



Baptism in Jesus Name

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“Then **Peter** said unto them,
Repent, and be baptized
every one of you
in the name of Jesus Christ
for the remission of sins...”
(Acts 2:38)

Definition: Biblical Baptism

1. Baptizo (Greek) = Immerse; Rantizo (Greek) = Sprinkle.
2. Baptism is a process where a person **believes and obeys** by repenting of their sins and being immersed in water in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.

Beginning of the Gospels

1. John the Baptist is shown preparing the way for the Lord by baptizing unto repentance and pointing to future remission of sins through Christ and Baptism.
(Matthew 3:1-17, Mark 1:1-8, Luke 3:1-22, and John 1:19-37)
He baptized at Aenon because there was much water there. (John 3:22-36)
2. John the Baptist stressed the necessity of repentance. (Matthew 3:1, 11)
3. Jesus was baptized (Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22, John 1:31-34) to:
 - (1) “fulfill all righteousness,” - baptism was necessary as shown by the Brazen Laver in the tabernacle (Exodus 29:20)
 - (2) Begin His ministry (age 30) – we as Priests today must be baptized (Exodus 29:4; 40:12, Leviticus 8:6; I Peter 2:5, 9)
 - (3) Sanction John’s baptism and message of repentance
 - (4) Provide an example to us
4. **Jesus said**, “Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” (John 3:5)
 - (1) Old Testament Typology water + spirit: Creation (Genesis 1:2),
 - (2) Noah (Genesis 6; 7:18; I Peter 3:20-21),
 - (3) Moses (I Corinthians 10:2).

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End of the Gospels (The Great Commission)

1. "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 28:19).
2. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name..." (Mark 16:15-17).
3. "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:47).
4. "Whose soever sins you remit, they are remitted unto them" (John 20:23).

What Did the Apostles do? Note: Peter had the keys to open the door to the Jews (Chapter 2), the Samaritans (Chapter 8), and the Gentiles (Chapter 10).

1. The Jews were told to be baptized in Jesus name (Acts 2:38). Matthew did not disagree with what Peter was saying.
2. The Samaritans were baptized in the name of Jesus (Acts 8:12-16).
3. The Gentiles were baptized in the name of Jesus (Acts 10:43-48).

What did the Apostle Paul do?

1. The Ephesians were re-baptized because they had not been baptized in the name of Jesus (Acts 19:1-5).
2. Peter and Paul were in agreement on baptism in Jesus name (II Corinthians 13:1, Galatians 1).

Other references to Baptism in the Acts of the Apostles

1. The Eunuch was baptized - "...went down into the water..." (Acts 8:24-38).
2. The Apostle Paul was baptized (Acts 9:15-18).
3. Lydia's household baptized by Paul (Acts 16:15)
4. The Philippian jailer and his household believed and were baptized by Paul (Acts 16:31-34).

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5. Crispus's household baptized by Paul (Acts 18:8).
6. "Arise and be baptized calling on the Name..." (Acts 22:16, Romans 10:13).

What do the Epistles say about Baptism?

Important Note: The Epistles were written to those already baptized in Jesus Name.

1. "Baptized into Jesus" - "baptized into His death" - "buried" (Romans 6:1-4)
2. "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ..." (Galatians 3:27)
3. "One Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Ephesians 4:5).
4. "Buried with Him in baptism" Colossians 2:10-12 – operation of God; circumcision and name change (Genesis 17:5 - Abram to Abraham, 17:15 Sarai to Sarah - princess) - We take on the name of Jesus; Luke 2:21 Jesus was circumcised as our example; Romans 2:28-29 circumcision of the heart – with His name, we are raised into royalty.

Conclusion

1. Each recorded baptism after the resurrection was in Jesus name.
2. No one in the Bible was baptized using the formula, "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."
3. If each person after the resurrection was baptized by immersion in Jesus Name, is any other method acceptable to God?

The Importance of the Name - JESUS

1. "...a name which is above every name...That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow. . ." (Philippians 2:9 -10).
2. "Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named. . . ." (Ephesians 1:21).
3. "...one Lord, and His Name one. . ." (Zechariah 14:9). Many titles, one Name.
4. Jesus is the Father (Isaiah 9:6, John 5:43), Son (Matthew 1:21), and Holy Ghost (Colossians 1:27, II Corinthians 3:17-18, John 14:26).
5. Isaiah prophesied that people in New Testament times would know His Name and who He is that speaks (Isaiah 52:6).

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6. Stephen saw Jesus (Acts 7:55); Paul heard Him (Acts 9:5).
7. "call his name Immanuel..." and "...called his name Jesus" (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:21-25).
8. "...the mighty God, the everlasting Father" (Isaiah 9:6).
9. Jesus had all power and authority (Matthew 28:18, Acts 4:7-11) and that power and authority is available to us through His name (Acts 3:6,16).
10. "If my people which are called by my Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, then they shall hear from heaven..." (II Chronicles 7:14).
11. In the Old Testament, the only place God placed His Name was on the Ark of the Covenant above the mercy seat in the tabernacle and temple (II Samuel 6:2, I Kings 9:1-3, I Chronicles 13:5-6). Jesus says he is the temple (John 2:19-21), and we are temples today (I Corinthians 3:16-17) if we have His name.
12. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name..." (Acts 4:12).
13. "...do all in the name of the Lord Jesus..." (Colossians 3:17). We use His name for healing, casting out devils, praying, and blessing food; how much more should it be use it in baptism?
14. In business, a check is invalid without a name.
15. In the New Testament, the heirs are members of His Family - those with His Name (Ephesians 3:14-15, Galatians 3:27-29).
16. In marriage, we, as the bride of Christ take on His name (Revelation 21:9). In adoption - "...unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 1:5) - "...as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name..."(John 1:12). We are born of God at baptism – "Except a man be born of water and of the spirit..."(John 3:3-5).
17. There is no place in scriptures that say that Jesus is coming for "Christians;" His interest is in a people called by His Name "...And all the Gentiles, upon whom my Name is called..."(Acts 15:14-17).
18. "...ye are washed...sanctified...justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God" (I Corinthians 6:11).
19. A person is condemned "because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18).
20. "...that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John 20:31).