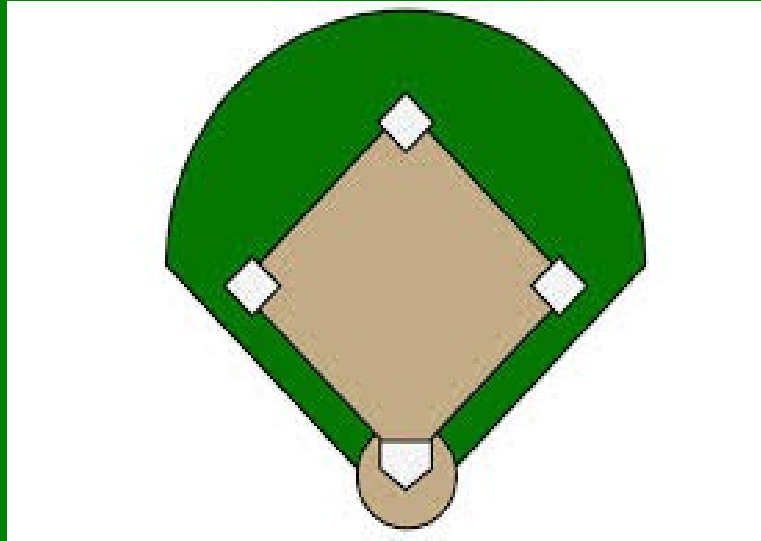


# Lessons from Baseball



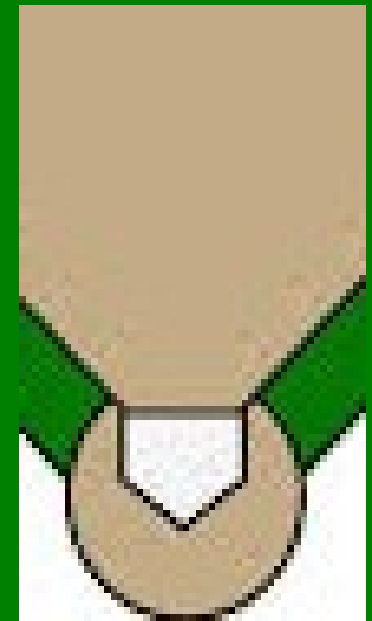
It is time for America's summer passtime

Baseball season is here

There are some lessons to learn

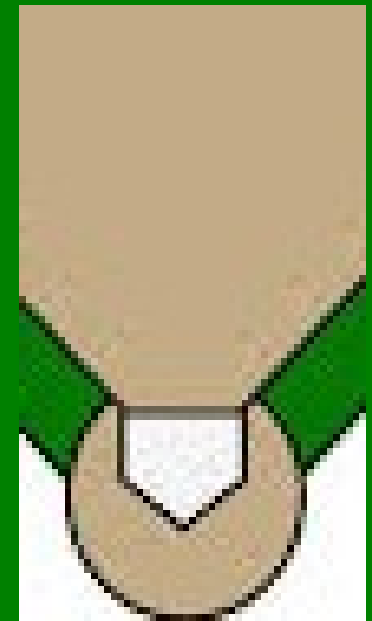
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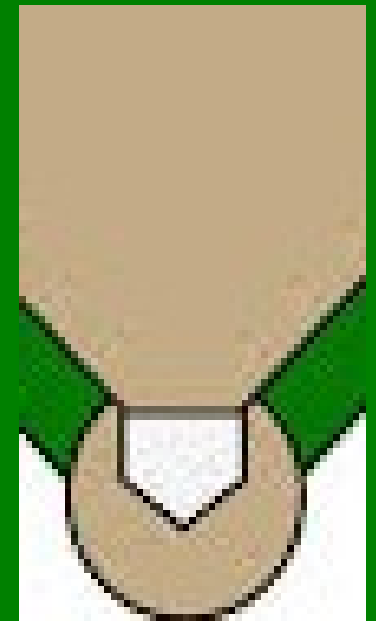
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- Galatians 1:8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.



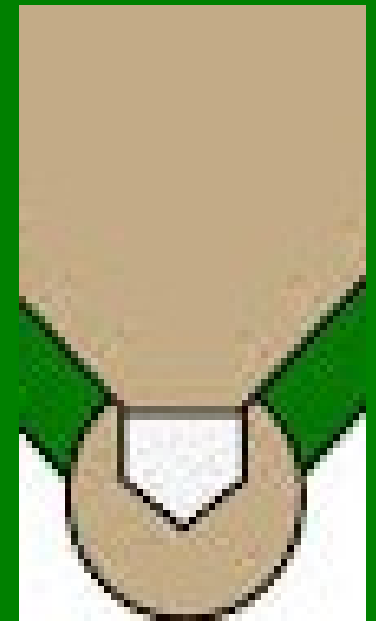
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- Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.



