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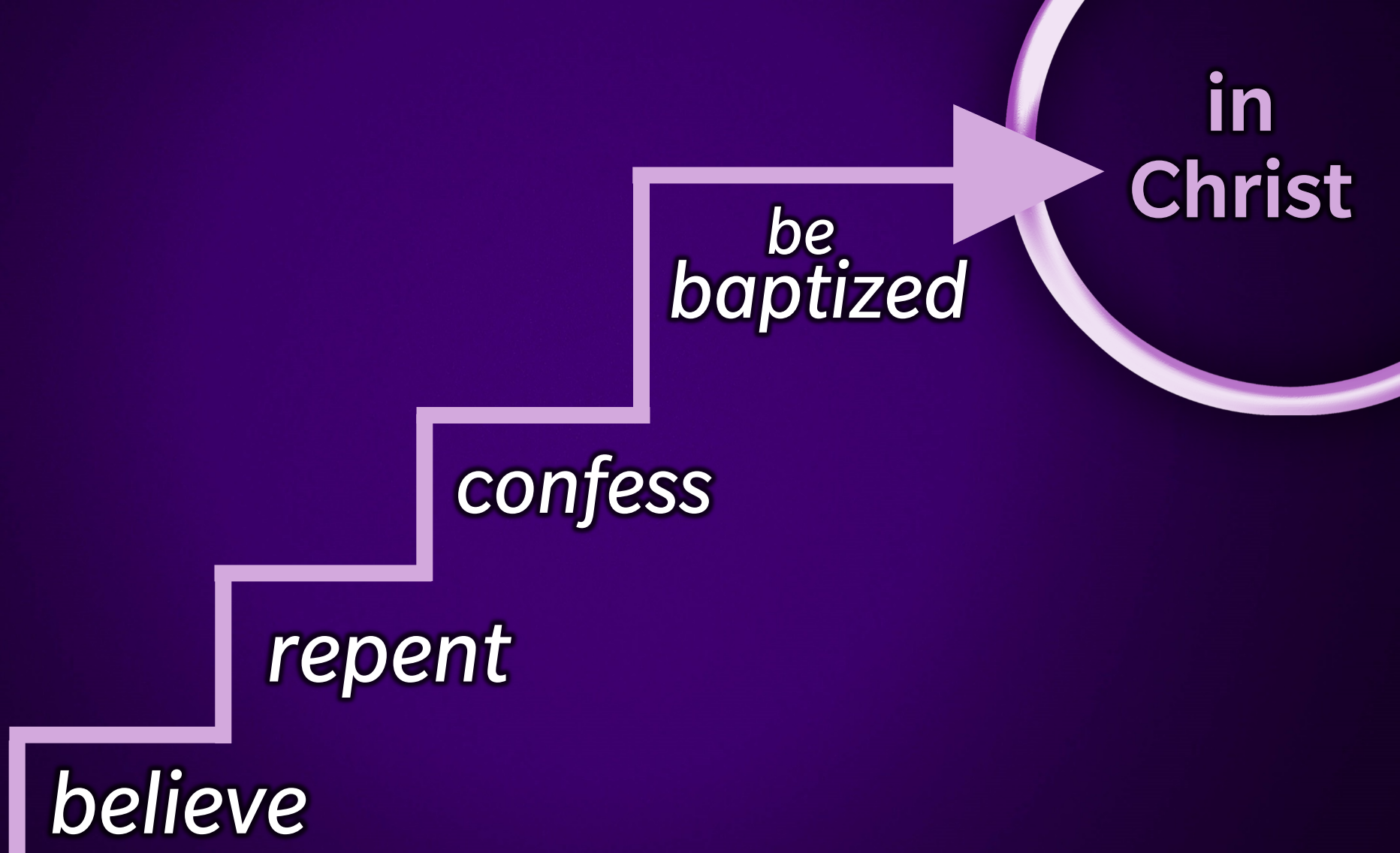
