

Water Baptism in the New Testament

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Infant Baptism

*What does the Gospel
teach us about baptism?*

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- John's Baptism
- Baptism & Salvation in Acts
- Baptism & Salvation in the Epistles



John's Baptism:

Looking Forward to Gospel

John 3:23

²³ Now John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there. And they came and were baptized.

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 - “Much water” needed only to immerse

Mark 1:1-4

¹The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in the Prophets: “Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You. ³The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the LORD; make His paths straight.’” ⁴John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

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Luke 3:2-3

² While Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. ³ And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

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- Matthew 3:5-8
 - Repentance necessary before baptism
- Matthew 21:23-32 By whose authority?

Luke 7:29-30

²⁹ And when all the people heard Him, even the tax collectors justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John. ³⁰ But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.

Responses in Luke 7:29-30

- Pharisees & lawyers ➤ *People & tax collector*
- Rejected the will of God ➤ *Heard*
➤ *Justified God*
- Not having been baptized by John ➤ *Having been baptized with baptism of John*
- Disobedience ➤ *Obedience*

Summary of the Principles

- John's teaching was in preparation for Christ
- It was a baptism (immersion) in water
- Baptism taught required prior repentance
- One who did not repent could not be baptized
- Baptism was for remission of sins (cf. ***Matt. 26:28***)
- True faith in God caused one to be baptized
- Recognized God's right to rule in obedience
- Those rejecting God's word disobeyed

Baptism in Acts:

Looking at Baptism in Present

Baptism & Great Commission

■ Matthew 28:18-20

- All authority given to Jesus
- Go make disciples
- Baptizing in name...
- Teach to observe all things commanded

■ Mark 16:15-16

- Preach gospel to every creature
- Must believe
- And be baptized
- Saved
- Not obey = lost

Examples of Conversion

- Pentecost in Acts 2 (*2:38*)
- Samaritans in Acts 8 (*8:12*)
- Ethiopian in Acts 8 (*8:35-39*)
- Saul in Acts 9 (*Acts 9:18 → 22:16*)
- Cornelius in Acts 10 (*10:48*)
- Lydia in Acts 16 (*16:15*)
- Philippian jailor in Acts 16 (*16:33*)
- Corinthians in Acts 18 (*18:8*)

Baptism in the Epistles:

Looking Back on Baptism



How Are Christians To Look Back On Their Baptism?

- 1 Peter 3:21
- Galatians 3:27
- Colossians 2:11-13
- Romans 6:3-11
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-13
 - *Ephesians 5:26*

Baptism in the Name of Christ...

- In Water as Response to Preaching Christ – **Acts 8:35-36**
- Response of Believers – **Acts 8:12-13**
- By Authority of Father, Son & Spirit – **Matthew 28:19**
- Makes One a Disciple of Christ – **Matthew 28:19**
- For Salvation – **Mark 16:16**
- Now Saves Us – **1 Peter 3:21**
- For Remission Of Sins – **Acts 2:38**
- For Washing Away Sin – **Acts 22:16**
- Body Of Sin Done Away – **Romans 6:6**
- Is into Christ's Death (Blood) – **Romans 6:3**
- Puts One into Christ – **Galatians 3:27**
- Adds One to Christ's Church – **Acts 2:41, 47**
- Is into the One Body – **1 Corinthians 12:13**
- Gets One into the Kingdom – **John 3:5**
- Raised from Baptism with Christ – **Colossians 2:11-12**
- Results in Putting on Christ – **Galatians 3:27**
- Raised to Walk in the New Life – **Romans 6:4**
- Made Alive to God in Christ – **Romans 6:11**

Conclusions

- Baptism in name of Christ is immersion in water
 - Sprinkling or pouring a little water is not N.T. baptism
- Faith causes obedience to Christ's baptism
 - Infant who cannot first believe cannot be baptized
- Repentance must precede Christ's baptism
 - Infant does not have sins to repent of (*Ezek. 18:20*)
- Saved by Christ's blood in baptism
 - Brought together with Christ in baptism
 - Made part of Christ's body by baptism
 - Resurrected to new life out of baptism
- Response to this command shows if one will reject God's counsel or accept God's right to rule
- Infant baptism has wrong subject, purpose & result