism?** Baptism is the immersion into water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; it signifies our adoption into Christ, our cleansing from sin, and our commitment to belong to the Lord and to His Church.

Question 45: **Is baptism with water the washing away of sin itself?** No, only the blood of Christ and the renewal of the Holy Spirit can cleanse us from sin.

Definition Help: (1) An antitype, according to John MacArthur is “an earthy expression of a spiritual reality.” (2) “A person or thing that is foreshadowed or represented by a type or symbol, especially a character or event in the New Testament prefigured in the Old Testament.” (Dictionary.com) (3) “The “old” things are the TYPES of the Old Testament, and the “new” things (that is, the ANTITYPES) (*are*) what they stand for in the New Testament.” (Clarence Larkin) (4) “The New is in the Old *contained*; the Old is by the New *explained*.” (St. Augustine) (5) “See Wayne!” (Gordon)

IV A Christlike Attitude – VV 4:1-6.

Therefore, because of Christ's suffering—Verse 18—we can endure ***if***:

- A. Arm yourself with a Christlike **ATTITUDE**. (CF: Ephesians 6:10-18)
- B. Prepare yourself for Christlike **SUFFERING**. The flesh is dead but the spirit is alive!
- C. Commit yourself to God with Christlike **FAITH**. By faith and in the power of the Spirit, do not do what the lost continue to do. (Ephesians 2:3a and I Corinthians 6:9-11)

Do not be surprised if your Christlike attitude, suffering, and faith result in further persecution. Your Christlike life will “heap coals of fire on their heads,” (Romans 12:20) and so will they stand before Christ in the final judgement! Nevertheless, “preach the gospel” to all persons for we do not know who are the elect chosen from the foundation by the foreknowledge and predeterminate counsel of God, and who are not of the elect who even now are dead men walking.