

Introduction: Apostles' Doctrine

The Apostles doctrine is three core aspects of Christian initiation teaching (1) repentance, (2) baptism in Jesus' name for the remission of sins, and (3) the gift of the Holy Spirit as expressed in Acts 2:38. The Apostles Doctrine pertains to what the Apostles taught as the normative process becoming part of the body of Christ.

Acts 2:38 Overview

Jesus died, was buried and was raised from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

- •Repentance is symbolic of death
- Water baptism is symbolic of burial
- •Receiving the Holy Spirit is symbolic of being raised from the dead (being born again)

We must die and be buried with Christ so that we might walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:2-4)

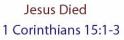
- •We die to sin / repent (Rom 6:2)
- •We are buried with Christ in baptism (Rom 6:2-4, Col 2:11-14)
- •We are born again by receiving the Holy Spirt confirming our hope in the resurrection from the dead (Rom 6:4)
- •We believe that if we die and are buried with Christ that we will also be raised with Christ

ACTS 2:38

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THE APOSTLES DOCTRINE









We Must Die Romans 6:2

Jesus Was Buried
1 Corinthians 15:1-3



BURIAL 2 BAPTISM



We Must Be "Buried" Romans 6:3-4





RESURRECTION 3





We Must Rise Again Romans 6:4; 8:2

OF INITIATION INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST

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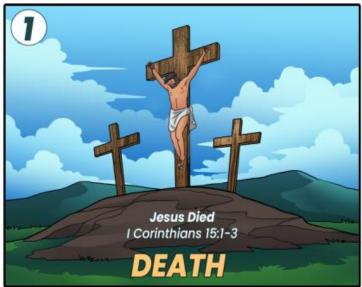
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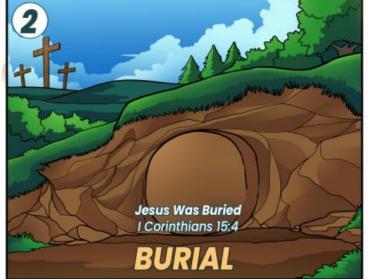
Acts 2:38, Acts 8:12-17, Acts 10:44-48, Acts 19:2-7, Romans 6:2-4

