

# The Gospel

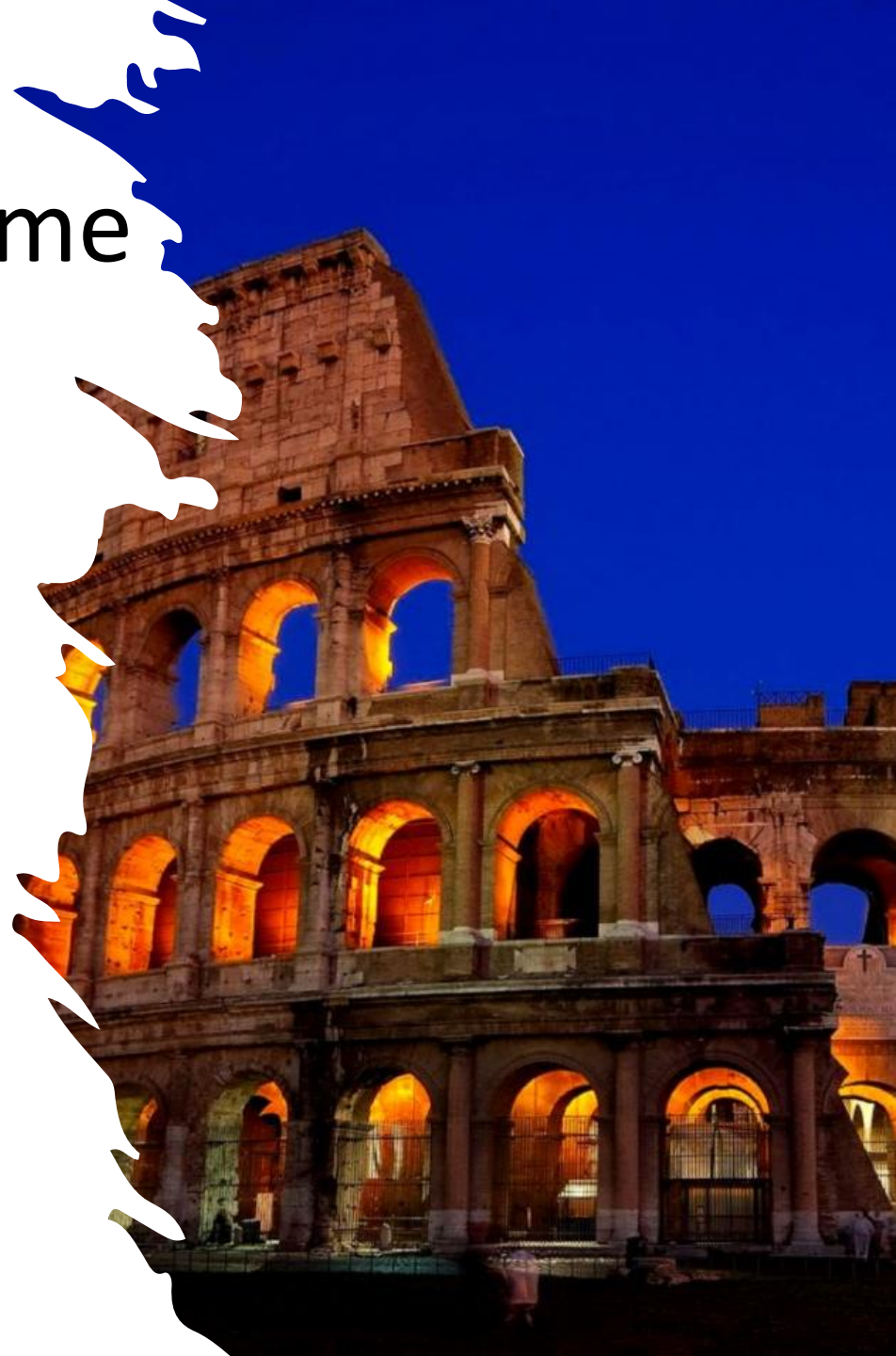
Part 3.