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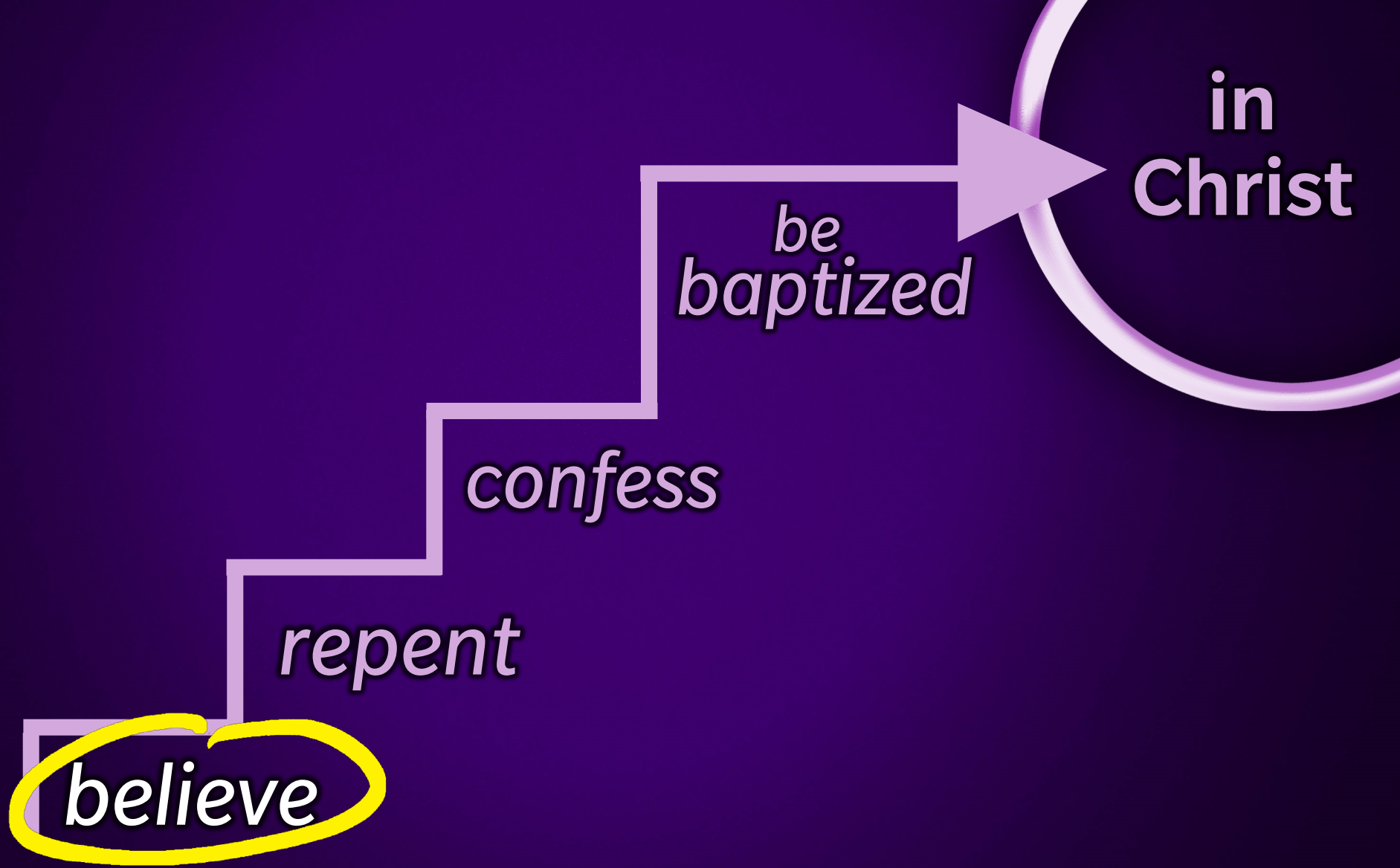