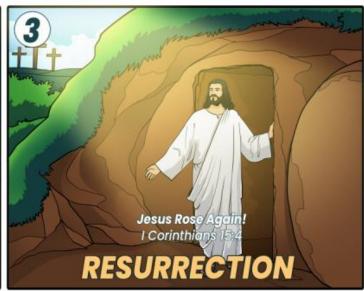












Apostles Doctrine of Acts 2:38 in Action

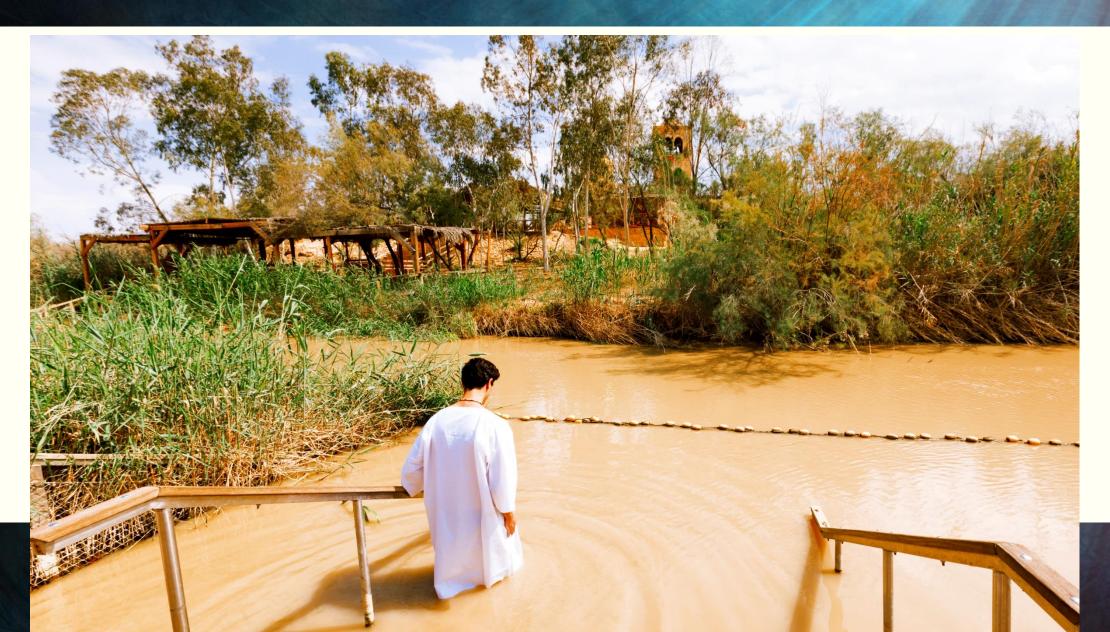


Jesus as our model was baptized

Luke 3:21-22 (ESV) ²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."



Now Baptism Represents Burial with Christ



Baptism Sites – Jordan River







Examples of Baptisms



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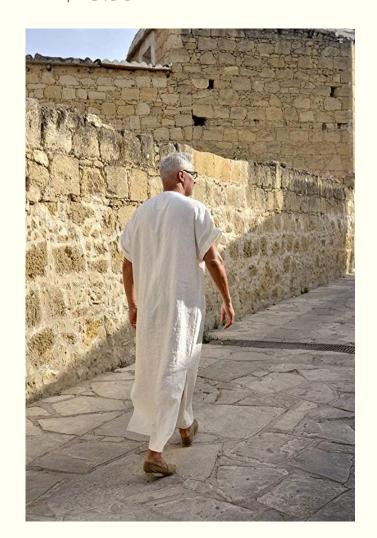
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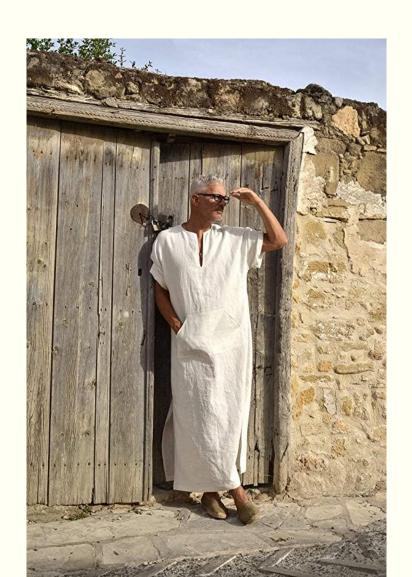




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Background to Baptism p.1

In the Old Testament, we find water to be often a place of new beginnings, a place where the Spirit of God was present and active, a place of destruction and death, cleansing and deliverance, a place of repentance and transformation, a place where future marriages were in the works, and often a threshold into new life.

These OT water themes led to the practice of Jewish proselyte baptism that was required of any Gentile who wished to become a Jew. Once the proselyte rose from the water he was considered cleansed of prior sins, reborn and a Jew in every way.

Background to Baptism p.2

It was most likely after the practice of proselyte baptism was established that the prophet known as John the Baptizer came in the wilderness of Judea preaching a baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins. He was in effect saying, "Not even you Jews are ready for the kingdom of God. You, like the Gentiles, are in need of repentance, cleansing of sin and rebirth." He commanded a baptism to express repentance, and one that was not selfadministered, but rather the person to be baptized was brought under the water by another, and when undergone with genuine wholehearted repentance, the person would rise from the water with his sins forgiven. Those who refused to submit to John's baptism, Luke 7:30 says, in effect rejected God's purpose for themselves.

Baptism = Washing / of repentance / for forgiveness of sins

Luke 3:3-6 (ESV)

³ And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming <u>a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness</u> of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

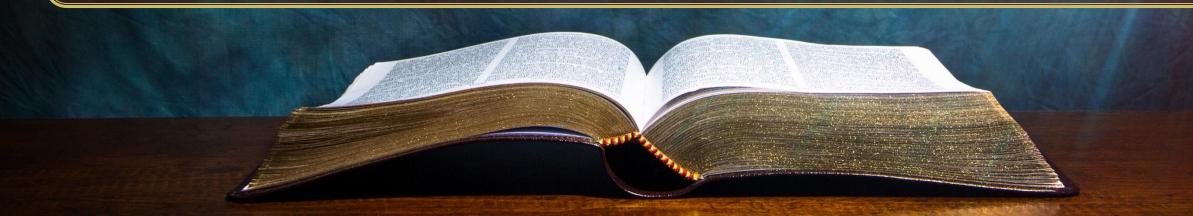
'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.



