

WATER BAPTISM BY IMMERSION

The only method authorized by the Bible for water baptism is immersion. For example in Matthew and Mark's account Jesus came straightway out of the water illustrating baptism by immersion.

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

Matt 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. (KJV)

Matt 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: (KJV)

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

Mark 1:9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. (KJV)

Mark 1:10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: (KJV)

Paul explains in Romans and Colossians the candidate is buried or planted, thus illustrating the method that he taught was water baptism by immersion.

Romans 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? (KJV)

Romans 6:4 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. (KJV)

Romans 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: (KJV)

Col 2:11 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: (KJV)

Col 2:12 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. (KJV)

Point: Notice the certain water. If sprinkling was the method instituted by Christ, there would not have been any need to come to this certain water which was enough for the both of them to go down into.

Acts 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. (KJV)

Acts 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? (KJV)

Acts 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. (KJV)

Acts 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. (KJV)

Acts 8:39 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)

Again, here John was baptizing in a place where there was much water, supporting the need of enough water to perform baptism by immersion.

John 3:22 After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judaea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized. (KJV)

John 3:23 And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized. (KJV)

WATER BAPTISM IS A RIGHTEOUS ACT

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1 John 2:29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him. (KJV)

1 John 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. (KJV)

Jesus left us the example to follow his steps. We know that if Jesus is righteous then his steps were righteous. In Matthew it became John and Jesus to fulfill all righteousness concerning baptism. Whoever refuses water baptism is refusing to follow Jesus' steps or to follow righteousness.

1 Pet 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: (KJV)

1 Pet 2:22

Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

Matt 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. (KJV)

James 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin. (KJV)

These verses show that water baptism is the will of God, and Jesus always pleased the Father.

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John 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. (KJV)

John 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. (KJV)

John 8:29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him. (KJV)

BAPTISM IS A COMMANDMENT "IT'S HOW YOUR SAVED"

Matt 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. (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)

Matt 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (KJV)

Mk 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. (KJV)

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

Lk 24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: (KJV)

Lk 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. (KJV)

Act 2:37 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? (KJV)

Act 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)

Act 2:40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. (KJV)

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. (KJV)

Act 10:47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? (KJV)

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

1Pet 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. (KJV)

1Pet 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,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: (KJV)

Act 16:29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, (KJV)

Act 16:30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? (KJV)

Act 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. (KJV)

Act 16:32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. (KJV)

Act 16:33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. (KJV)

Act 9:4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? (KJV)

Act 9:5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom

thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.
(KJV)

Act 9:6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. (KJV)

Act 9:17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. (KJV)

Act 9:18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. (KJV)

Act 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. (KJV)

BAPTISM IS HOW YOU ARE WASED FROM YOUR SINS

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Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; (KJV)

Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, (KJV)

Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. (KJV)

1 Pet 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: (KJV)

Heb 10:21 And having an high priest over the house of God; (KJV)

Heb 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. (KJV)

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1 Cor 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, (KJV)

1 Cor 6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. (KJV)

1 Cor 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are

sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. (KJV)

BAPTISM IS HOW YOU GET IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

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Acts 2:44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; (KJV)

Acts 2:47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. (KJV)

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

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. (KJV)

1 Cor 12:12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. (KJV)

1 Cor 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. (KJV)

The following verses show that the body that one is baptized into is the church.

Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. (KJV)

Col 1:24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: (KJV)

Romans 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? (KJV)

Romans 6:4 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. (KJV)

Romans 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: (KJV)

Eph 1:22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, (KJV)

Eph 1:23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all. (KJV)

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) (KJV)

Eph 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: (KJV)

Col 2:11 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: (KJV)

Col 2:12 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. (KJV)

Acts 5:14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) (KJV)

Acts 11:22 Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. (KJV)

Acts 11:23 Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. (KJV)

Acts 11:24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord. (KJV)

Acts 2:41

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