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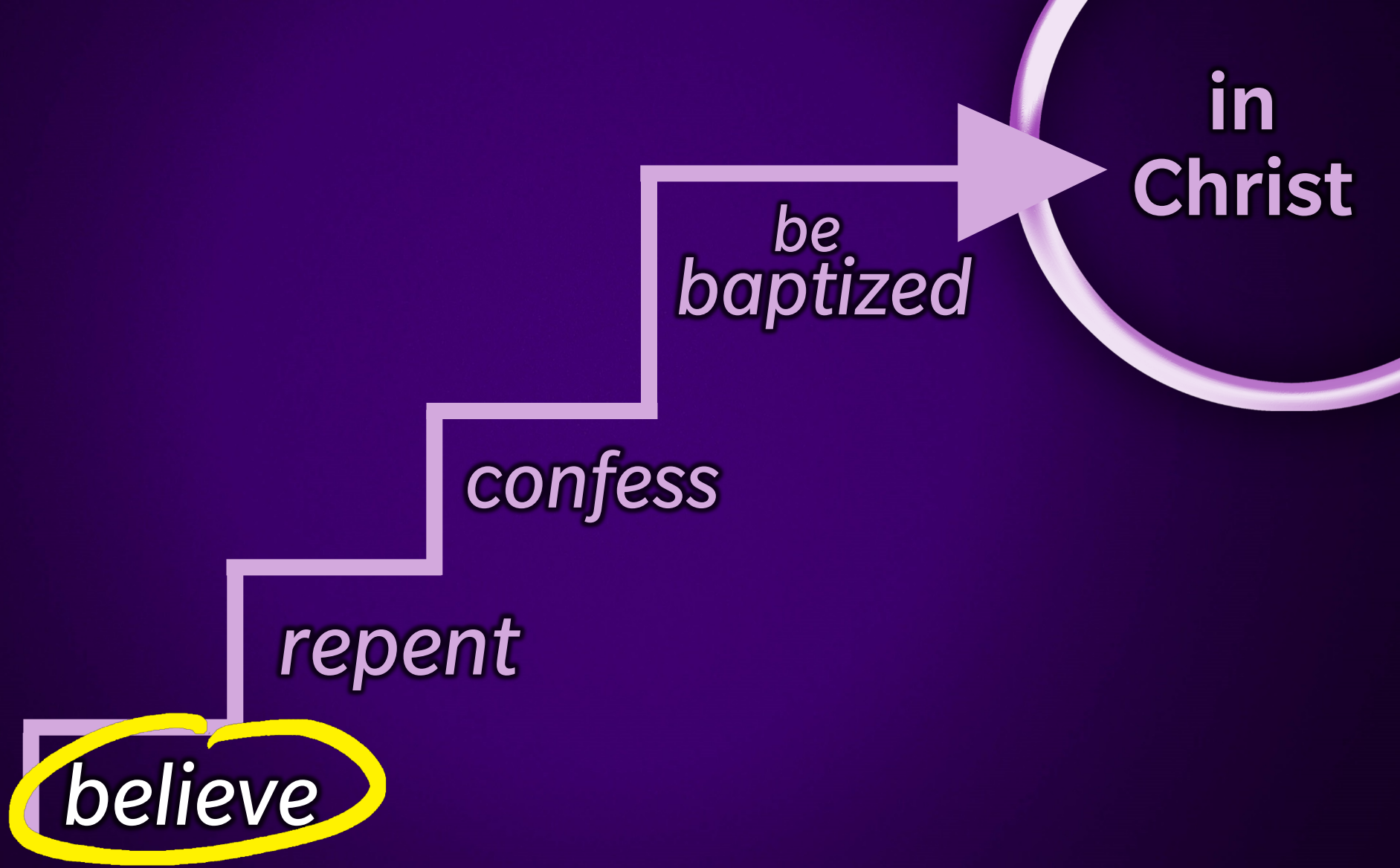




