

WATER BAPTISM

MATTHEW 28:16

» 16 † ¶ Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

» 17 † And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

» 18 † And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**

» 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:**

» 20 † **Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**

907 » baptizo {bap-tid'-zo} baptizw from a derivative of 911; TDNT -- 1:529,92; vb

AV -- baptize

1) to immerse, to submerge

3) to overwhelm Not to be confused with 911, bapto. The clearest example that shows the meaning of baptizo is a text from the Greek poet and physician Nicander, who lived about 200 B.C. It is a recipe for making pickles and is helpful because it uses both words.

Nicander says that in order to make a pickle, the vegetable should first be 'dipped' (bapto) into boiling water and then 'baptised' (baptizo) in the vinegar solution. Both verbs concern the immersing of vegetables in a solution. But the first is temporary. The second, the act of baptising the vegetable, produces a permanent change.

When used in the NT, this word more often refers to our union and identification with Christ than to our water baptism. E.G. Mark 16:16. 'He that believes and is baptised shall be saved'. Christ is saying that mere intellectual assent is not enough. There must be a union with Him, a real change, like the vegetable to the pickle!

MATTHEW 3:4

» 4 † And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

» 5 † Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,

» 6 † **And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.**

MATTHEW 3:13

» 13 † ¶ Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

» 14 † But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

» 15 † And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

» 16 † **And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:**

» 17 † And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

NAME

» 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:

2) the name is used for everything which the name covers, everything the thought or feeling of which is aroused in the mind by mentioning, hearing, remembering, the name, i.e. for one's rank, authority, interests, pleasure, command, excellences, deeds etc.

Your name doesn't just do the job of signaling things about you to other people; your name can also be a vital expression of your own individual identity, representing a profound connection to your family, language, and community.

What is the power behind a name?

Not only can a name connect each of us to our own identity and individuality, but it can also carry power, responsibility, and blessings.

What does the Bible say about the power of names?

Names carried weight and character and were often tied to a person's destiny. That's why, throughout Scripture, when God was about to do something new with a person, He would often change the name. Names carried weight and character and were often tied to a person's destiny. Abram became Abraham.

JOHN 5:43

» 43 † I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

EPHESIANS 3:14

» 14 † ¶ For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

» 15 † Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

II CORINTHIANS 11:1

» 1 † ¶ Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me.

» 2 † For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

ZECHARIAH 14:9

» 9 † And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

ACTS 4:10

» 10 † Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

» 11 † This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

» 12 † **Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

EPHESIANS 4:4

» 4 † **There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;**

» 5 † **One Lord, one faith, one baptism,**

» 6 † **One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.**

COLOSSIANS 3:16

» 16 † **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.**

» 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.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:8

» 8 † **And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**

» 9 † Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

» 10 † That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

» 11 † And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

WHO HAS THE KEYS ?

MATTHEW 16:18

» 18 † And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

» 19 † And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven

ACTS 2:36

» 36 † Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

» 37 † ¶ Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

» 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.

» 39 † For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

BAPTISM
IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

HOW DID THE EARLY CHURCH INTERPRET CHRIST'S COMMAND IN MATTHEW 28:19? ACTS 2:38, 8:16, 10:48, and 19:5 are four Biblical references that answer this question. If the Biblical record is not enough, please examine the

» **40 † And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.**

» **41 † Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.**

» **42 † ¶ And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.**

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findings of the educated, scholars, and historians.

Britannica Encyclopedia, 11th Edition, Volume 3, page 365 – Baptism was **changed** from the name of Jesus to words Father, Son & Holy Ghost in 2nd Century.

Canney Encyclopedia of Religion, page 53 – The early church baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus until the second century.

Hastings Encyclopedia of Religion, Volume 2 – Christian baptism was administered using the words, "in the name of Jesus." page 377. Baptism was always in the name of Jesus until time of Justin Martyr, page 389.

Catholic Encyclopedia, Volume 2, page 263 – Here the authors acknowledged that the baptismal formula was changed by their church.

Schaff – Herzog Religious Encyclopedia, Volume 1, page 435 – The New Testament knows only the baptism in the name of Jesus.

Hastings Dictionary of Bible, page 88 – It must be acknowledged that the three fold name of Matthew 28:19 does not appear to have been used by the primitive church, but rather in the name of Jesus, Jesus Christ or Lord Jesus.

IS IT AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY THAT THE NAME OF JESUS BE SPOKEN OR CALLED OVER A CANDIDATE FOR WATER BAPTISM WHEN HE IS BEING BAPTIZED? For the answer to this question, please read Acts 15:17 and James 2:7 [Greek Linear]. First Century Christians INVOKED OR CALLED the name of Jesus over believers in water baptism. If, as some say, "the name of Jesus means the authority of Jesus", then so much more should the NAME, rather than titles, be called over an individual in baptism. Read Matthew 28:18, Acts 4:12 and Colossians 2:9. Jude 3 is an exhortation to "CONTEND FOR THE FAITH ONCE DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS." See Galatians 1:8-9 also.

Holy Ghost

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the person referring to ownership. Therefore one being baptized in Jesus name became his personal property. "Ye are Christs." Vol. 2, Page 377 on Acts

BELOW ARE TWO COLUMNS FOR LISTING THE SCRIPTURES WHERE THE APOSTLES EITHER TAUGHT OR PRACTICED WATER BAPTISM.

IN JESUS NAME

JEWS – "Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ. Acts 2:38.

SAMARITANS – They were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Acts 8:16.

GENTILES – He commanded them to be baptized in the name of Lord Jesus. Acts 10:48.

PETER TAUGHT – There is none other name given whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12.

PAUL TAUGHT – Whatever you do, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus. Col. 3:17.

FATHER,
SON AND
HOLY GHOST

Matthew 28:19 was a command by Jesus to baptize in a NAME. The Apostles did not repeat the words of the command, but they did obey it as seen in the scriptures above. Since Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are titles of the manifestations of the Almighty Spirit and His body, the Apostles understood His SAVING NAME to be JESUS. Can any dare say that the Apostles disobeyed the Lord, or failed to baptize properly? THE NAME OF THE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST IS LORD JESUS CHRIST. The actions of the Apostles in the Book of Acts prove this to be true.

ROMANS 6:3

» 3 † Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

» 4 † Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

COLOSSIANS 2:11

» 11 † In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

» 12 † Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the

operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

» 13 † ¶ And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;