

Water Baptism

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Baptism – GK Baptismo – to be immersed

- **Jesus commanded us to make disciples (disciplined followers) and to baptize. It is not just a religious practice or tradition, it is an essential part of the Spiritual foundation of all believers.**
- **Water Baptism is both a personal recognition and a public confession that Jesus died on the cross to eliminate your sinful nature. An outward confession of what's Jesus has done in your heart.**

Matthew 3:13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. 14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" 15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

- **Jesus tells us to baptize in the Great Commission, but also set the example being baptized himself, "fulfilling all righteousness".**

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit

Mark 16:16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Acts 22:16 And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.

- **Baptism coincides with believing and repenting (turning from sin), which requires a conscious act of our will.**
- **Baby Baptism is cute and traditional for many, but is not consistent with the New Testament as it is not a conscious act of will or identification with Christ.**
- **There is no Biblical case or cause for baptism on behalf of another person, living or dead. Repentance for others has no Biblical basis.**

Romans 6:11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Colossians 2:11-13 In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 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. 13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

Romans 6:2-5 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 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. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

- **As Faith and repenting is required for salvation, Baptism is done out of obedience and identification with Christ in the death and burial of our old selves and resurrection as a new creation in Christ**
- **Gk word for Baptism means to be immersed. There is no scriptural reference to Baptism being a sprinkle, which also does not coincide with the identification of death, burial & resurrection.**
 - **Matthew 3:16**
 - **Acts 8:38-39**
- **Baptism in Water scripturally is done out of obedience following faith in Christ and repentance, which is separate from Baptism of Holy Spirit.**

Acts 8:15-17 who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. 16 For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 10:46-48 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, 47 “Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

Acts 19:4-6 Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.” 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

- **Baptism is to be in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit**
 - **Matthew 28:19**

Ephesians 4:4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

- **Scripturally Baptism is not intended as a requirement for membership into a denomination or specific local church, but is identification with Christ and in turn with the Body of Christ, His Church.**

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- More than symbolism, identifying with Christ through Baptism is intended to be a life-altering, life changing event that God intends for all His children because it's not enough to just accept Jesus' sacrifice as our ticket to heaven.

Galatians 3:26-28 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.