

The Baptism of Christ

Matthew 3:13-17

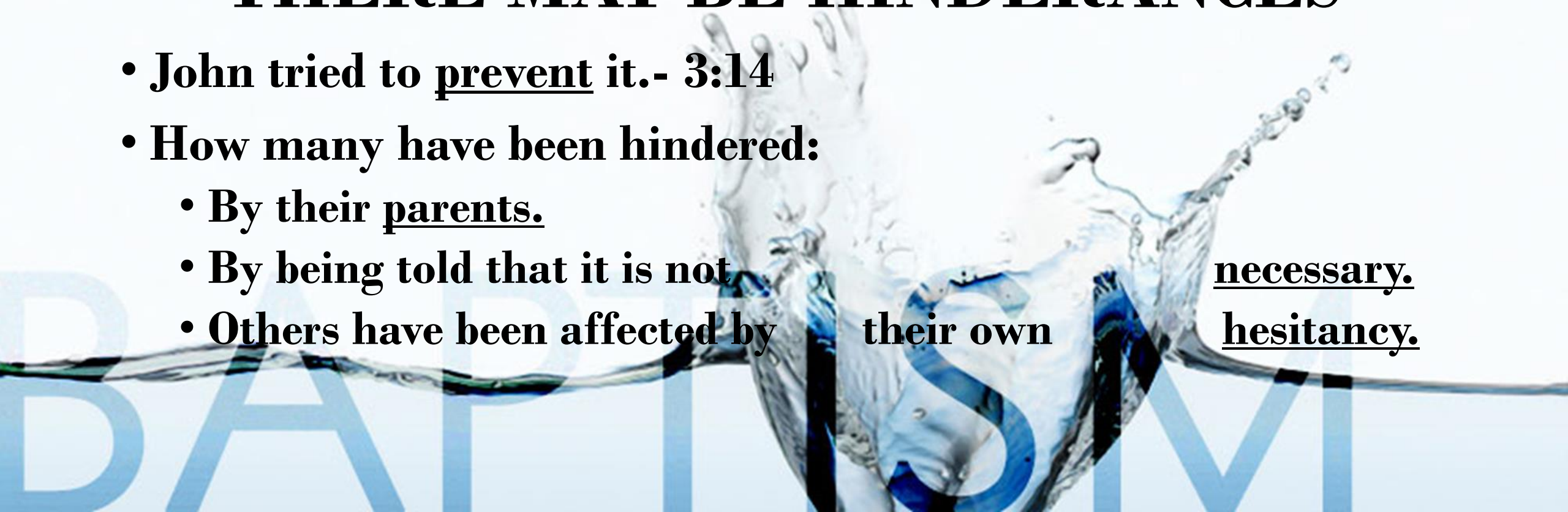


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THERE MAY BE HINDERANCES

- John tried to prevent it.- 3:14
- How many have been hindered:
 - By their parents.
 - By being told that it is not necessary.
 - Others have been affected by their own hesitancy.

