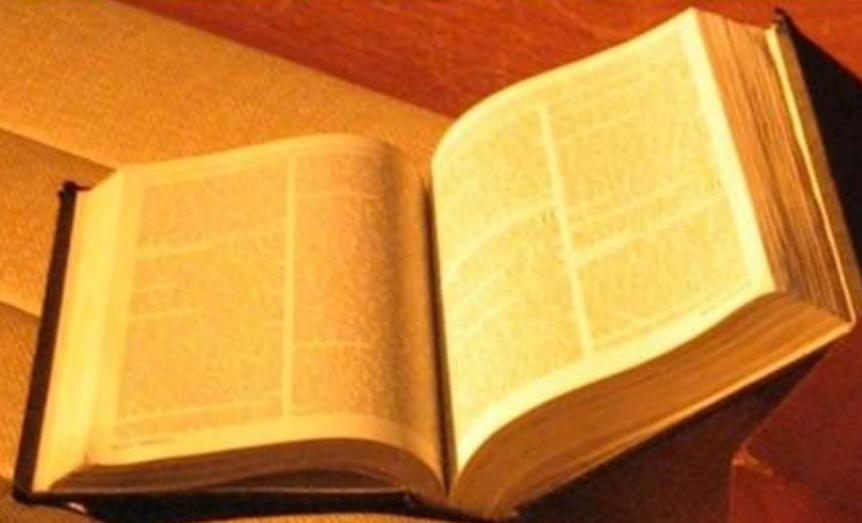


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Common Objection:

“But doesn’t the Bible teach that we’re saved by faith alone? If it does, then nothing else is necessary—including baptism.”

• What about Faith?

- Yes, the Bible teaches we're saved by faith (Rom. 3:28; 5:1)
- Genuine faith includes obedience (James 2:17; Rom. 1:5; 16:26; Heb. 3:18-19)
- Saving faith and baptism go together (Gal. 3:26-27; Col. 2:11-12)

• Immersion Only

- Only immersion counts as New Testament baptism
- Mark 1:9; John 3:23; Acts 8:35-39
- Only immersion symbolizes the saving events of the gospel (Rom. 6:3-4)

• Believer's Immersion

- We in churches of Christ reject the practice of infant baptism
- Belief and repentance always preceded true baptism
- Acts 8:12-13; 16:14, 31,34

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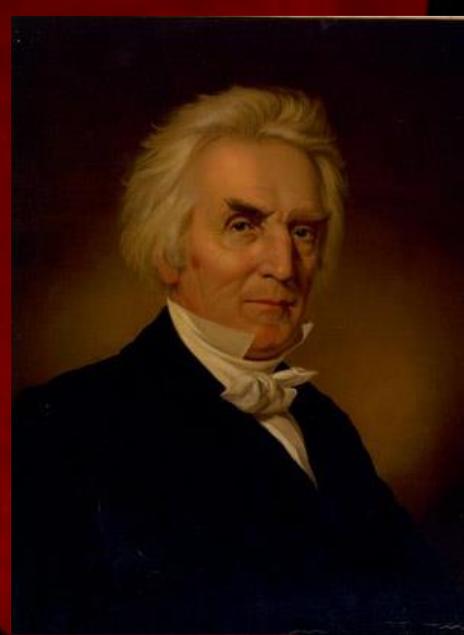
-1809: Came to America from Ireland

-Reunited with his father, Thomas shortly after his arrival

-He and his father were both Presbyterians

- Shortly before the birth of his first child, the subject of baptism began to trouble him

- After nearly a year study, he concluded that immersion of believers was NT baptism

