

The Power & Purpose of Baptism

from a Scriptural Point of View

Part 2

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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 Nicodemus(**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**).

Baptism: Proclaimed 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).

Baptism: Proclaimed Authority

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

Baptism: Preached By Jesus

- Jesus said to Nicodemus, *“I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.”* (John 3:3, NIV).
- Jesus said, *“I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.”* (John 3:6, NIV).

Baptism: Passed on to Peter

- Jesus said to Peter, *“I will give you **the keys of the kingdom** of heaven; whatever you **bind** on earth will be **bound** in heaven, and whatever you **loose** on earth will be **loosed** in heaven.”* (Matthew 16:19).

Baptism: Preached By Peter

- *"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38, NIV).*

Baptism: Powered by the Spirit

- *For we were all **baptized by one Spirit** into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. (1 Corinthians 12:13, NIV)*
- **The Spirit of God is the ACTIVE AGENT IN BAPTISM!**
- **ARE YOU OR HAVE YOU BEEN POSITIONED TO RECEIVE THE BLESSINGS OF CHRIST?**

Baptism: Powered by the Spirit

- *You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were **baptized into Christ** have **clothed** yourselves with Christ.
(Galatians 3:26-27, NIV)*

Baptism: Powered by the Spirit

- *In him we were also **chosen**, having been **predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will**, 12 in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be **for the praise of his glory**. 13 And you also were **included in Christ** when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a **seal**, the promised **Holy Spirit**, 14 who is a **deposit** guaranteeing our **inheritance** until the redemption of those who are God's **possession—to the praise of his glory**. (Ephesians 1:11-14, NIV).*

Baptism: Powered by the Spirit

- *...this water symbolizes **baptism** that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but **the pledge of a good conscience toward God**. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,...* (1 Peter 3:21, NIV)

Would you receive these precious gifts that come through obedience to Christ Authority?

- **Born again!**
- **Born of the water and the Spirit.**
- **Sins are washed away**
- **Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**
 - Earnest, deposit unto inheritance
 - Seal of God upon the believer
- **Baptized into Christ**
 - Clothed in Christ
- **Added to the church**
- **The answer of a good conscience**
- **The active agent in baptism is God's Holy Spirit**
- **You will see the kingdom of God**