I am Ready

- Romans 1:14-17
- <sup>14</sup> I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.
- <sup>15</sup> So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.
- <sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.
- <sup>17</sup> For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. (KJV)

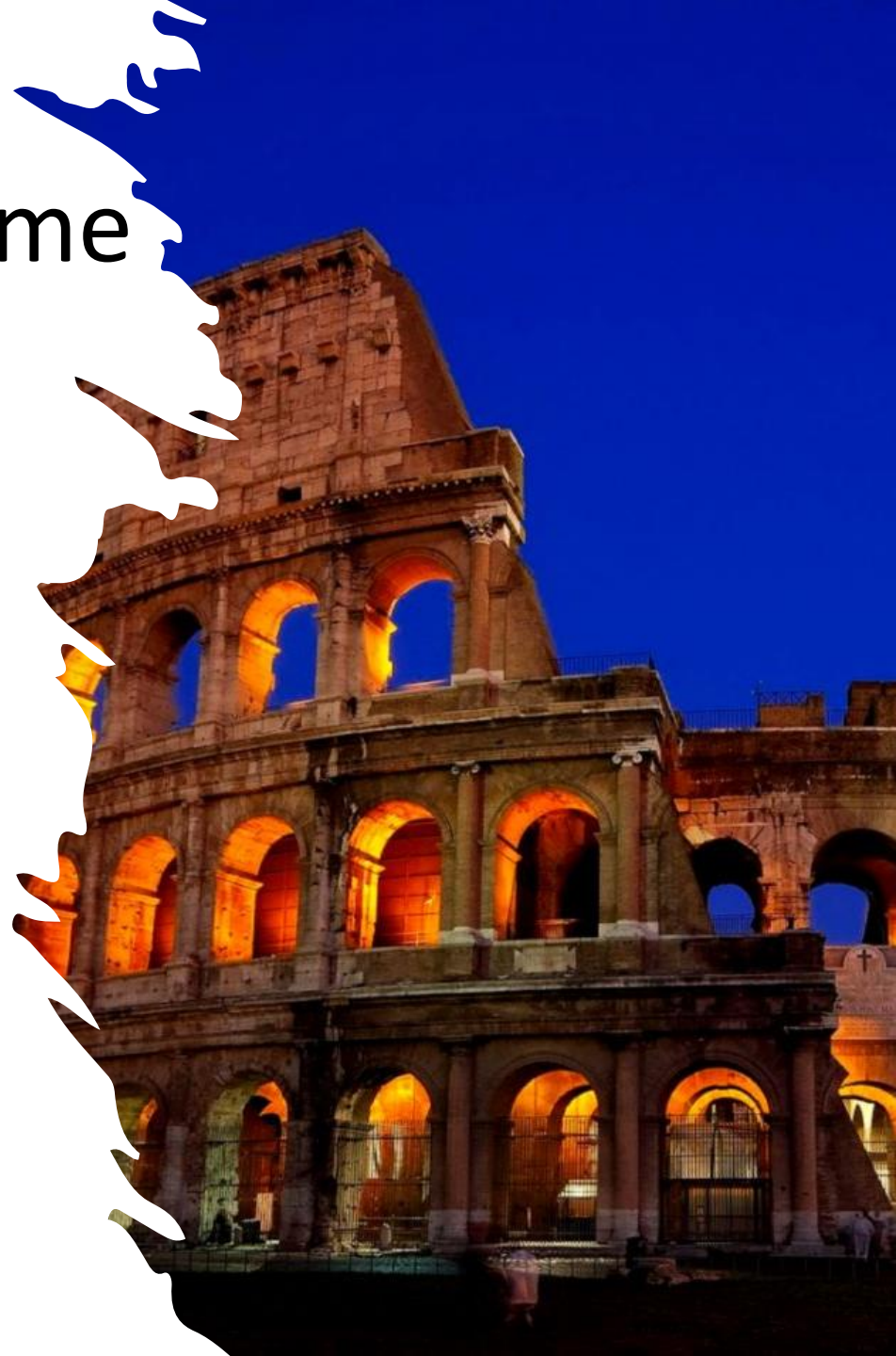
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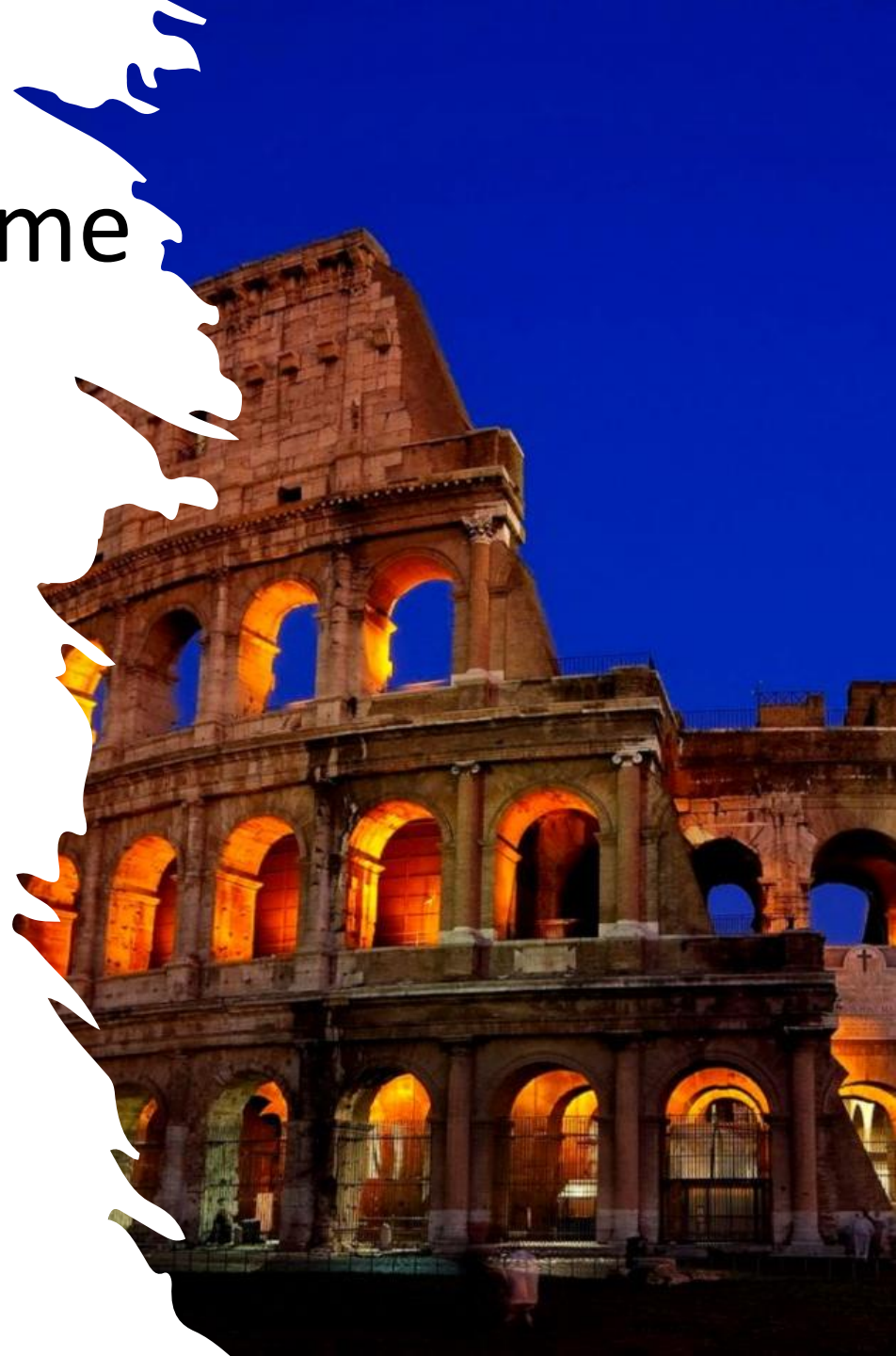
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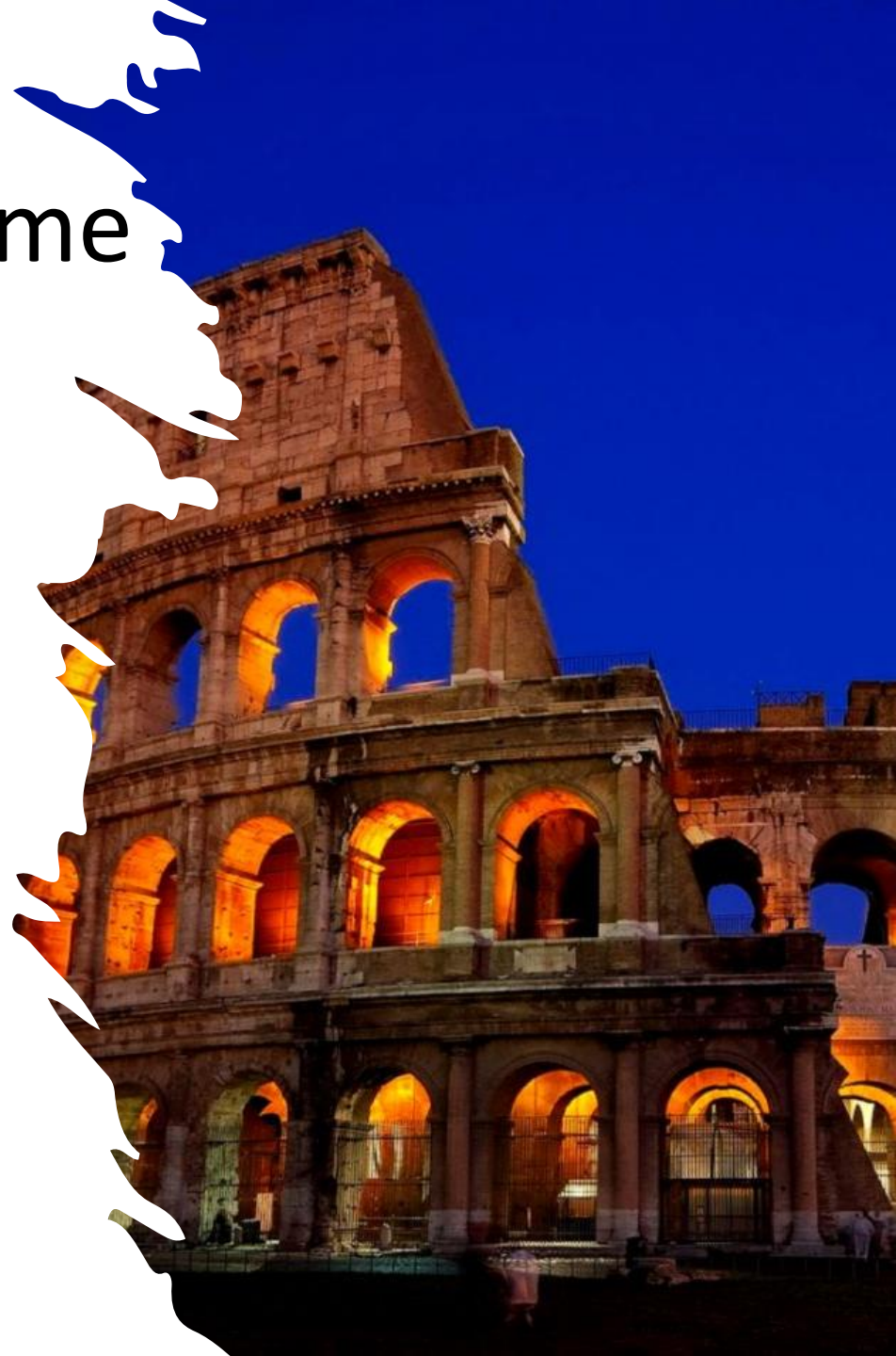
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- Christians went home to Rome.
- Paul was  
EAGER  
to  
PREACH.