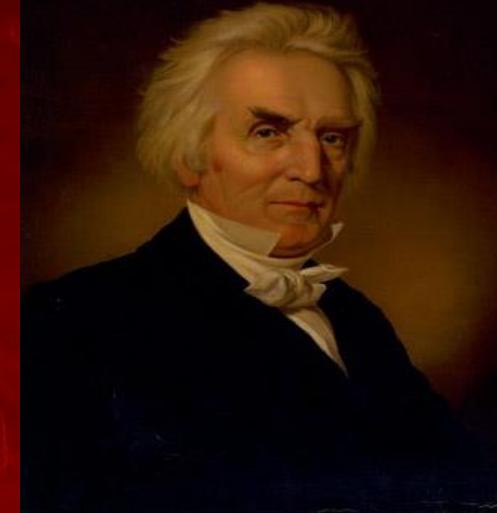


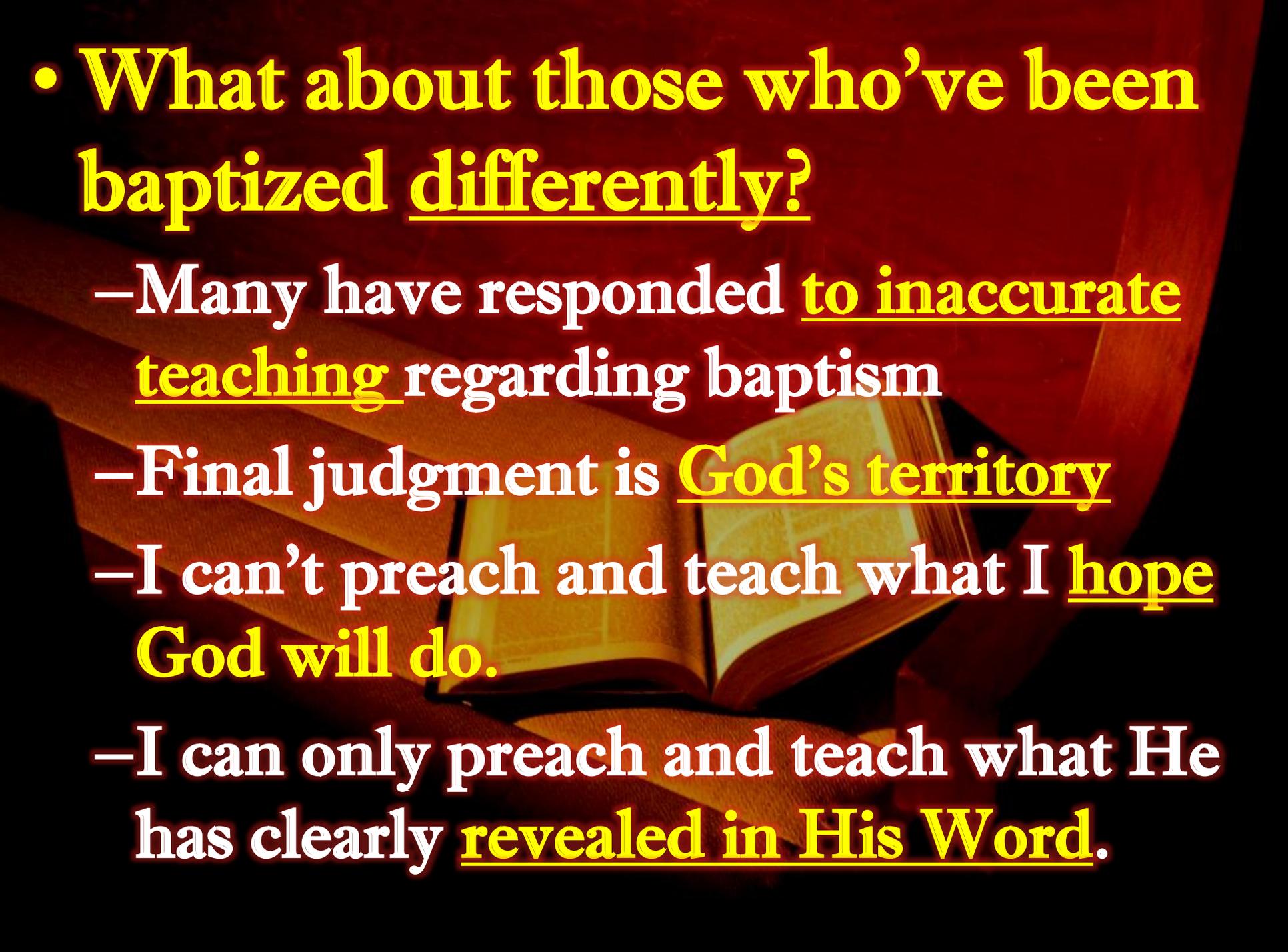
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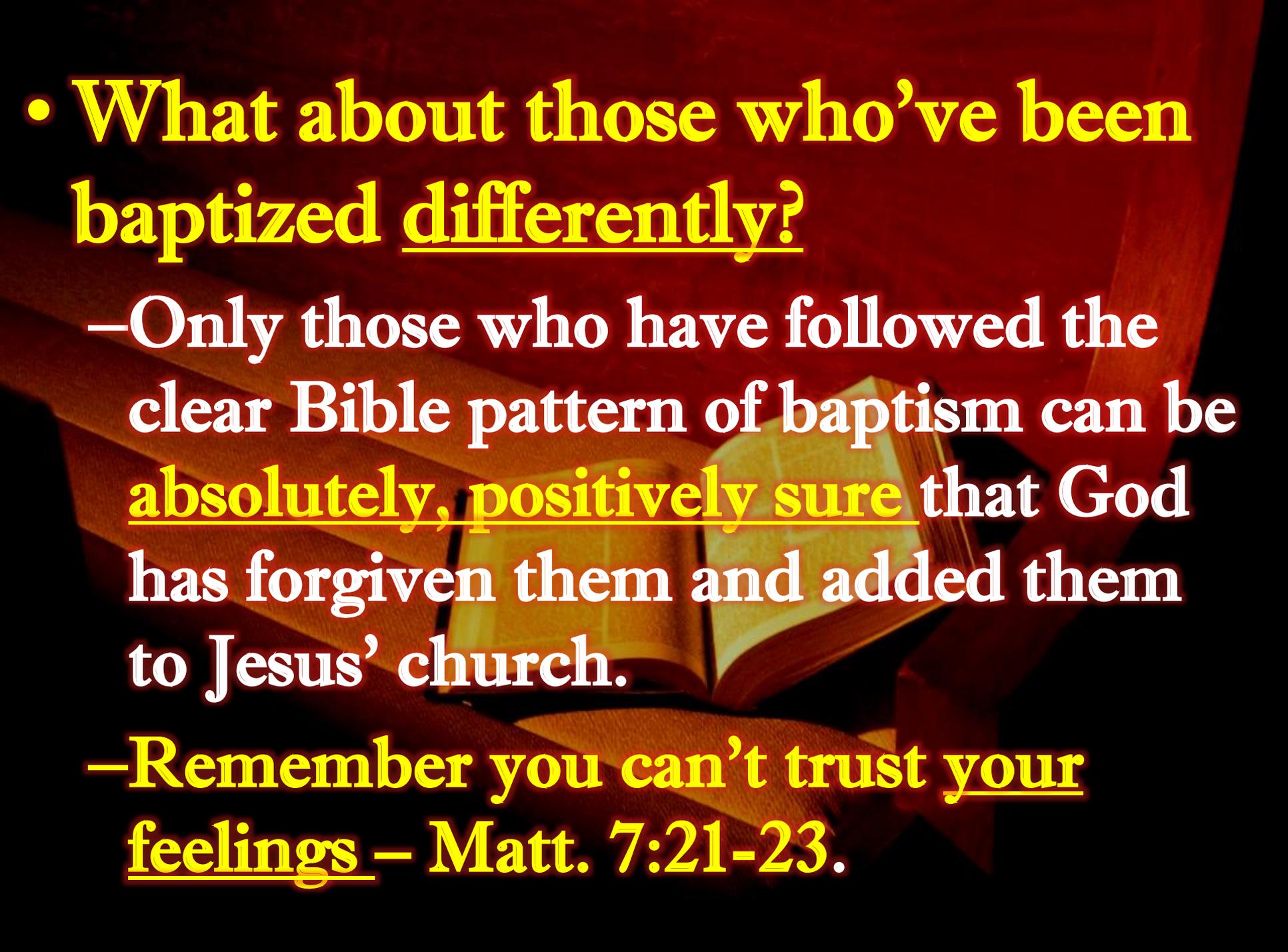
- He and six others were baptized
June 12, 1812 by a Baptist minister

