

A Sure Foundation Pt4

Christian Baptism

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.

I CORINTHIANS 10:1-2

1. Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;
2. And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

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:

MATTHEW 16:17-19

17. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.
18. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

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.

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baptizo {bap-tid'-zo}

- 1) to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge (of vessels sunk)
2) to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water
3) Not to be confused with 911, baptō. The clearest example that shows the meaning of baptizo is a text from the Greek poet and physician Nicander, who lived about 200 B.C. It is a recipe for making pickles and is helpful because it uses both words. Nicander says that in order to make a pickle, the vegetable should first be 'dipped' (baptō) into boiling water and then 'baptised' (baptizo)

in the vinegar solution. Both verbs concern the immersing of vegetables in a solution. But **the first is temporary. The second**, the act of baptising the vegetable, **produces a permanent change**. When used in the NT, this word more often refers to our union and identification with Christ than to our water baptism. E.G. Mark 16:16. 'He that believes and is baptised shall be saved'. Christ is saying that mere intellectual assent is not enough. There must be a union with Him, a real change, like the vegetable to the pickle!

LUKE 3:16

16. John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire**:

ACTS 10:48a [Peter] 48a. And he commanded them to **be baptized in [the name] of the Lord**.

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 8:14-16

14. Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: 15. Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: 16. (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only **they were baptized in [the name] of the Lord Jesus**.)

ACTS 8:35-38

35. Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and **preached unto him Jesus**. 36. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, **here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?** 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**. 38. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and **he baptized him**.

ACTS 9:18 [When Ananias goes to pray for Paul] 18. And immediately there fell from his eyes a it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

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.

CHURCH AGE BOOK

I admit that it takes a real revelation from the Holy Ghost to see the truth about the Godhead these days when we are in the midst of the perverting of so much Scripture. But the prevailing, overcoming church is built on revelation so we can expect God to reveal His truth to us. However, you actually don't need a revelation on water baptism. It is right there staring you in the face. Would it be possible for one minute for the apostles to be led astray from a direct command of the Lord to baptize in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost and then find them in willful disobedience? They knew what the Name was, and there is not one place in Scripture where they baptized any other way than in the Name of Lord Jesus Christ. Common sense would tell you that the Book of Acts is the church in action, and if they baptized that way, then that is the way to baptize. Now if you think that is strong, what do you think of this? Anyone who was not baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus had to be baptized over again.

EPHESIANS 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

"St. Augustine (of Hippo) states that 'those baptized into other names need to be rebaptized into Christ'. Elsewhere, he states knowledge of those who had been baptized into the name of Christ alone [outside the apostolic era] and likewise argues for a literal interpretation of Acts 2:38 'in the name of Jesus'." ~ Wikipedia

ROMANS 6:3

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

GALATIANS 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

COLOSSIANS 3:17

17. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in [the name] of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

ACTS 4:10-12

10. Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by [the name] of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. 11. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. 12. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.