



Baptism... Who, What, When, Where and Why

It has come to our attention, that many Christian denominational charters are now preaching and teaching that baptism is no longer required, and that a simple altar call is all that is needed in order to be saved. This along with several other false doctrines, theologies and philosophical understandings concerning baptism are nothing more than tools that our adversary consistently uses to pull the wool over the eyes of those who are all too ready to accept the philosophical understandings of men, instead of trusting the truth that can only be found in our God breathed Scriptures.

Today were going to discover the truths that our God breathed Scriptures tell us about the who, what, when, where and why's of baptism... not according to any church father, not according to any Bible commentator, not according to any denominational charter of men, not according to any pastor, priest, Bishop, or Pope... but according to the God breathed Scriptures that we all hold in our very hands. Today we'll be looking at the "truth". Truth... that is God breathed and God ordained.

Many denominational charters of men... preach many different denominational doctrines of men, that continue to confuse and divide and twist and distort the very commandment of baptism given to us by our Messiah in his own red-letter words. Some believe in sprinkling, some believe in pouring, some believe in child baptism, and some are even being told by their church leadership, that they don't even have to be baptized according to what their denominational dogma says!

This kind of denominational dogma, has been found Wade and wanting when compared to what is written in our God breathed Scriptures, and were going to show you that here today. We often times get letters from people who have many questions concerning the scriptural commandment of baptism. And this has left many in the body wondering whether or not they even need to be baptized in order to accept the free gift of salvation that we've been offered by our Father in Heaven and his only begotten Son.

When people begin reading the Scriptures for themselves, and they start to realize that a large portion of what they've been taught is nothing more than a regurgitated man-made set of rituals, myths, and traditions... they oftentimes find themselves questioning whether or not they should be rebaptized. And so, we're going to talk about some of these rituals, myths and traditions concerning baptism here today. Should someone who is turning back to the Scripture and

leaving their man-made denominational charter of men be rebaptized? Is it scriptural to be rebaptized? Is being rebaptized even an option? These and other questions like them are often asked by Christians who are finding their way back to the truth of Scripture.

Who can baptize me? Do I need a pastor, or a priest, or a Bishop, or Pope to baptize me? I was baptized when I was a baby... so do I need to be rebaptized as an adult? They sprinkled me when I was baptized... does this count as true baptism according to the commandment of our Messiah? What is the proper way to be baptized? Should I be baptized in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit... or should I be baptized in the name of Jesus? Am I being legalistic... if I choose to be baptized? There seems to be a never-ending menagerie of questions that are coming from the body of our Messiah because of the twisted teachings of what some call their so-called “early church fathers” and their prestigious “Bible commentators”, and their denominational charters of men who all seem to be preaching something different yet all claim to be preaching... from the very same book.

My friends our Father in Heaven and his only begotten son are not authors of confusion. They mean what they say, and they say what they mean. I would submit to you that the reason all of this confusion exists, is because many of our brothers and sisters have been manipulated and pre-programmed to not only listen to... but obey... and even worship... the doctrines of men rather than listening to, and obeying, and worshiping the very Messiah that has commanded them to pick up their crosses and to follow him.

And so, I want us to keep all of these things in mind as we venture into the Scriptures in order to untangle the net of confusion that our adversary has cast upon those who would follow our Messiah... if they only knew the truth. As we have said many times here at holy impact ministries... The truth does not come from any pastor, priest, Bishop, or Pope... the truth can only come from the Ruach Hackodesh, the “*Holy Spirit*” of God himself. And so, to understand what the truth truly is... we must turn to our God breathed Scriptures and ask our Father in Heaven and his only begotten Son to deliver us the discernment that can only come from his Spirit.

And so, with all of these things understood... I would like to begin this study with the understanding of John’s baptism before we get into the commanded baptism of our Messiah. Before the baptism that we know of today... baptism was known as “mikvah”. Clear back in the book of Leviticus we find many reasons why a person would need to be “mikvahed” or “baptized”. The idea of being “mikvahed” or “baptized” was done not only for the purpose of making the body ceremonially clean... but it was also done in order to make a person spiritually clean in the eyes of our Father in Heaven.

If you were to visit Israel today... you would see the remnants of many ancient mikvah’s all throughout Israel as well as some modern-day mikvah’s that many of the Jewish people still use to this very day in order to become both physically and spiritually cleansed. Here is a simple picture of what a mikvah might look like.





These mikvehs were basically the same thing as a modern-day baptismal that we see in many churches today in our time. They were basically big bathtubs that you would walk down into and were then submersed in. The idea of being “mikvahed” or “baptized”... was that you were to submerge the body under the water, and the dirt would rise from the body to the top of the water ...which would then overflow and take all of the dirt away from the body and this was used once again not only to purify the body... but to also purify the spirit.

