Water Baptism in the New Testament

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Infant Baptism

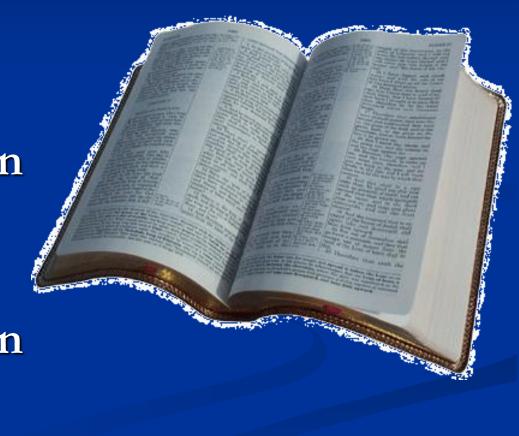
What does the Gospel teach us about baptism?

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John's Baptism

Baptism & Salvation in Acts

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John's Baptism: Looking Forward to Gospel

John 3:23

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

- John 3:23 "Because there was <u>much</u> water"
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Mark 1:1-4

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

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Luke 3:2-3

²While 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
- Rejected the will of God
- Not having been baptized by John
- Disobedience

- > People & tax collector
- > Heard
- > Justified God
- Having been baptized with baptism of John
- > 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