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This person has not been properly taught about baptism or has been taught what is not biblical.

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It's a humbling experience to publically confess you have gone for such a long time in disobedience to the Lord's command.



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Why people are not baptized today?

Three,

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Why people are not baptized today?

Three,  
Indifference

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Three,  
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They understand it. They believe in it.  
It's just not important to them. It's not a priority.

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Four,

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