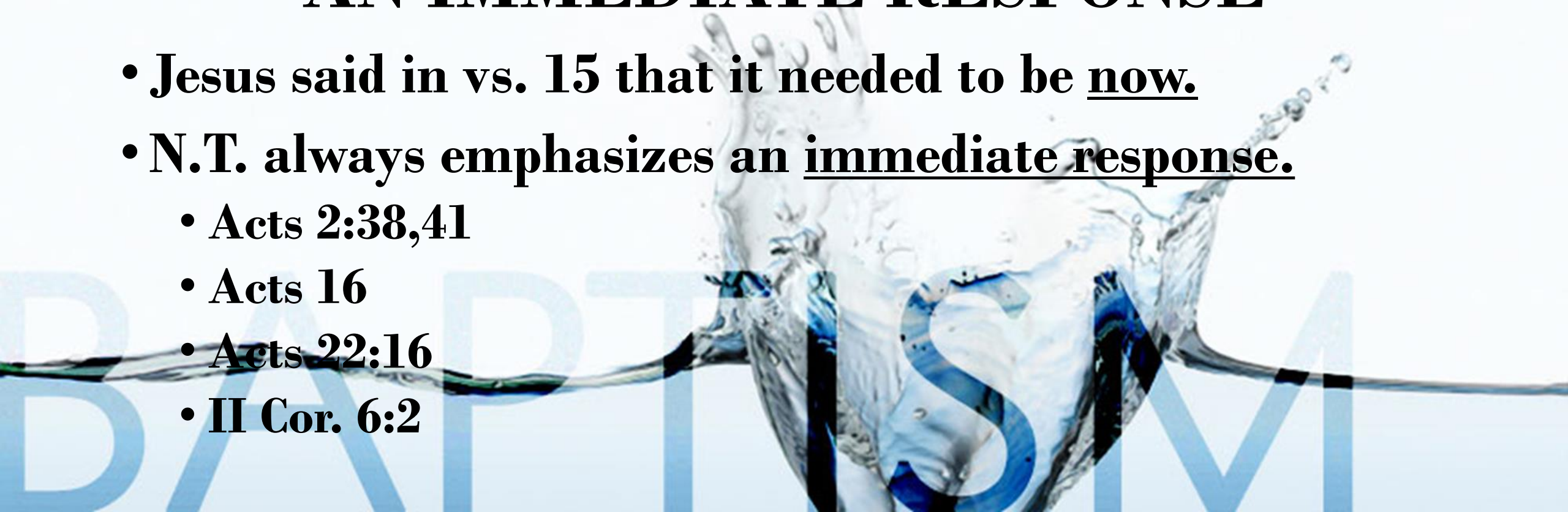


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AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

- Jesus said in vs. 15 that it needed to be now.
- N.T. always emphasizes an immediate response.
 - Acts 2:38,41
 - Acts 16
 - Acts 22:16
 - II Cor. 6:2



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IT IS ESSENTIAL

- **Not for the same reason as ours.**
- **Jesus said that it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness- 15.**
 - **II Cor. 5:21**
 - **I Cor. 1:30**

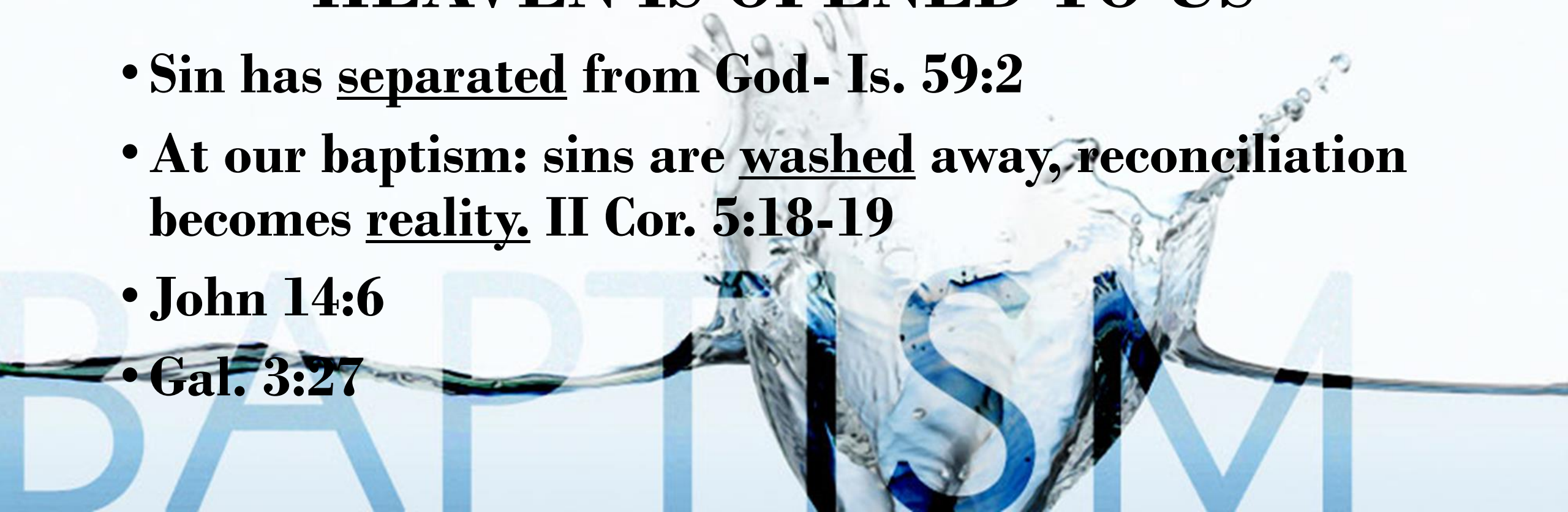


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HEAVEN IS OPENED TO US

- Sin has separated from God- Is. 59:2
- At our baptism: sins are washed away, reconciliation becomes reality. II Cor. 5:18-19
- John 14:6
- Gal. 3:27



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THE GIVING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- **Acts 2:38-39**
- **II Cor. 1:21-23**
- **Eph. 1:13-14**