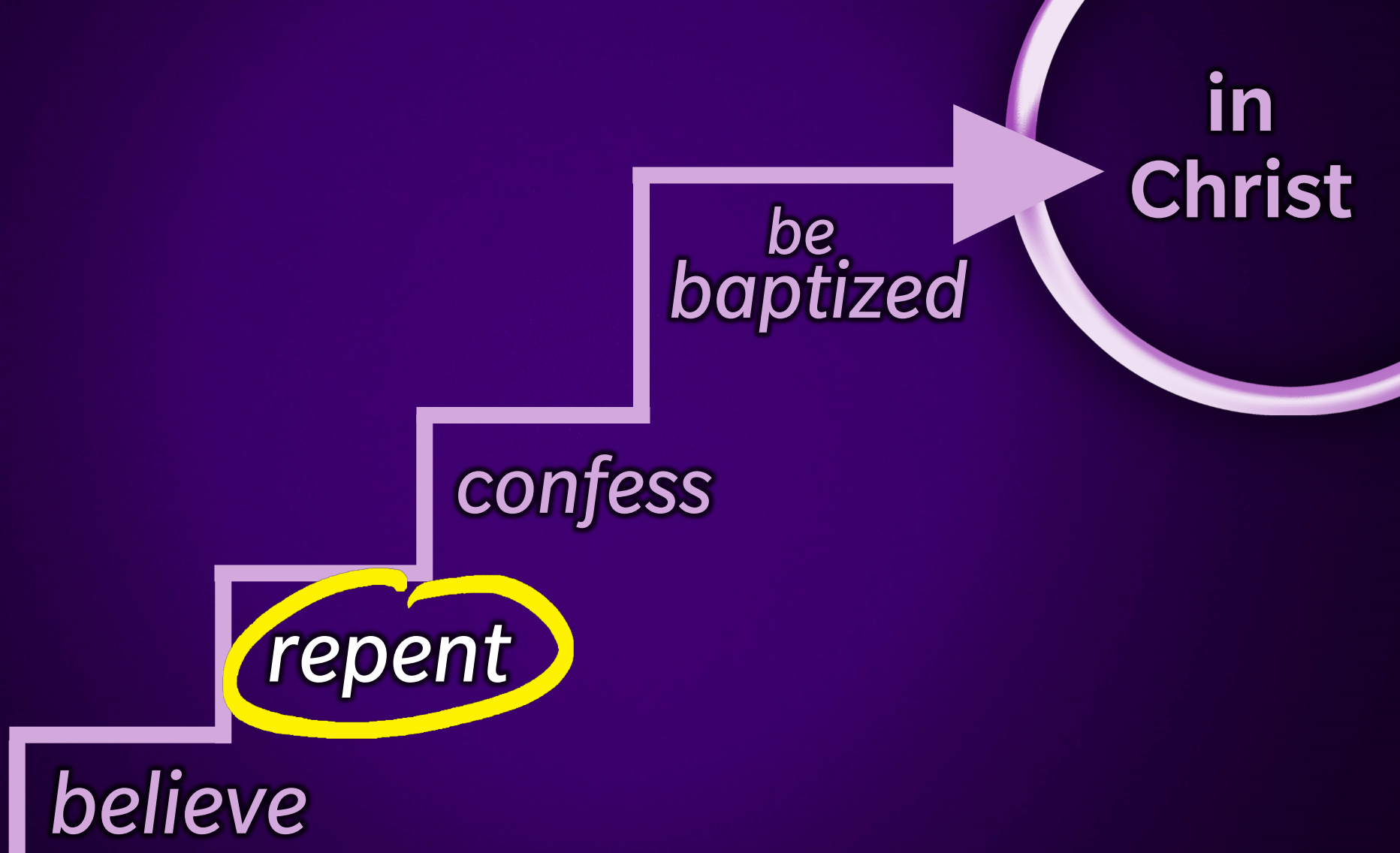
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