- In 1820, he published a series of
articles titled “A Restoration of the Ancient
Order of Things”

- **He called Christians** “to discard from
their faith and their practice everything
that is not found written in the New
Testament and to believe and practice
whatever is there enjoined.”



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- What about those who've been baptized differently?
 - Many have responded to inaccurate teaching regarding baptism
 - Final judgment is God's territory
 - I can't preach and teach what I hope God will do.
 - I can only preach and teach what He has clearly revealed in His Word.



- **What about those who've been baptized differently?**

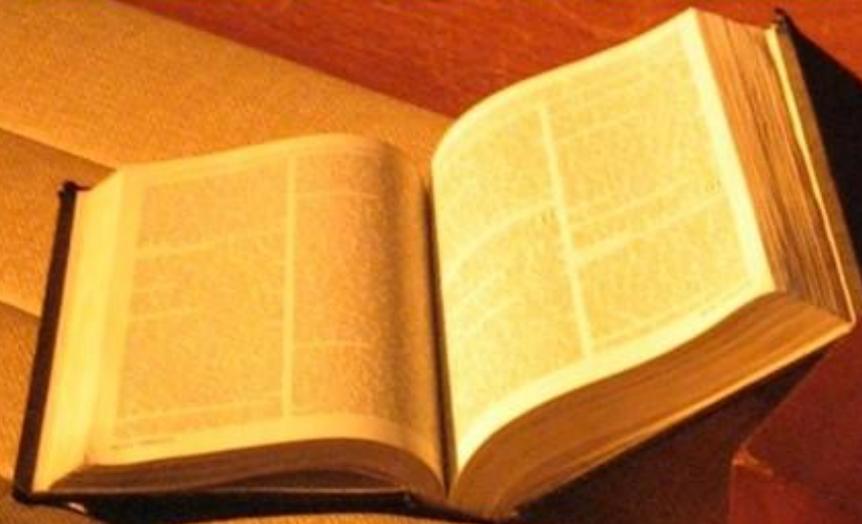
- Only those who have followed the clear Bible pattern of baptism can be **absolutely, positively sure** that God has forgiven them and added them to Jesus' church.

- Remember you can't trust **your feelings** – Matt. 7:21-23.

**Have you responded to the
saving gospel of Jesus
according to the way the
New Testament teaches?**



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