

Theme: Water baptism is done under the authority of the Trinity in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I. Intro – Review of Baptisms Essentials

- A. We have been looking at baptism
- B. Clearly commanded by Christ (Mat 28:19)
- C. We have seen what baptism does
- D. We have seen what baptism doesn't do
- E. Last week looked at infant vs believer's baptism
- F. Over next 2 weeks - less important questions

II. In Whose Name Do We Baptize?

- A. Most baptize in name of Trinity (Mat 28:19)
 - 1. Christ's command (Mat 28:19)
 - 2. Seems clear - why do we baptize in Jesus' Name?
- B. The reasons for baptizing in Jesus' Name
 - 1. The pattern in Acts
 - a. Acts 2:38; 8:16; 10:48; 19:5; 22:16
 - b. Every occurrence giving name - Jesus
 - c. They did this knowing Mat 28:19
 - d. Either they disobeyed or this fulfilled 28:19
 - 2. Other NT data
 - a. 1 Cor 1:12-15 - strongly implies name of Christ

- b. Rom 6:3 - baptized into Christ Jesus
 - c. Gal 3:27 - baptized into, clothed with Christ
- 3. Theological reasons for baptizing in Jesus' Name
 - a. We do everything in Jesus' Name (Col 3:17)
 - b. Saved in Jesus Name (Acts 4:12; Acts 16:30-31)
 - c. Healed in Jesus' Name (Acts 4:10)
 - d. Gospel preached in Jesus' Name (Luke 24:46-47)
 - e. Clothed with Jesus in baptism (Gal 3:27)
 - f. Baptized into Jesus death, burial, res (Rom 6:4)
 - g. Jesus - the Name of the Lord (John 17:6, 12, 26 ESV)

C. Why do people baptize in name of Trinity?

- 1. They point to Christ's command (Mat 28:19)
- 2. The Trinitarian controversy of 3rd-4th century
- 3. Some cults baptize in Jesus' name - deny Trinity
- 4. IMPORTANT - We believe in Trinity!!!!
- 5. This is why we invoke Trinity in baptism
- 6. However, biblical example is Jesus' name
- 7. Note - either name does not nullify baptism!

III. Applying the Word

- A. Once again - have you been baptized?
 - 1. Points of dispute - but all agree get baptized!

2. If you are follower - get baptized!

B. Do we see the centrality of Christ?

1. Catechism Question 15

2. He is the central focus

3. In His name we are saved, healed

4. In His name we preach, serve

5. We died, buried, raised with Him

6. We are clothed with Him

7. Apart from Him we have nothing

8. In Him we have everything!!!!

9. Behold Christ - and believe!!!

C. Supper - Behold and Feed Upon Christ!

Baptism in the Name of the Lord

Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:38

Acts 10:34-48

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Communion

2 Corinthians 13:14

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Matthew 28:19

Peter replied, "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." Acts 2:38-39

because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Acts 8:16

So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Acts 10:48

On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Acts 19:5

And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.' Acts 22:16

What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ." 13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized into the name of Paul? 14 I am thankful that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so no one can say that you were baptized into my name. 1 Corinthians 1:12-15

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Romans 6:3

for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. Galatians 3:27

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12

He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household." Acts 16:30-31

then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Acts 4:10

He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. Luke 24:46-47

for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. Galatians 3:27

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. Romans 6:4

6 "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word... 12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.... I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them." John 17:6, 12, 26 (ESV)

Question 14: What is the central message of the Bible?

The central message of the Bible is that God is bringing glory to Himself through the Person and work of Jesus Christ as He creates and redeems a people who will glorify and enjoy Him forever.