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Acts 2:38 (ESV)

³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ <u>for the forgiveness</u> <u>of your sins</u>, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.



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Acts 22:16 (ESV) ¹⁶ And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.'

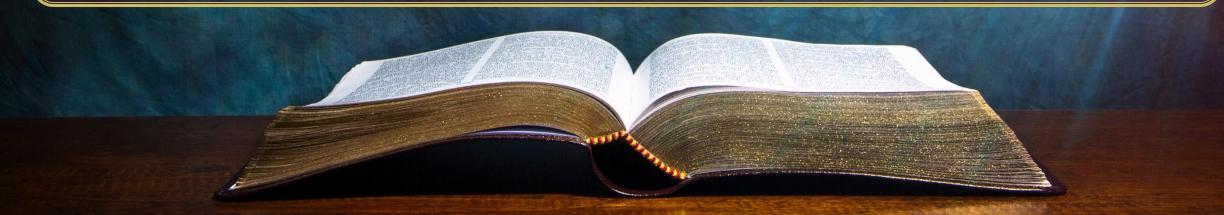


BAPTISM = DEATH AND BURIAL WITH CHRIST

Romans 6:1-11 (ESV)

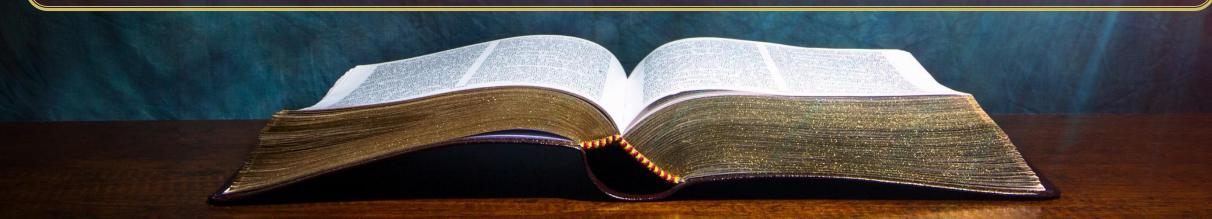
¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.



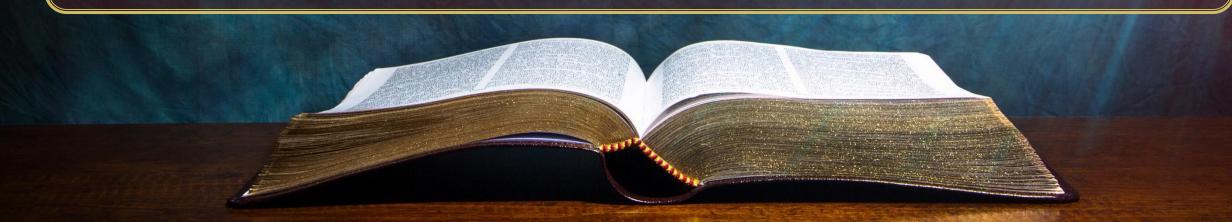
Colossians 2:11-14 (ESV)

¹¹ In him (Christ) also you are circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside pailing it to the cross This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.



Colossians 3:5-11 (ESV)

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.



Colossians 3:12-17 (ESV)

12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



BAPTISM IS ENTERING A COVENANT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND FOLLOWING AFTER THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST

Luke 9:23-26 (ESV)

²³ And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. 25 For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? 26 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

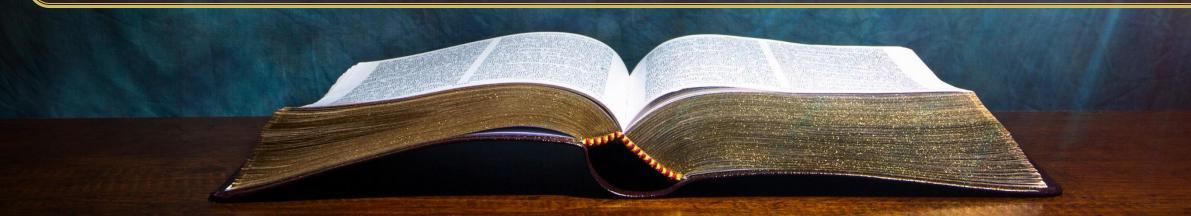


Acts 2:36, 38-41 (ESV)

