BAPTISM IS A RESULT, NOT THE CAUSE OF FORGIVENESS

“And he came into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins;”

https://bible.com/bible/2692/luk.3.3.NASB2020

Baptism is the result of the forgiveness of sins, not the cleansing agent. Now we have the Blood of Christ washing our sins away.

“and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins **by His blood**—“ Rev 1:5

“ if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and **the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin**.” 1John 1:7