

## Doctrine 2 - Water Baptism

**Mission:** 3D Christianity is simply the discipleship process of Jesus Worship Center. It consists of (12) weeks of training by (12) qualified Christian leaders. Just as it is impossible to describe any object without the use of three dimensions, the New Testament mandate to make disciples requires training in at least these three "D's":

- 1) Discipleship
- 2) Doctrine
- 3) Disciplines

**Goal:** The purpose of these four classes is to give the Christian a solid foundation of core New Testament Doctrine.

### Introduction

There is nothing more important than being right with God . . . NOTHING! The entire purpose of the Word of God is to reveal God to man and His plan to save lost mankind. Therefore, the salvation of man is the purpose for life.

There are three elements to salvation . . . blood, water, and Spirit:

1 John 5:8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

These three elements are perfectly with the saving gospel of Jesus Christ. The "gospel" of Jesus Christ is defined as the death, burial, resurrection of Jesus Christ.

1 Cor 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

1 Cor 15:2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

1 Cor 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

1 Cor 15:4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

This theme of blood, water, and Spirit . . . of death, burial, and resurrection are found throughout the entire Word of God . . . from Genesis all the way to Revelation.

**1. Following repentance (which is a dying to sin), baptism is an immediate \_\_\_\_\_ .**

There were no \_\_\_\_\_ baptisms in the New Testament.

*Example #1 - Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch:*

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

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?

*Example #2 - Cornelius*

Acts 10:44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

Acts 10:45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 10:46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

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

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

*Example #3 - Paul and Silas with the jailer and his family:*

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

2. **Peter's authority as chief Apostle was establish when Jesus gave him the "\_\_\_\_\_ " to the kingdom of God based on his \_\_\_\_\_ of the true identity of Jesus Christ.**

Mat 16:13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

Mat 16:14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

Mat 16:15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

Mat 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Mat 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

Mat 16:18 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.

Mat 16:19 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.

3. The first time we find a sinner asking an Apostle about salvation is in the book of \_\_\_\_\_ .

Acts 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?

Acts 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.

It is the ONLY book of \_\_\_\_\_ in the New Testament. It is the only book that records the actual preaching of a preacher to a sinner.

4. Water baptism is a type of \_\_\_\_\_ .

Col 2:12 Buried with him in baptism . . .

5. Believing \_\_\_\_\_ is insufficient for salvation.

**Faith alone saves . . . but faith that saves is not alone!**

Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

James 2:19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

If all it took to be saved was “believing” then this verse would indicate that the devils would be saved.

6. Water baptism is an essential part of the “\_\_\_\_\_” experience.

John 3:1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

John 3:2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

If Jesus had just told you that unless you were born again you could not go to heaven (see the kingdom of God), what would be your most logical next question?

John 3:4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter

the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Notice that Jesus said “ye must be born **again**.” Nicodemus was already alive, already born. At birth, the ‘mother’s water breaks and life enters the child ~ this is also known as the spirit of life or the breath of life. Nicodemus had already been born once, Jesus is telling him he must be born **again**.

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

According to the Bible, only the Bible, what does the phrase ‘born again’ mean?

**Answer:** To be born of \_\_\_\_\_ and to be born of the \_\_\_\_\_ .

- Other New Testament References to being *born of water and of the Spirit*:

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the \*washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

\*3067. loutron, loo-tron'; from G3068; a bath, i.e. (fig.) \_\_\_\_\_ :--washing.

1 Cor 10:1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

1 Cor 10:2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

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,

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

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.

**7. Water baptism is to be performed in the name of Jesus Christ . . . it is the only \_\_\_\_\_ baptism.**

Here’s the biblical premise . . . according to 1 Peter, baptism “saves us”:

1 Pet 3:21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us . . .

According to Acts 4, salvation requires a specific name:

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under

heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

*Examples:*

Acts 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.

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

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

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

**8. Water baptism is not an \_\_\_\_\_ sign of an inward faith.**

It's purpose is not to publicly declare your faith. Water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ is for the remission (or removal) of your sins.

According to Hebrews it takes \_\_\_\_\_ to remit sins.

Heb 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

Peter stated the purpose of baptism when baptism was first mentioned after the birth of the Church.

Acts 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.

It's in water baptism that the blood of Jesus Christ is individually applied to a person.

**9. Water baptism in the New Testament is as important as \_\_\_\_\_ is in the Old Testament.**

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:

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.

- Note how far God was willing to go in the Old Testament to enforce the importance of

circumcision, and thus water baptism:

Exo 4:24 And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the LORD met him, and sought to kill him.

Exo 4:25 Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband art thou to me.

Exo 4:26 So he let him go: then she said, A bloody husband thou art, because of the circumcision.

**10. Baptism should be performed in the name of the one that was \_\_\_\_\_ .**

1 Cor 1:13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?