

- **The Importance of Remembering** – Galadriel (Kate Blanchet) – Lord of the Rings: “The world is changed. I feel it in the water. I feel it in the earth. I smell it in the air. Much that once was is lost, for none now live who remember it.” (6:3a, 6:11a)
- **Identity Shift** – Become what you already are.
- **Passive.** Who does the baptizing? (6:3b, 5a – We didn’t actively do something for God – rather something happened *to us*)
- **Cross and Empty Grave.** Union with Jesus in his death and resurrection. Christianity’s DNA. Baptism presents the shape of your new life. The Christian life is you actively fleshing out what passively happened in baptism. A thousand deaths and resurrections.
- **Galatians 2:20** – Connor is dead. Jesus lives now in this body as a temple of the Holy Spirit. Mason is dead. His part is to trust and yield to God and let Jesus live instead.
- **Early Church** Symbols and Practices
- Does baptism save?
- **Religion or relationship?** (6:11) Not “Don’t do bad things. Do good things.” Rather, it’s “Pursue direct relationship with God through Jesus.”
- **Baptism as End and Beginning**
 - **End.** Total Surrender. Poker – “I’m all in.” At a funeral, your life is over.
 - **Beginning.** New Life. At a birth, something is beginning that must grow and develop into what it was meant to become.
- **Exorcism and Possession?** An “exorcism” and a heavenly possession. There is no spiritual neutral safe territory in life. Choosing your own side in this cosmic war is the essence of choosing the rebellion. The only safe territory is absolute surrender to God.
- **The River Flows to Low Ground** – your part is surrender. God exalts the humble.