

BAPTISM

A Commandment Of God

Matthew 28:19

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Mark 16:16

16 He that *believeth* and is *baptized* shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Acts 2:38

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Luke 24:44-49

- 44 And he said unto them, *These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.*
- 45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,
- 46 And said unto them, *Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:*
- 47 *And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*
- 48 *And ye are witnesses of these things.*
- 49 *And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*

Jesus Himself Had To Be Baptized To Fulfill Righteousness

Matthew 3:13-15

- 13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.
- 14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?
- 15 And Jesus answering said unto him, *Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.* Then he suffered him.

Mark 1:9

- 9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

Luke 3:21

21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

1 Peter 2:21

21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

Jesus is our perfect example – that if we are to be called Christians we must do as he did.

Baptism Is Essential For Cancellation Of Sins

Acts 2:38-39

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Luke 3:3

3 And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;

Mark 1:4

4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

Acts 22:16

16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Baptism Is Essential For Salvation

There were three baptisms before Christ's glorification.

Hebrews 6:1-2

1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

John's baptism of repentance to prepare the way before Christ. This baptism was not in Jesus' name for he was not known yet.

Acts 1:5

5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

2. The baptism of the Holy Ghost where the Holy Ghost comes to live within a person with spiritual power.

Acts 19:3-5

3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

3. The baptism commanded by Jesus before his ascension in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This baptism is the essential baptism for one to be saved through washing sins away. It is a combination of the first baptism above and more.

Mark 16:16

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James 2:19

19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

The word "believe" means to have complete confidence in and is a continuing process of trusting. If it were just a one-time acknowledgment, as some people say, then the devil would be saved too because he believes in God and in Jesus.

1 Peter 3:21

21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Titus 3:5

5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Acts 10:47

47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

The Holy Ghost is renewed to us as it was with Adam originally and with Jesus. Jesus prayed, "Let them be one as the Father and I are one." Even the people who have received the Holy Ghost from God had to be baptized.

Acts 19:3-5

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Even the people that were baptized with John's baptism had to be re-baptized in the name of our Lord Jesus, the Father, and Holy Ghost.

Repentance Is Necessary Before Baptism

Repentance means a change of mind. It is necessary to change one's mind and seek God for forgiveness of sin. Sin is defined as separation from God.

Luke 3:7-8

- 7 Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, **O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?**
- 8 **Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.**

Acts 2:38

- 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

How Does The Bible Say To Be Baptized?

Matthew 3:16

- 16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

Mark 1:9-10

- 9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.
- 10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:

John 3:23

23 And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.

Acts 8:38

38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he

Baptism Compared To A Death Of Old Self And A Birth Of New Abundant Life

John 3:3

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**

John 3:5

5 Jesus answered, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

Romans 6:3

3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Colossians 2:12

12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

Matthew 3:11-15

11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable *fire*.

13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

15 And Jesus answering said unto him, **Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.** Then he suffered him.

Malachi 3:2-3

2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

- 3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

Results Of Being Baptized, Filled With The Holy Ghost, And Walking In The Spirit Of God

1 John 3:9

- 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

1 John 5:18

- 18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

1 John 5:4

- 4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

1 John 4:7-8

- 7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.
8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

John 1:12-13

- 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:
13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Galatians 3:26-27

- 26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.
27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

1 Peter 1:23

- 23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Romans 8:28-29

- 28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Must Be Old Enough To Understand And Capable Of Believing Before Baptism

Mark 10:13-16

13 And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

14 But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, **Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.**

15 **Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.**

16 And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

Matthew 18:4

4 **Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**

Matthew 18:10

10 **Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.**

Matthew 28:19-20

19 **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**

20 **Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**

Mark 16:16

16 **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.**

Acts 2:41

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Acts 8:12

12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Acts 8:37

37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