# Ready—Praying

- Romans 1:9-10—
- <sup>9</sup>For God, whom I serve in my spirit in the *preaching of the* gospel of His Son, is my witness *as to* how unceasingly I make mention of you, <sup>10</sup>always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now at last by the will of God I may succeed in coming to you. (NASB95)



# Ready—Planning

- Romans 1:13—
- <sup>13</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that often I have planned to come to you...(NASB95)





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- Inspired teaching.
- Impart miraculous gifts.
- Win souls to Christ.
- Encourage with his stories.



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Romans 15...



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## Romans 15—

- Busy planting new churches in Turkey and Greece.
- On his way to Spain via Rome.

# Preach <sup>the</sup> Word

Be ready in season  
and out of season.

2 Timothy 4:2

## Always Ready

- 2 Timothy 4:2—  
²preach the word;  
be ready in season  
*and* out of season;  
reprove,  
rebuke,  
exhort,  
with great patience  
and instruction.

(NASB95)



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## Always Ready

- Circumstances are always changing.
- Don't wait to prepare.
- Do what you can today.
- Humbly Challenge:
  - Your beliefs.
  - The scriptures.
  - Your motives.

When I'm alone...



# When I'm alone...

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- And Paul would be proud to join "ME" on my missionary journeys.





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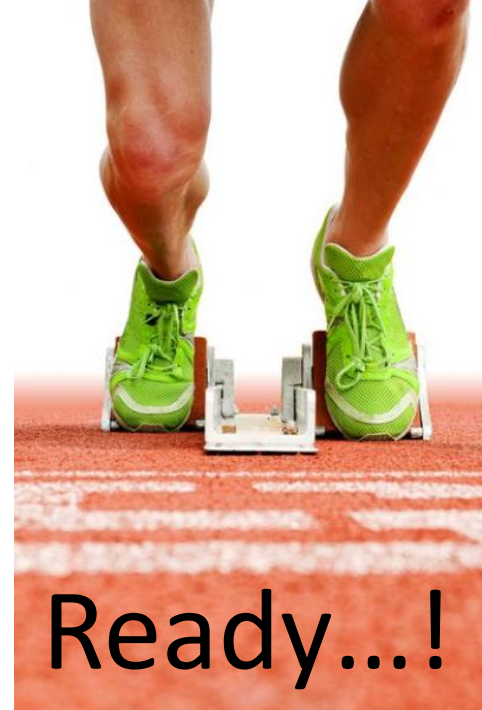
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- Readiness / Eagerness will follow.





