

SCRIPTURAL BAPTISM

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A. Baptism the sign of the New Covenant:

1. **Romans 6:1-10** “... 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...”
2. **Colossians 2:9-13** “...buried with him in baptism, where in also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead...”
3. **Mark 16:15-16** “... he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved...”
4. **1 Corinthians 12:12-14** “... For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body (the church), whether we be Jew or Gentiles...”
5. **Galatians 3:27** “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”
6. **1 Peter 3:21** “The like figure where unto even baptism doth also now save us (not putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

B. Baptism is the outward sign of the heart:

1. **Romans 2:17-29** “... Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision ... but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision of the heart...”
2. **Jeremiah 31:31-34** “... Saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts...”
3. **Colossians 2:9-13** “... 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...”
4. **Hebrews 8:7-13** “... I will put my laws into their minds and write them in their hearts...”
5. **Hebrews 10:16-18** “... Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them...”

C. Baptism is done in water:

1. **Matthew 3:6** “and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.”
2. **Acts 8:36-38** “...and they went down both into the waters both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him...”

D. Baptism comes from a chain of authority:

1. God to John the Baptist: **John 1:29-34** “... and I knew him not; but he that sent me to baptize with water...”
2. John the Baptist to Christ: **Matthew 3:13-17** “... Jesus answered and said unto him, suffer it to be so now for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness...”
3. Christ to his Disciples (his church): **John 4:1-2** “... though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples...”
4. Christ to the Church: **Matthew 28:18-20** “... Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of...”
5. Church to Church:
 - a. **Acts 8:15-17** “... only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost...”
 - b. **Acts 18:24-26** “...Apollos, born of Alexandria...taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John...”
 - c. **Acts 19:3-7** “... when they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus and when Paul had laid his hand upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them...”

E. Other Things:

1. Jesus came to bring division, division of the Jews and the true Israel: **Luke 12:49-52** “...suppose ye that I am come to give peace on the Earth? I tell you, Nay, but rather division...”
2. Christ had to be baptized as well as he had to be a circumcised:
 - a. **Galatians 4:4-5** “but when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons...”
 - b. **Matthew 3:13-17** “then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, suffer it to be so now: for this it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him.”
3. This is the only time that the spirit was received before baptism, this was a lesson to the Jews that the gentiles are a part of the new covenant.
 - a. **Acts 10:44-48** “... And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as come with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost... can any man forbad water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? ...”
 - b. **Acts 11:15-18** “... Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall baptize with the Holy Ghost. For as much then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us...Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.”