



Baptism in Jesus Name

A Doctrinal Bible Study

Question #1

Is baptism necessary for salvation?

Answer: Yes

Scriptures:

John 3:5 - Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of **water** and of the **Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (KJV)

Water refers to baptism and
Spirit refers to receiving the
Holy Ghost.

Mark 16:16 - 6 He that believeth and is
baptized shall be saved; but he that
Believeth not shall be damned. (KJV)

This is saying that you have to
believe AND be baptized to be saved.



Question #2

What does baptism do?

Answer: It removes our sins in the eyes of God

Scriptures:

Acts 2:38 - Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be **baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the **remission of sins**, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (KJV)

- **Remission:** to release from the guilt or penalty of an action.
- **Example:** the remission of a debt is to cancel the debt.

Question #3

Should baptism be by immersion in water or sprinkled?

Answer: It should be immersion in water

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Scriptures:

Acts 8:38-39

38 - And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and **they went down both into the water**, both Philip and the eunuch; and he **baptized** him.

39 And when **they were come up out of the water**, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing. (KJV)

T r a n s l a t i o n s

The Greek word for sprinkle is “**RANTIZO**.”

The Greek word for baptism is “**BAPTIZO**” meaning to dip or immerse in water.

The scriptures tell us to be baptized not rantized.

H i s t o r y

1. ***The Catholic Biblical Encyclopedia*** Page 202 - says the oldest form of baptism was immersion.
2. ***The Encyclopedia of Lutheran Church*** Page 188 - says Martin Luther preferred immersion as the true original practice of baptism.
3. ***Schaff-Herzog Religious Encyclopedia*** Page 451 - The command to baptize was a command to immerse.

Question #4

Should babies be baptized?

Answer: No, infant baptism was created by the Catholic Church. That is the reason they changed the baptismal formula to sprinkling because it was too dangerous to immerse a newborn.

Scriptures:

Acts 2:38 - Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (KJV)

You must repent of your sins before God can wash them away. Therefore an infant can't repent so he/she has no idea why they are being baptized.

Matt 28:19 - Go ye therefore, and **teach all nations, baptizing them** in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (KJV)

Since an infant can't be taught what baptism is yet, they can't be baptized. However, until they reach the age where they can make the decision, they can be dedicated to the Lord.

Scriptures continued:

Acts 8:36-37

36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; **what doth hinder me to be baptized?**

37 And Philip said, **If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.** And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. (KJV)

Believing in God is necessary before being baptized.
An infant has no way of believing yet.

H i s t o r y

Encyclopedia Britannica Vol 3 page 138

The Bible makes no reference to infant baptism.

Chambers Encyclopedia Vol 2 page 112

The recipients of the Bible who baptized were adults, infant baptism was developed later which led to sprinkling.

Time Magazine (*Theology: What is Baptism*), May 31, 1968

The 350 Lutheran pastors that left the Catholic Church wished to abandon infant baptism since infants could not yet understand the concept of baptism.

Question #5

Should baptism be in the Name of Jesus or in the Name of the Father, Son, & Holy Ghost?

Answer: It should be in the Name of Jesus

Scriptures:

Peter speaking on the day of Pentecost:

Acts 2:38 - Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you **in the name of Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (KJV)

Peter speaking to the Samaritans:

Acts 8:16 - For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only **they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.** (KJV)

Peter speaking to the Gentiles:

Acts 10:48 - And he commanded them to **be baptized in the name of the Lord.** Then prayed they him to tarry certain days. (KJV)

Paul taught that everything should be done in Jesus Name:

Col 3:17 - And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, **do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,** giving thanks to God and the Father by him. (KJV)

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Scriptures continued:

Acts 4:12 - Neither is there salvation in any other:
for **there is none other name under heaven** given among
men, **whereby we must be saved.** (KJV)

Matt 28:19 - Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing
them in the **name** of the Father, and of the Son, and of the
Holy Ghost (KJV)

This scripture is used by some to baptize in the Father, Son
and Holy Ghost, but the scripture actually says to baptize in
the NAME, not NAMES. It says ONE singular NAME: **Jesus**

H i s t o r y

Encyclopedia Britannica 11 Edition, Vol 3, page 365 Baptism was
changed from the Name of Jesus to the words Father, Son and Holy
Ghost in the 2nd Century.

Catholic Encyclopedia Vol 2, Page 263

Here the authors acknowledge that the baptismal formula was
changed by their church.

Hastings Dictionary of the Bible Page 88

It must be acknowledged that the titles Father, Son and Holy Ghost of
Matthew 28:19 was not used in the Church, the disciples used the
phrases: In the Name of Jesus, In the name of Jesus Christ, or in the
name of the Lord Jesus.