

The Call to be Baptized

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(Acts 1:3) To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

Baptism in the Great Commission

Baptism means to immerse, submerge, make fully wet, to be identified with.

(Matthew 28:19) 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) He that believeth and is *baptized* shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

(Luke 24:47) And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

How was this preached at Jerusalem? (Acts 2:38) 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.

(John 20:23) Whose soever sins ye *remit*, they are *remitted* unto them; and whose soever sins ye *retain*, they are *retained*.

How are sins remitted? See Acts 2:38. How are sins retained? See Mark 16:16.

Other References on Baptism by Jesus

To fulfil righteousness, (Matthew 3:15-16) 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. (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.

(John 3:5) 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.

During the earthly ministry of Christ, He had His disciples baptize people, (John 3:22) After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judæa; and there he tarried with them, and baptized.

(John 4:1-2) When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, (2) (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples).

The Apostles' Doctrine Concerning Baptism

Immersion into water, (Acts 8:38-39) 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. (39) And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

The Formula: **In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ**, Acts 2:38, 8:16; 10:48; 19:3-5; Acts 22:16. (Acts 19:3-5) 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.

Baptism is to be identified with Christ, (Galatians 3:27) For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

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Identification with the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, (Romans 6:3-6) Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? (4) Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up 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 planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness of his* resurrection: (6) Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

The old man (sinner) is buried in repentance and water baptism into the name of Jesus Christ. A new man has risen, which has been created after God in righteousness and true holiness.

(Colossians 2:12) 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.

(Ephesians 4:24) And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

To be sanctified, (I Corinthians 6:11) And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

(Ephesians 5:26) That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.

For the resurrection, (Romans 6:5) For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness of his* resurrection.

For salvation, (I Peter 3:20-21) Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. (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.

Forgiveness of sins are received by: the name of Jesus, the blood of Jesus, and the Word of God.

The name of Jesus: Acts 2:38; Acts 4:12; I Corinthians 6:11. (Acts 4:12) Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

The blood of Jesus, (Ephesians 1:7) In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

(Colossians 1:14) In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins.

(Revelations 1:5) And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.

The Word of God, (John 17:17) Sanctify them through thy truth: *thy word is truth.*

(Ephesians 5:26) That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.

We are sanctified by the Word when we obey it, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in *obeying the truth...*" (I Peter 1:22).