³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

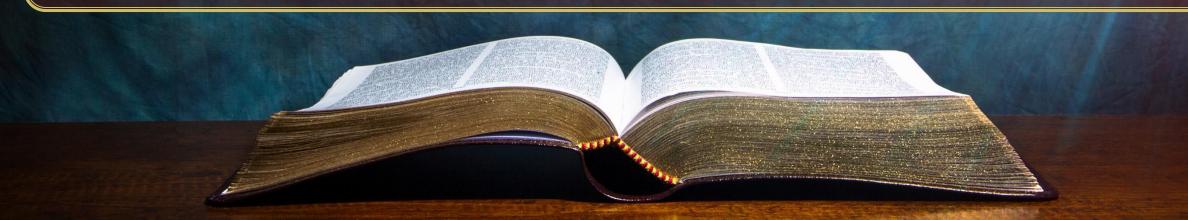
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³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.



Acts 19:2-7 (ESV)

And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. There were about twelve men in all.



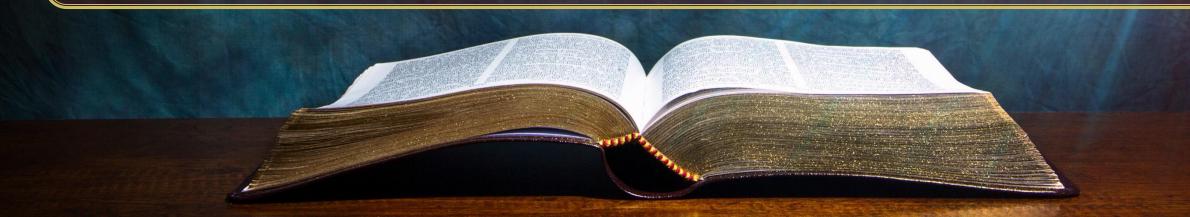
Romans 6:2-5 (ESV)

How can we who died to sin still live in it? you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.



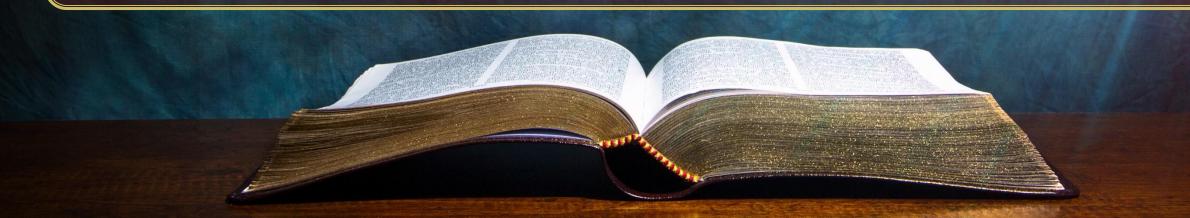
1 Corinthians 1:13 (ESV)

"Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?



2 Corinthians 5:1-2 (ESV)

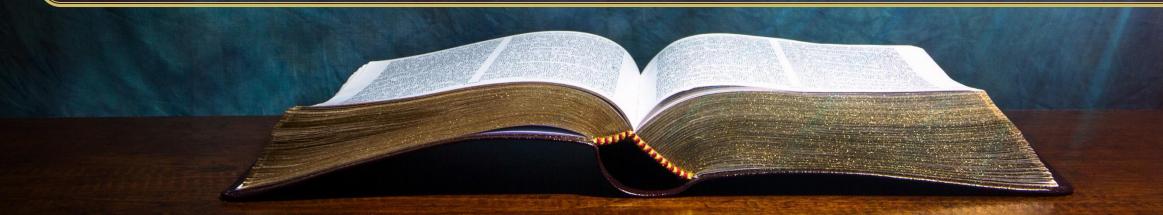
¹ For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling,



2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 17 (ESV)

¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

^{... 17} Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, *they are* a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.



