

### Lesson 3 Baptism

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 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." Matthew 28:19& 20.

*One of two ordinances (decrees) as we believe being Missionary Baptist, the other being The Lord's Supper or Communion*

#### Four things we should know about WATER BAPTISM

1. We should know what the word "Baptism" Mean.
2. We should know who does the Scripture say can be Baptized.
3. We should know what exactly what "BIBLE BAPTISM" is.
4. We should know what the formula (**procedure**) or Mode (**method**) of BAPTISM is.

#### Class Reading Acts 8:29-40

- **The word "baptism"** or "baptize" has its origin from the Greek word "baptizo" **meaning "to dip, to immerse, to submerge, to put under water, and cover completely."**
- Therefore we believe that it is logical/**reasonable** to understand the Bible literally when it talks about baptism, it is not referring to in no way sprinkling or some other term men give it, but about going completely under water.
- **Who can be baptized?** Acts 8:36 & 37: Only persons who truly have believed and accepted Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour can be baptized. We should never ask ourselves as Christians, "**Should I get baptized?** But, "**When can I be baptized.**"
- **Bible Baptism means**, when we are scripturally baptized in water, **it is symbolic of the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of our Blessed Lord Jesus**. It also identifies us with Jesus Christ.
  - Let's read Romans 6:1-5
    - **Baptism is associated with sin.**
    - **Baptism is associated with death.**
    - **Verse 3 confirms this.**
    - **Verse 4-5 confirms that baptism is also associated with the resurrection of Christ.**
  - and Galatians 3:27
    - **When we attach verse 27 with verse 26 we discover that baptism seals our Father/Child relation with God.**
- We recognize the entire God-Head when baptizing in the pattern set by God (The Son) in Matthew 28:19. "In the Name of" not names!!!!

In Matthew 28:19, 20 Jesus commissioned His disciples to go into all the world and make **disciples (followers of Christ)** of all nations, teaching them to observe all things that He commanded them.

- A main doctrine/teaching of Scripture is that of the **Godhead**.
    - **Trinity in Christianity, God seen in three ways as the Father, the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit**
    - **the condition of existing as three persons or things (this definition can confuse us.... The biblical correct word at all times is Godhead.**
  - God is immortal, all-powerful, all-knowing, above all, and ever-present. He is infinite and beyond human comprehension, yet known through His self-revelation.
  - He is forever worthy of worship, adoration, and service by the whole of creation.
- The doctrine of the Godhead is based on the Biblical truth that there is one God constituting a unity of three co-eternal divine persons — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**
- This profound truth is beyond our finite human understanding but is a truth clearly revealed in the Word of God and we accept it by faith.
  - All three members of the Godhead are infinitely **(a great deal)** concerned and involved in the redemption of mankind.
  - The Father chairs the plan of salvation,
  - the Son is the Saviour of the world,
  - and the Holy Spirit communicates this salvation to the human race and in the life of the believers.

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#### Question on Baptism:

1. Was Jesus scripturally baptized according to Matthew 3:13-16? **Yes**
  - A. please expound **The Bible says He went up OUT OF THE WATER.**
2. Does the water **part** of the baptism process makes one saved according to Ephesians 2:8&9? **NO**
  - A. how or what exactly is it that saves us? **Grace, (Love we don't deserve) which we get only through FAITH/Trust, hope, belief in Jesus Christ (verse 6)**
3. What is the purpose of the water **part** of the baptism according to 1 Peter 3:1-**21**? CEV – **“Those flood waters were like baptism that now saves you. But baptism is more than just washing your body. It means turning to God with a clear conscience, because Jesus Christ was raised from death.”**
4. Let's be crystal clear here! Can the water baptism **part of baptism** wash away my sin according to
  - Ephesians 1:1-7 **Verse 7** clearly says that our redemption is through the blood of Christ
    - **Verse 13** says we were sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise when we
      - **Heard the word**
      - **And believed**
  - Hebrews 9:14 & 15? **These two verses again declare that our sins are washed away only by the offering of the blood of Christ.**

Who and what is it that really cleanses us of our filthy sins? **Jesus Christ!**

5. What other elements must be applied to our sins in order to cleanse us of them according to

- Hebrews 9:22, **shedding of blood.**
- Ephesians 1:7 **we have this satisfied with the shedding of Jesus' blood.**
- Colossians 1:20? **The blood of Jesus gives us peace.**

6. Why exactly should a person be baptized? according to

- 1Peter 3:21 ***It means turning to God with a clear conscience***
- Acts 2:41? Key words "Those who accepted" Hint: O B D E D I E N C E

7. Can a child or anyone who has yet to accept Jesus as Christ and Lord of his life be SCRIPTUALLY Baptized according to Acts 8:36-37? One must conclude as to whether or not Phillip would have baptized the Eunuch if he hadn't accepted the Gospel of Jesus as we read in Acts 2:41

a. What is it called when church leaders baptize a child? **Christening**

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b. What is the proper thing to do when a person wants his baby to be presented to God?

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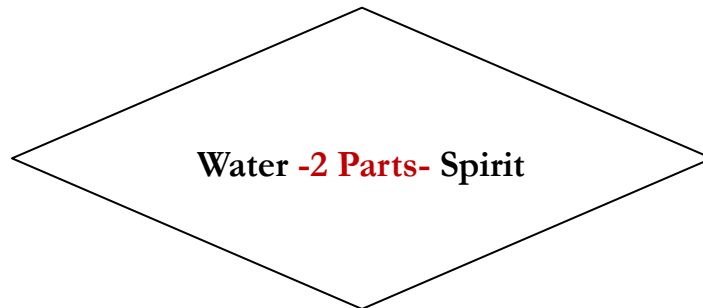
8. How soon should we baptize a person once they did as Phillip did in Acts 8:26-40? **ASAP**

9. Have you been scripturally baptized since you received Jesus as your Lord and Christ of your life?

**Ephesians 4:5**

**One Lord One Faith**

**One Baptism**



**Bible Baptism**