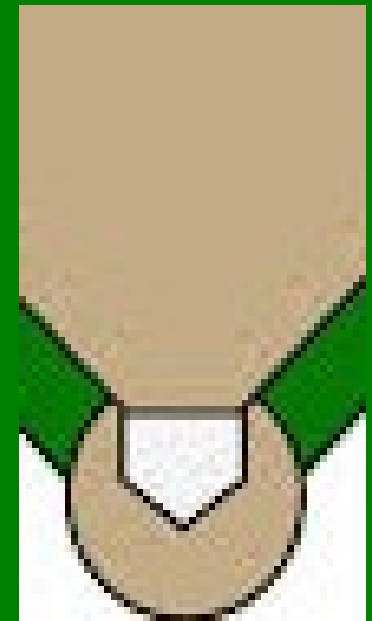
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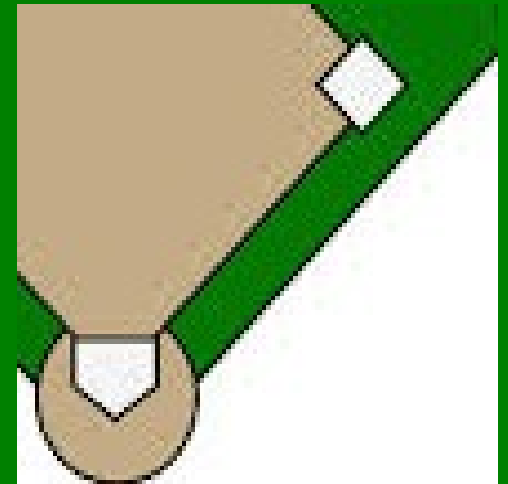
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- Acts 2:22 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them,



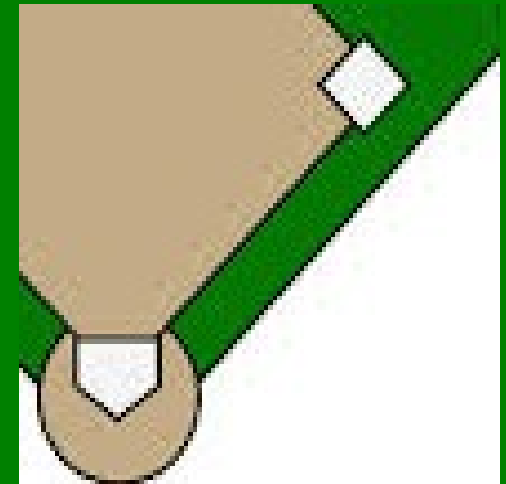
# They must Believe the Word

- 1<sup>st</sup> base = Faith
- Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.



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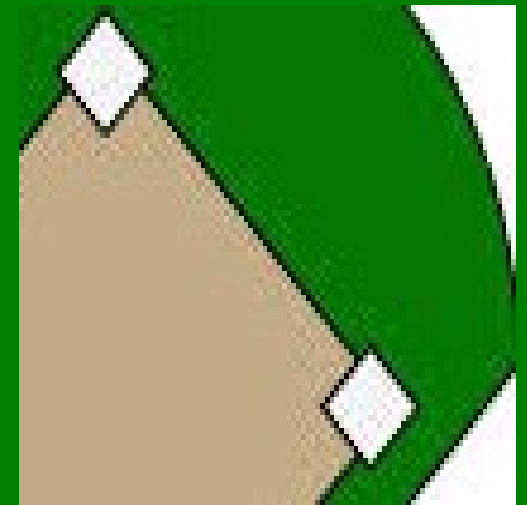
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- Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.





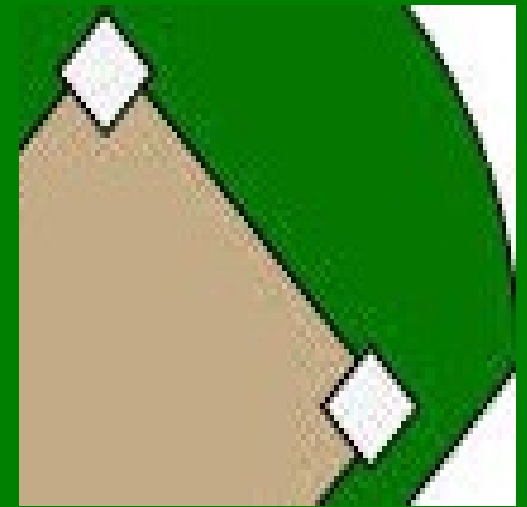
# They must Repent of sin

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- Luke 13:3 I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.