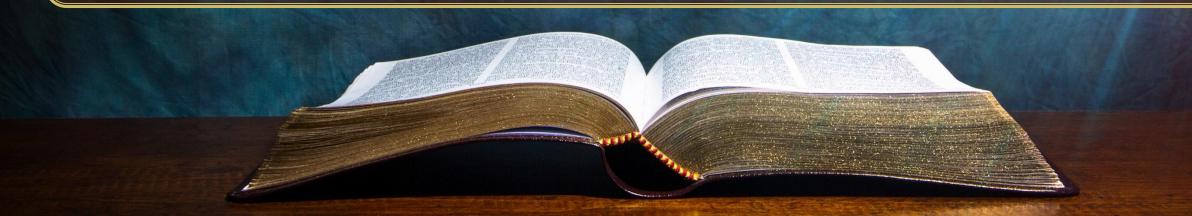
BAPTISM IN JESUS NAME

Why Baptism in Jesus Name

- We are buried with Christ in baptism (Rom 6:2-4, Col 2:11-14)
- Jesus is the Christ (Messiah), the Son of God (Luke 4:41, John 4:25-26, John 20:31)
- Through Jesus we receive adoption as sons of God (Rom 8:29, Gal 4:4-5, Eph 1:5, Heb 2:8-13)
- Jesus is the only name given among men by which we might be saved. (John 4:11-12, John 4:16, Acts 4:11-12, Acts 10:42-43)
- The Father loves Jesus and has given all things into his hands (John 3:35, John 13:3, John 17:2, Matt 28:18, 1Cor 15:27)
- Jesus is the one mediator between God and man (1Tim 2:5-6, Heb 8:6, Heb 9:15, Heb 12:24)
- Jesus is our Apostle and High Priest of our confession (Heb 2:17, Heb 3:1-6, Heb 4:14-15, Heb 5:5-6, Heb 7:26, Heb 8:1-2, Heb 9:24, Heb 10:19-21)
- God has exalted Jesus above all other names (Phil 2:8-11, Eph 1:20-22, Acts 2:36, Acts 5:30-31, 1Cor 8:5-6, Rom 10:9-13)
- God has appointed Jesus to be judge over the world (Acts 10:42, Acts 17:30-31, 2Cor 5:10)
- Jesus is the plan hidden for ages in God to unite all things to himself (Eph 1:3-11, Eph 3:9-11, 1Thes 5:9-10, 2 Tim 1:8-10)

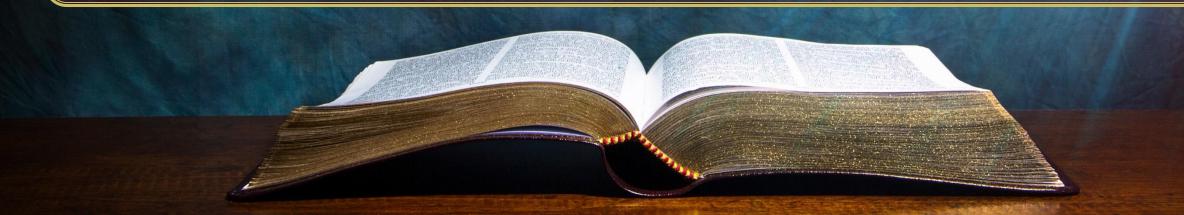
Luke 24:46-47 (ESV)

"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.



1 Corinthians 6:11 (ESV)

"But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."



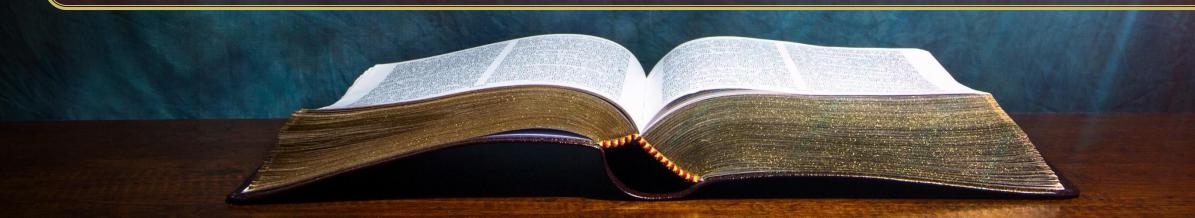
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Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "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. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."