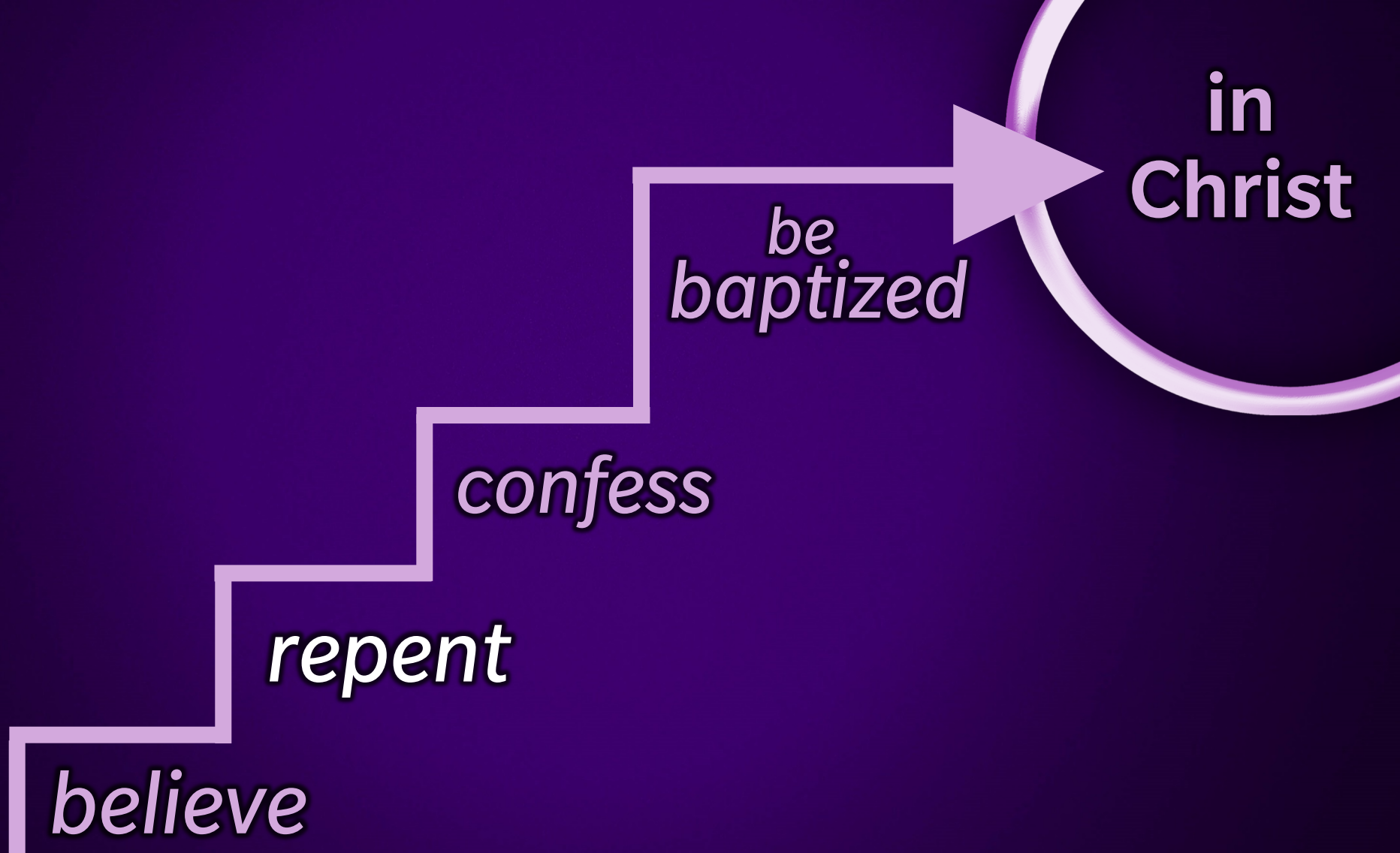
must be life-changing