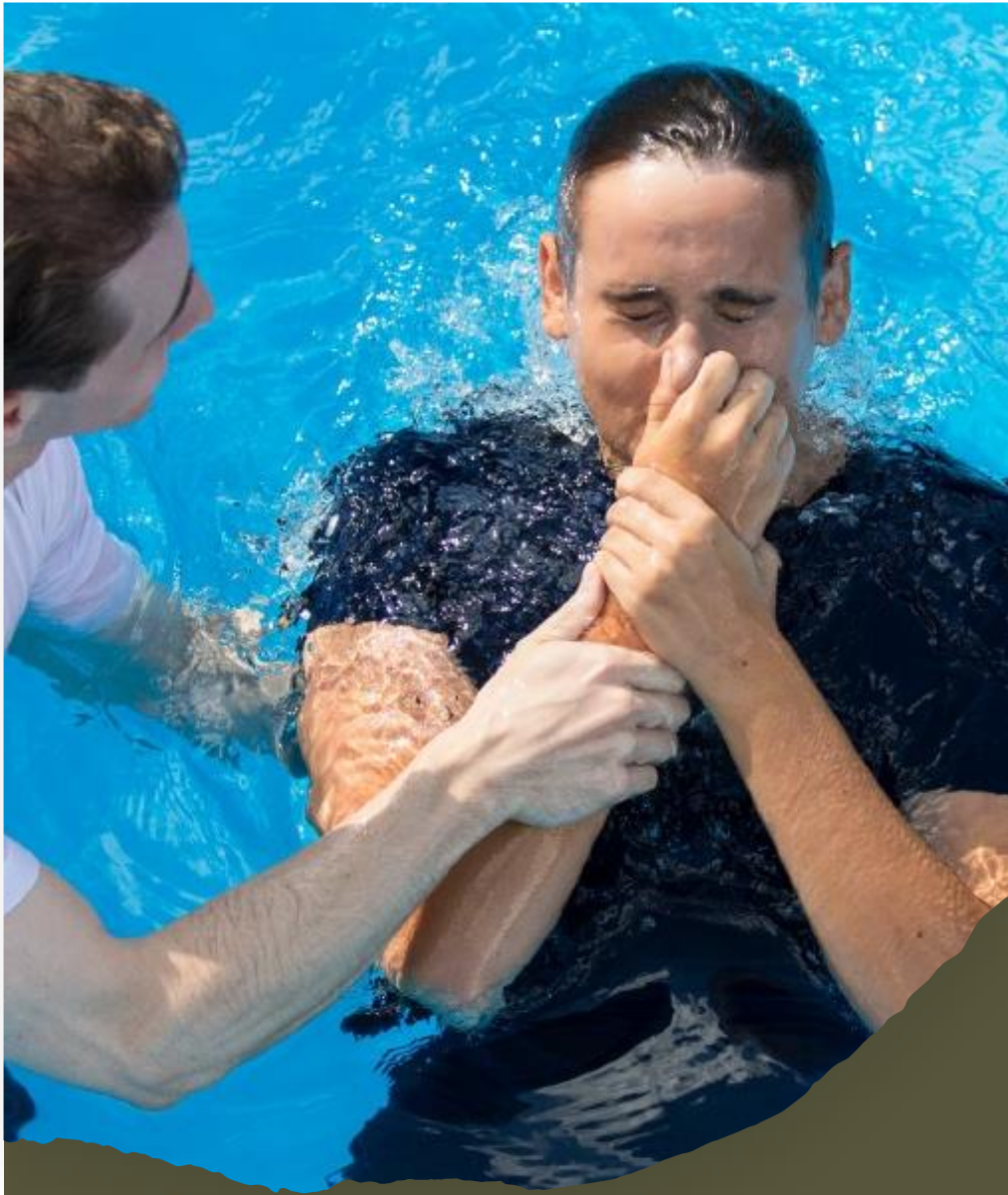
Ready...!



Here and Now...!

- Stay or Go...?
- Always learning.
- Always practicing.
- Always experimenting  
—Trial and error.
- Always caring about the lost.





# Acts 22:16

- <sup>16</sup>Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'

(NASB95)