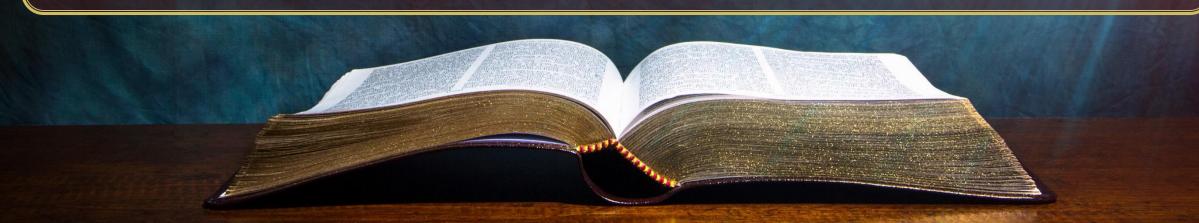
Acts 4:11-12 (ESV)

This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."



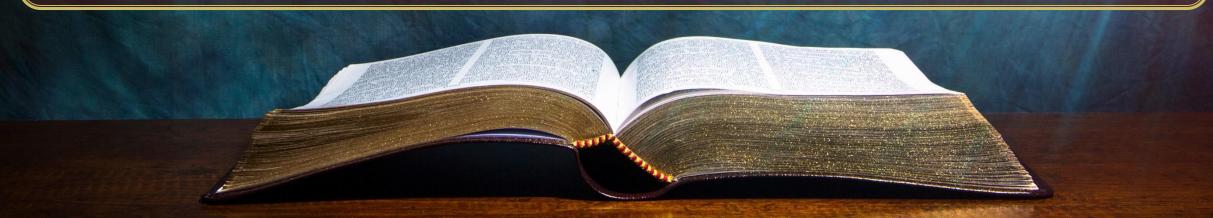
Acts 8:12-17 (ESV)

But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed. Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.



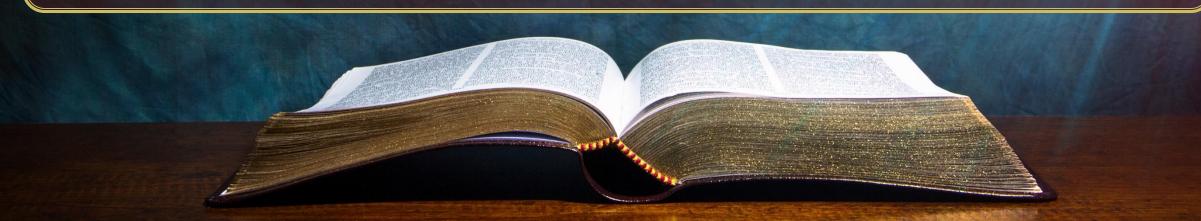
Acts 10:44-48 (ESV)

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ...



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BAPTISM CEREMONY

John the Baptist went into all the region around the Jordan proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Luke 3:3). He came to prepare the way of the Lord. The way of holiness. To make his paths straight. (Luke 3:4) Being a forerunner to the salvation that was to be revealed, his mission was to make straight the crooked and make level what is rough. (Luke 3:5-6) He preached "Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." (Luke 3:9) As he preached, the people were in expectation awaiting the Christ. (Luke 3:15) John spoke about him saying I baptize you with water but he who is coming that is mightier than I, "he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Luke 3:16)

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him, and the Holy Spirit descended on him, and God spoke from above, confirming that Jesus is the beloved Son of God (Luke 3:21-22) After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:14-15) Jesus, God's chosen one (Luke 9:35), was sent for the purpose of proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God. (Luke 4:43) The law and the Prophets were until John; since then, the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone forces their way into it. (Luke 16:16) Through the ministry of God's servants, the Kingdom of God has come near to us. (Luke 10:9-11) Indeed, the kingdom of God is in the midst of us! (Luke 17:21) We are called to repent, the time has arrived, the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel. (Mark 1:14-15) Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of this kingdom, who will not receive many times, and in the age to come eternal life." (Luke 18:29-30)