must result in obedience









repentance



Receiving Salvation

Repentance



The
Necessity
of
repentance

John:

Repent, for the kingdom
of heaven is at hand.



Matthew
3:2

Jesus:

Repent, for the kingdom
of heaven is at hand.



Matthew
4:17

Luke

*Special emphasis on
repentance as the response
the gospel requires*

Luke

*emphasizes repeatedly and
explicitly the connection
between **repentance** and
remission (forgiveness)
of sins*

I came not to call the righteous,
but sinners



Matthew
9:13

I came not to call the righteous,
but sinners
to repentance.

Luke
5:27

Luke

in his history of the church
(Acts), shows **the call to
repentance** is central to the
preaching of the gospel

The “Great Commission”

Matthew
28:18-20

*make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them...*

Mark
16:15-16

*Go into all the world and
proclaim the gospel to the
whole creation. Whoever
believes and is baptized...*

Luke
24:46-47

*that **repentance** and
forgiveness of sins should
be proclaimed...*

And Peter said to them, **Repent**
and be baptized every one of you in
the name of Jesus Christ for the
forgiveness of your sins, and
you will receive the gift
of the Holy Spirit.



Acts
2:38

Repent, therefore, and **turn back**,
that your **sins may be blotted out...**



Acts
3:19

they glorified God, saying,
Then to the Gentiles also God
has granted **repentance that
leads to life.**



Acts
11:18

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to **repent**...



Acts
17:30

...to open their eyes, so that they may **turn** from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may **receive forgiveness of sins** and a place among those who are **sanctified by faith** in me.



Acts
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Acts
26:18, 20

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that they should **repent** and
turn to God, performing deeds in
keeping with their repentance.



Acts
26:18, 20

Contrast that with popular
preaching today

They *didn't* preach:

“The Lord will bless you with prosperity!”

“Look at what our church has to offer you!”

“Just receive Christ into your heart.”

Contrast that with popular
preaching today

They *didn't* preach:

The Lord loves you so much.

(This is true, of course)

“The Lord will make you a better person.”

(This is true, of course)

Contrast that with popular
preaching today

They *did* preach:

Salvation from sin is found only in Christ.

*God's offer of salvation requires you to
change your heart, your life,
to **turn away from sin.***



The
Necessity
of
repentance



The
Meaning
of
repentance

repentance

*A change in heart
brought about by godly sorrow,
that leads to a turning away
from sin to God.*

repentance ***is not***

merely regretting our sin

merely ceasing from sin

repentance

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but because you were grieved into
repenting. For you felt a godly sorrow,
so that you suffered no loss through us.
For **godly sorrow produces a repentance**
that **leads to salvation** without regret,
whereas **worldly sorrow produces death**.

2 Corinthians

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Father, I have **sinned against heaven**
and before you. I am no longer worthy
to be called your son...



Luke
15:21

Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil
in your sight.

Psalms

51:4

The sacrifices of God are a
broken spirit;
a **broken and contrite heart,**
O God, you will not despise.

Psalm

51:17

Yet even now, declares the Lord,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping,
and with mourning



Joel
2:12

Yet even now, declares the Lord,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping,
and with mourning
and **rend your hearts**
and not your garments.



Joel
2:12

repentance ***is not***

just confessing sin

*getting baptized,
attending church services*

repentance
is not

*saying “I’m sorry” and then
continuing in sin*

repentance
is

a true desire to change

a longing to please God

repentance

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repentance

A *change in heart*
that leads to a
change in life.

Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.

And do not presume to say to yourselves, We have Abraham as our father, for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.



Matthew
3:8-9

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repentance
does **not** mean

*we must “fix” everything in our
lives before coming to God*

repentance *does mean*

we may have to make
radical changes *in our lives*

we may have to give up things
that are difficult to give up

repentance ***does mean***

*we may have to get out of sinful
relationships, situations*

repentance

can be very costly

is worth the cost!

Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man
his thoughts;



Isaiah
55:6-7

let him **return to the Lord**,
that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will
abundantly pardon.

Isaiah
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