

BAPTISM

WATER NEW CREATION THE FATHER NEW SPIRIT
THE SON HOLY SPIRIT



The Power & Purpose of Baptism

from a Scriptural Point of View

Part 1

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The Power & Purpose of Christian Baptism

- **The point of this lesson is to reveal from Scripture how one comes into a healthy & saving relationship with Jesus Christ.**
- **This lesson will reveal the purpose and the power of Scriptural baptism.**
- **This lesson will deepen one's faith and appreciation for the work of Christ in your life.**

Stop & Consider these questions!

- If you died today, would you go to heaven?
- If you answered “**YES,**” then please consider (stop and think about) your salvation experience.
- If you answered, “**NO,**” just hang in there with us for some really exciting news from the Lord!

Stop & Consider these questions!

- If you answered “YES,” then please honestly and humbly answer the next question.
- **Was water part of your salvation experience?**

Jesus' Church

- ***“I will build my church”*** (Matthew 16:18, NIV)
- ***“If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*** (John 8:31-32, NIV)

Baptism is Proclaimed by Jesus' Authority

- *"All **authority** in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore **go and make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing them in the name of the **Father** and of the **Son** and of the **Holy Spirit**, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*** (Matthew 28:18-20, NIV).

Jesus Proclaims Baptism to Nicodemus

*Now there was a man of the **Pharisees** named **Nicodemus**, a member of the **Jewish ruling council**. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."
(John 3:1-2, NIV)*

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3 *In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is **born again.**"*

4 *"How can a man be born when he is old?"*

Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

5 *Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is **born of water and the Spirit.** **6** Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. **7** You should not be surprised at my saying, **'You must be born again.'**"*
(John 3:1-7, NIV)

Scriptural Baptism, Proclaimed, Preached, Passed On & Powered by the Spirit!

- **Proclaimed** by the **Authority** of the Lord in the Great Commission (**Matthew 28:18-20**)
- **Preached** by **Jesus** to Cornelius (**John 3:1-7**)
- **Passed on** to Peter from Jesus, “*the keys to the kingdom*” (**Matthew 16:19**).
- **Preached** by **Peter** at Pentecost (**Acts 2:36-41**).
- **Powered** by the **Spirit**; *the active agent* in baptism? (**1 Corinthians 12:13**).

The Real Question?

- **The question is NOT if you want to be baptized!**
- **The question is DO YOU want to see the kingdom of God?**

Do you want to see the kingdom of God?

- **Then you have to be born again!**
- **You have to be born of water & the spirit!**
- **You have to loose your sins!**
- **You have to receive the Spirit!**
- **This same promise is for all!**
 - **The Jew**
 - **The children of the Jews**
 - **For all whom our Lord will call**

Accept the Message & Enter the Kingdom

- Those that accepted the Lord's message were added to the church at Pentecost 2000 years ago!
- The message has not changed!
- Would you, friend, see the kingdom of God?
- Then as Ananias proclaimed to Saul of Tarsus, *“Arise, be baptized and wash away your sins, calling upon his name!”* (Acts 22:16, NIV)
- Come, to Jesus; be empowered by the Spirit to enter the Kingdom! Come!

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