To be baptized in the Name of Jesus is to believe in the one who John testified was to come. We are to become disciples of Christ. (Acts 19:2-7) We are baptized in the name of the one who was crucified for us (1 Cor 1:13) The new covenant is established in his blood (Luke 22:22) If anyone would come after Christ, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow him. (Luké 9:23) For whoever would save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for his sake will save it. For what does it profit someone to gain the whole world, and end up losing or forfeiting their soul? (Luke 9:24-25) whoever is ashamed of Jesus and of his words, that person the Son of Man will be ashamed of when he comes in his glory. (Luke 9:26) God commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead. (Acts 17:30-31)

How can we who died to sin still live in it? Those who are baptized into Christ Jesus are baptized into his death. (Rom 6:2-3) We are buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. (Rom 6:4) If we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. (Rom 6:5) We know that our old self is crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing. That we would no longer be enslaved to sin. (Rom 6:6) The one who has died, has been set free from sin. (Rom 6:7) We must consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. (Rom 6:11)

We are to seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1). We must set our minds on the things that are above, not on things that are on earth. (Col 3:2) If we have died, our life becomes hidden with Christ in God, and we will appear with Christ in glory. (Col 3:3). We are to put to death what is earthly in us and put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. (Col 3:5-10) God has prepared us for life and gives us the Spirit as a guarantee. (2Cor 5:5) We are to be of good courage, walking by faith, not by sight. (2Cor 5:6-7) Whether we are here or home with God, we should always make it our aim to please him. (2Cor 5:8-9) Christ died for all, that we who live might no longer live for ourselves. (2Cor 5:15) If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. Behold, The old has passed away; the new has come. (2Cor 5:17) All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself. (2Cor 5:19) I implore you in Christ, be reconciled to God. (2Cor 5:20)

Behold now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation (2Cor 6:2) Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. (Luke 24:46-47) God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus who was crucified. (Acts 2:36) Jesus has become the cornerstone of the house of God. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:11-12) You are washed, you are sanctified, you are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God (1Cor 6:11) "Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38) The promise is for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself (Acts 2:39) Save yourself from this crooked generation (Luke 3:40)

Now let us review what baptism signifies.

- Baptism signifies Repentance toward God, for the remission of sins, and the washing away of sins
- Baptism signifies death and burial with Christ –As a disciple of Jesus, following his example and model
- Baptism signifies a loyalty pledge to serve God, be a disciple of Christ, and to be directed by the Holy Spirit

Are you ready to affirm your covenant with God established through the name of Christ Jesus?

Are you ready to affirm your covenant with God established through the name of Christ Jesus? I will now ask you to make the following vows before God. After each vow, If you do so vow, say "I do"

Covenant Vows

- Are you committed to love and serve to only true God and Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist? If so, Say I do.
- Do you commit to love the Lord your God with all your strength, and all your mind and all your heart? If so, say I do.
- Are you committed to abide in repentance and to submit to God's will and direction for your life, identifying yourself foremost as his child? If so, say I am.
- Do you confess Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God who is exalted above all creation and will reign in the coming Kingdom of God? If so, say I do.
- Do you identify as a disciple of Christ Jesus, being committed to following his teachings and example, taking up your cross daily and modeling your life after his? If so, say I do.
- Are you committed to living in newness of life by the Holy Spirit, abiding in the Holy Spirit, and being in step with God's controlling influence? If so, Say I am.

Baptism

"Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling upon the Lord." (Acts 22:16)

"I baptize you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of your sins" (Acts 2:38)

Go down into the water, in full immersion, and die with Christ.

Rise up from the water and rise with Christ

Receive the Holy Spirit

(Laying on of hands and prayer for receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 7:17, Acts 19:6))

Post Baptism Conformation

- Praise God for his mercy, grace, and loving-kindness!
- Receive the cleansing, healing, peace, joy, and pleasure of knowing him in the fullness of the Holy Spirit.
- God loves you and has opened the door for you to know him and have fellowship with him, partaking of his Holy Spirit
- God has prepared you for receiving eternal life with a place in his kingdom under the reign of Jesus, his anointed one.
- God has blessed you and brought you into fellowship into a community of other believers who share this commitment.
- God has adopted you as his child. You belong completely to him. Be blessed as you conform to his image and his glory is made manifest through your life.
- Behold, you are a new creation in Christ Jesus, the old has passed away – the new has come! Hallelujah, Praise God!