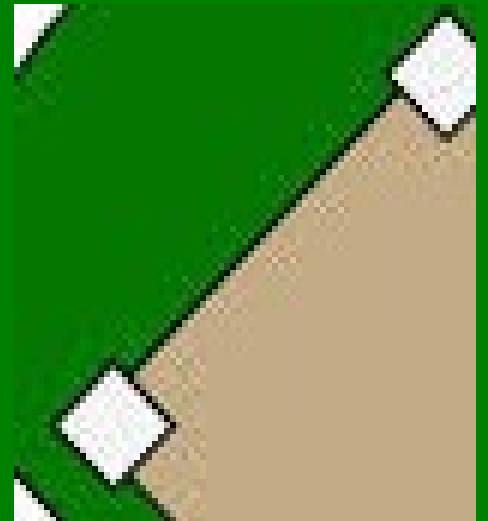
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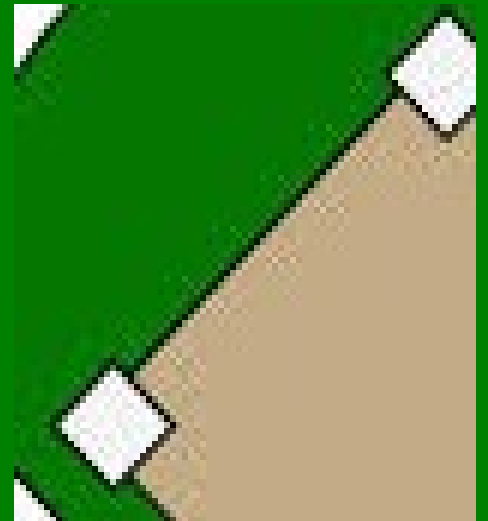
# They must Confess their faith

- 3<sup>rd</sup> base = Confess
- Mathew 10:32 Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.



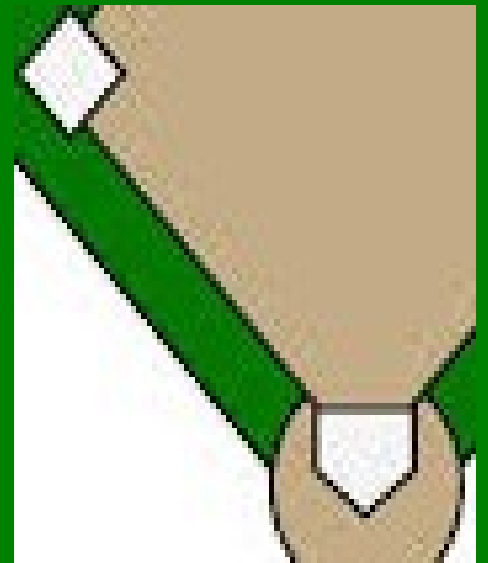
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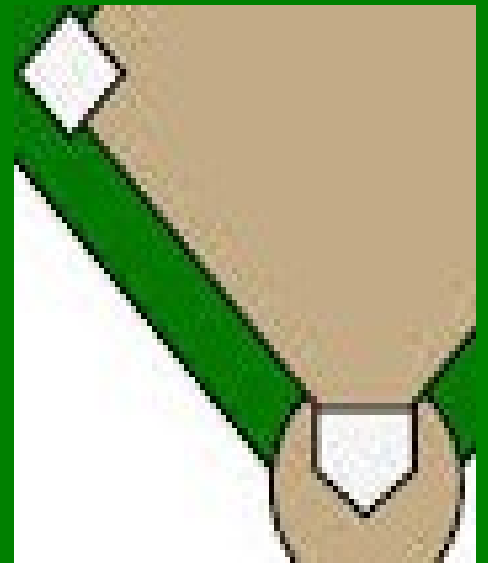
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- Romans 6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.



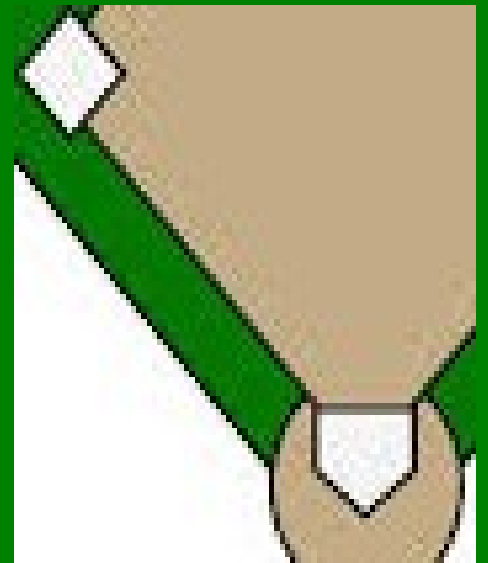
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- Colossians 2:12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.



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- 1 Peter 3:21 There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ



# Baptism is the final goal

- You don't score a run at:
- 1<sup>st</sup> base - believe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> base - repent
- 3<sup>rd</sup> base - confess
- You can't cut across the field
- You must touch each base

