

## What is that Name?

Many people are sincere in their belief and yet, we can be sincerely wrong. It is VERY important to understand why we must be baptized and the correct way to be baptized.

How and when is the name of Jesus Christ placed upon us? The name of Jesus Christ is given to the believer when they are baptized into His name, *“For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ”* (Galatians 3:27). This is why the New Testament church baptized only in the name of Jesus Christ

In the book of Acts **19:1-5**, the apostle Paul tells the disciples of John the Baptist to be ***re-baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.***

Peter, Philip and Paul all baptized *in the name of Jesus Christ and instructed those who followed them to do the same,*  
*“And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus...”*  
**Colossians 3:17.**

**We have discovered that baptism is:**

- 1) A command of Jesus Christ
- 2) Baptism means to be immersed in water
- 3) Baptism is an outward expression of obedience to the scripture that the person being baptized is burying the sinful nature and has

committed to live a life pleasing to God

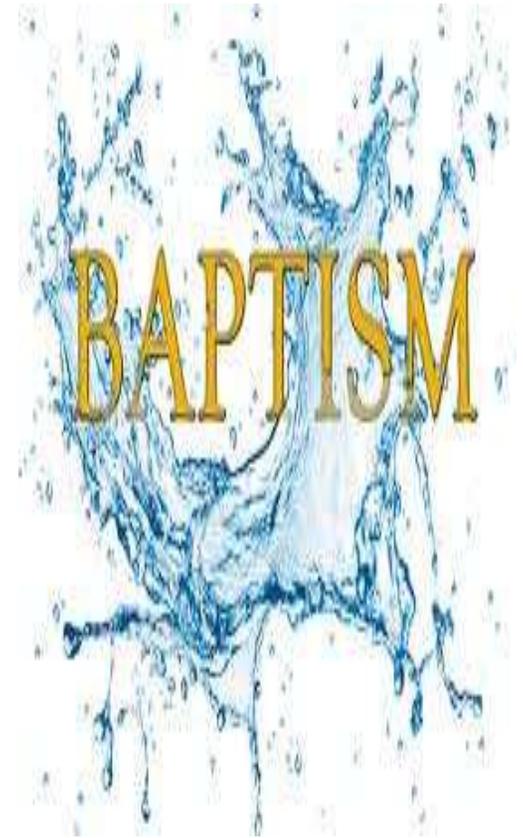
- 4) The place where a believer takes on the name of Jesus Christ and is born again of water.

Have you been baptized? How were you baptized?

*If you have any questions or comments please write or call.*

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## ***A Biblical Perspective***

***“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved...”***

***Mark 16:16***

## What does baptism mean?

The word “baptism” comes from the Greek word “*baptizo*” which means to dip, submerge or plunge under water.

- Baptized in the river of Jordan  
**Mark 1:5**
- Jesus came up, out of the water  
**Mark 2:10**
- Baptism in water was important to the early church **Acts 8:36-38**

## Why Is Baptism Important

*Baptism is* a command of Jesus Christ in order to see heaven.

*“...Except a man be born of water...he cannot enter into the kingdom of God”*  
**John 3:5**

*“...He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved...”* **Mark 16:16**

*“...teach all nations, baptizing them...”*  
**Matthew 28:19**

*Baptism is* for the remission (washing away) of sins. Without baptism sins are not washed away.

*“...repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations...”* **Luke 24:47**

*“...repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...”* **Acts 2:38**

*“...be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord”*  
**Acts 22:16**

*Baptism is* a type of being buried with Jesus Christ.

*“Know ye not, that as many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?”* **Romans 6:3**

*“For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”*  
**Galatians 3:27**

*“...Buried with him in baptism...”*  
**Colossians 2:12**

## Biblical Examples

*Baptism* signifies the beginning of a new way of life, Jesus called this being ‘*born again*’ of water and Spirit (John 3:3-5). The New Testament is full of examples testifying to the importance of baptism as more than a ritual or something one does to simply identify with a certain religious group.

- Early believers were commanded to be baptized.  
**Acts 10:47-48 & Acts 19:1-5**

## Is Baptism Really for Everyone?

Repentance and baptism are almost always found in scripture together because they apply to sinners, “*For all have sinned...*” **Romans 3:23**. So, if you have never committed sin you do not need to be baptized. Because all mankind has sinned,

“*God now **commands** all men everywhere to repent.*” – **Acts 17:30**. Repentance simply means a change of heart towards God, to acknowledge and reject the sinful nature of disobedience and make a 180 degree turn away from the direction you were going. When we repent of our sins and are baptized in the name of Jesus Christ a great promise is for us, “*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*” **1 John 1:9**.

Through baptism we bury the old sinful man so that we can be born again, “*...If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new*” - **2 Corinthians 5:17**.

## The Name of Jesus

Having the name of Jesus Christ called over you is very important. Since baptism is essential to salvation, the way it is done is also important.

*And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.*  
**Acts 22:16**

Jesus said to be baptized “*...in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost*” **Matthew 28:19**.

*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.* **Acts 4:12**