

Debbie's Baptism

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I. Jesus' baptism

Mat 3:13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

Mat 3:14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

Mat 3:15 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.

Mat 3:16 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:

Mat 3:17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

II. The significance of baptism

A. Baptism is a picture of death, burial and resurrection

Luk 12:50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!

B. A picture of God placing us in Christ in the Covenant of Grace before time

Rom 6:3 ...so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

C. A picture of 'born-again'

1Co 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body...

D. Baptism is a picture of a commitment to rise to walk in newness of life

Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead...even so we also should walk in newness of life.

E. Baptism is to put on Christ

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

F. Baptism is a picture of being surrounded with (engulfed in) the Holy Ghost

Act 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

G. Baptism is how we can wash sins from our guilty conscience

Act 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins...

H. Baptism is the proper response to knowing that Jesus has washed you from sin

1Pe 3:21 The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,)...

I. Baptism will save you—(Not eternally, but a deliverance through a life with Jesus)

Mar 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved...

Act 2:40 ...Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

J. Baptism is the entry into the church

Act 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

Act 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Mat 28:18 ...All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Mat 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:

Mat 28:20 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.

III. 'Re-baptism'—Not meant as persecution—We just want to follow the Bible

A. 'Re-baptism' is a scriptural concept

Act 19:1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

Act 19:2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

Act 19:3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

Act 19:4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

Act 19:5 When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

B. Requirements for scriptural baptism

1. The proper mode of baptism is immersion (*baptismo* means to dip in water)

Act 8:38 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.

2. The one baptized must be a believer in Jesus Christ

Act 8:36 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?

Act 8:37 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.

3. The one baptized is to have learned of and become a disciple of Jesus Christ

Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach (*disciple; enroll as a scholar*) all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

4. The one baptized needs to be one who is repentant

Mat 3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Mat 3:8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

5. The ‘baptizer’ needs proper authority (from a true church) in order to baptize

a. Jesus walked from Galilee to the Jordan River to get to John (perhaps 60 miles)

Joh 1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John.

Joh 1:33 ...he that sent me to baptize with water...

Mat 3:13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

b. Jesus gave the apostles authority—And through them the church has authority

Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them...

Act 13:2 ...the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Act 13:3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid *their* hands on them, they sent *them* away.

c. Jesus declared that He judges some churches to no longer be churches

Rev 2:5 ...or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

d. If Jesus’ church is where the truth is preached, how much heresy does He allow?

1Ti 3:15 ...the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

C. The Bible gives no specific rules for rebaptism—So we baptize all who come

IV. An invitation to be baptized

Act 2:37 ...Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized...

Act 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins...

1Pe 3:21 The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,)...

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Mar 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved...

Rev 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Mat 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.