

BAPTISM IN JESUS' NAME

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BAPTISM

John 3:5 Jesus answered, **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.**

Since Jesus gave his life that we may have salvation, we must obey the plan of salvation the way the Author of our Salvation laid it out. He said, **Verily, verily,** (meaning Truly, Truly), **I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

Since we can not enter into the kingdom of God without being born of the water and Spirit, (if we want to enter into the kingdom of God), then we must find out what Jesus meant by being born of the water and Spirit. Then we must obey him.

Man has often been confused, as Nicodemus was, on what is meant by born of the water and the spirit. In this study, we will look at what Jesus meant by born of the water. (See Holy Ghost and Fire for the meaning of the Spirit birth). I have heard it taught that when a child is born the water surrounding the child was the water that Jesus was talking about. Jesus was talking about water baptism, by immersion and not the water from natural birth.

The Church was established in the book of Acts. No other place in the Bible will you find the complete plan of Salvation. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are called The Gospels, (meaning good news). They tell of the divine birth of Jesus, his deity, miracles and the calling of his disciples to carry His message to the world. The books from Romans through Jude are to Churches that were established in the book of Acts. These books were like maintenance manuals dealing with specific problems and encouragement to these churches.

Jesus was baptized by John for our example. **Matthew 3:11** I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

Matthew 3:13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

Matthew 3:14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

Matthew 3:15 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.

Matthew 3:16 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:

SAME ACCOUNT OF JESUS BEING BAPTIZED BY JOHN FROM BOOK OF MARK
Mark 1:8 I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

Mark 1:9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

Mark 1:10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:

Many people will take part of the above scripture out of context. Saying God was in heaven speaking, the Spirit of God was descending like a dove and Jesus was standing in the water. That makes three. This is wrong. The Spirit of God descending like a dove was a sign to John.

John 1:32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

John 1:33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, **Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.**

John 1:34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

Matthew 3:17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

DID JESUS HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO PROCLAIM THE PLAN OF SALVATION?

1 Timothy 3:16 And **without controversy** great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Without any doubt, Jesus had the authority, since He IS God, The One God known as The I Am and Jehovah to the Jews, Allah, (meaning The God) to the Muslims, The Father, Son and Holy Ghost to misguided Christians who believe in the Trinity, neither of which realize that Jesus IS the One and only God of the universe who was manifest in the flesh. The body was the Son of God after the flesh. The Spirit within that body was God. Jesus is the revealed name of God.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life:** no man cometh unto **the** Father, but by me.

John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life:** he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

John 11:26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

John 11:27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world. (The word Christ means The Anointed One).

JESUS IS THE GREAT I AM

John 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Before Abraham was, I am.**

JESUS IS THE FATHER

John 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, **Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how savest thou then, Shew us the Father?**

John 10:30 I and my Father are one.

JESUS WAS THE SON AFTER THE FLESH, JESUS IS GOD AFTER THE SPIRIT

Matthew 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

ONE SAT ON THE THRONE

Revelation 4:2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high. (Right hand means place of power).

Hebrews 1:8 But unto the Son he saith, **Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.**

Jesus was baptized by immersion. This is the only way anyone was baptized in the Bible. The proper way is still by complete immersion. Men have changed this to allow sprinkling and pouring on of water. This sprinkling or pouring on of water is wrong. (Source World Book Encyclopedia).

Romans 6:3-4 (3) 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.

Paul used complete immersion when he baptized. He said we are buried with him by baptism. If you believe sprinkling will do as good as burying, try sprinkling a little dirt on something that is dead and say, "well I buried that." In a few days you will realize that sprinkling is not the same as burying.

THE DISCIPLES KNEW JESUS WAS GOD MANIFEST IN THE FLESH

John 16:25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.

This promise was fulfilled from beyond the grave. This promise was given his disciples shortly before his death, burial and resurrection. He taught his disciples an additional 40 days after his resurrection.

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:

Acts 1:4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, **ye have heard of me.**

Luke 24:44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

JESUS SAID, "THOU SHALT WORSHIP THE LORD THY GOD, AND HIM ONLY SHALT THOU SERVE!

Matthew 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, **Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.**

Luke 4:8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

GOD COMMANDED ALL OF THE ANGELS TO WORSHIP JESUS

Hebrews 1:6 And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

JESUS ALLOWED HIMSELF TO BE WORSHIPPED.

Matthew 8:2 And, behold, there came a leper and **worshipped him**, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

Matthew 8:3 And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

Matthew 9:18 While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and **worshipped him**, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

JESUS ALLOWED HIS DISCIPLES TO WORSHIP HIM

Matthew 28:9 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, **and worshipped him.**

Matthew 28:17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

JESUS ACKNOWLEDGED ALL POWER IS GIVEN UNTO ME IN HEAVEN AND IN EARTH

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

If Jesus was not God, manifested in the Flesh, as Paul had written, then he contradicted his own words stating, "it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

HE HAD ALLOWED HIS DISCIPLES AND OTHERS TO WORSHIP HIM.

THIS IS THE CONTEXT IN WHICH JESUS GAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMANDMENTS

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:

He was not saying to baptize in the titles of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; but was commanding them to go into all the world and baptize in The NAME.

Mark 16:16-17 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. (17) And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

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

Acts 2:38-41 (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. (39) For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. (40) And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. (41) Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

IS THE HOLY GHOST ESSENTIAL IF YOU HAVE BEEN PROPERLY BAPTIZED?

YES, JESUS SAID, "WATER AND SPIRIT."

Acts 8:14-17 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.**) (17) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

IS BAPTISM NECESSARY IF YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST?

YES, JESUS SAID, "WATER AND SPIRIT."

Acts 10:44-48 (44) While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. (45) And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. (46) For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, (47) Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? (48) **And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.** Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

IS THE HOLY GHOST NECESSARY IF YOU BELIEVE?

YES, JOHN'S DISCIPLES BELIEVED, BUT THEY HAD TO OBEY THE PLAN OF SALVATION COMPLETELY. REMEMBER JESUS SAID, "THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW THEM THAT BELIEVE."

Acts 19:1-6 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, (2) He said unto them, **Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?** And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. (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.** (6) And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, **the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.**

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

1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

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

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.

1 Peter 3:21 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:

Luke 24:45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

Luke 24:46 **And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:**

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

Luke 24:48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Luke 24:50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

Luke 24:51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

Luke 24:52 **And they worshipped him,** and returned to Jerusalem with great joy

This commission from Jesus was fulfilled in every instance in Acts where anyone was baptized. They were all baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ as Peter, (who had the keys to the kingdom), commanded in Acts 2:38.

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.