Let’s take a look at a few reasons why the Scripture commanded someone to do this. Let’s turn to Leviticus 15:8-13:

Lev 15:8 And if the one with the discharge spits on someone who is clean, then he shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening.

Lev 15:9 And any saddle on which the one with the discharge rides shall be unclean.

Lev 15:10 And whoever touches anything that was under him shall be unclean until the evening. And whoever carries such things shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening.

Lev 15:11 Anyone whom the one with the discharge touches without having rinsed his hands in water shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening.

Lev 15:12 And an earthenware vessel that the one with the discharge touches shall be broken, and every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water.

Lev 15:13 “And when the one with a discharge is cleansed of his discharge, then he shall count for himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes. And he shall bathe his body in fresh water and shall be clean.

We can also find more evidence of this concerning a woman after her monthly cycle in Leviticus 15:19-21:

Lev 15:19 “When a woman has a discharge, and the discharge in her body is blood, she shall be in her menstrual impurity for seven days, and whoever touches her shall be unclean until the evening.

Lev 15:20 And everything on which she lies during her menstrual impurity shall be unclean. Everything also on which she sits shall be unclean.

Lev 15:21 And whoever touches her bed shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening.

Before a person could enter into the temple a person would have to be ceremonially clean, and this ceremonial cleansing was prescribed in our Scripture in several different places. Women after childbirth or after their monthly cycle needed to be ceremonially cleansed. Men after a sexual discharge would also have to be ceremonially cleansed. Anyone who touched a dead body had to also be ceremonially cleansed. And so, this idea of submersion and the “mikvah” became part and parcel of the early Israelites tradition. By doing this they were not only keeping the commandments of our Father in Heaven, but they were also forcing the flesh to do the will of the spirit. We must remember that the spirit must always be over the flesh, and that the flesh should always be in subjection to the spirit. This turn to Romans 8:5-8:

Rom 8:5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

Rom 8:6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Rom 8:7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

Rom 8:8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

And so technically speaking any natural body of water could be considered a mikvah, and this is why John the Baptist came baptizing people in the river Jordan for repentance. This “mikvah” also known as “baptism” of John, was a baptism of repentance. Luke 3:15-17:

Luk 3:15 As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ,

Luk 3:16 John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with

the Holy Spirit and fire.

Luk 3:17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Let's also turn to Acts 19:4-5:

Act 19:4 And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus."

Act 19:5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

What is important to understand is that John baptized with water for repentance just as Paul tells us in Acts chapter 19 verse four. The people were coming to John admitting that they were sinners. They were admitting that they needed this baptism of repentance, and this is exactly why the Sadducees and the Pharisees refused to be baptized by John. Luke 7:29-30:

Luk 7:29 (When all the people heard this, and the tax collectors too, they declared God just, having been baptized with the baptism of John,

Luk 7:30 but the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.)

You see the Pharisees refused to be baptized by John because they would not admit that they were sinners. They would not humble themselves before the people and come down from their vanity filled ignorance to that water and admit that they were sinners. And this is exactly why our Messiah called them to fold children of hell in Matthew 23 verse 15. And he even went so far as to clearly tell them that they were of their father the devil in John 8:44:

Joh 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

And so, I want us to contrast this with the very commandment that came from the very breath, the very mouth the very tongue and from the very red-letter words of our Messiah found in Matthew 28:18-20:

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Mat 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Mat 28:20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

And we can see an even more clearly stated commandment found in Mark 16:15-16:

Mar 16:15 And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.

*Mar 16:16 **Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.***

You see it's all about believing. Most people think that all they have to do is say that they believe with their lips but this is not found anywhere in the Scripture. Anyone who truly is a believer... will move to do what our Messiah commands them to do out of love and respect for him. Those who do not want to be bothered by his arduous, and bothersome commandments will reject his commandments at every turn because they do not love him as they say. And we must remember that the Bible says that we will know them by their fruits... In other words, we will know them by what they do... or do not do. John 14:23-26:

*Joh 14:23 Jesus answered him, **"If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.***

*Joh 14:24 **Whoever does not love me does not keep my words.** And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.*

And just to be clear on this my friends I want us to understand what we're reading here in these verses. I want us to understand that these red-letter words directly command every believer to be baptized just as our Messiah tells us in Mark chapter 16 verse 16, and I quote... *"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."*

Once again, my friends we do not need a secret decoder ring to decode what our Messiah clearly tells us in Mark 16:16. We do not need a so-called "early church father" to tell us what our Messiah just got done saying in Mark 16:16. We do not need any denominational charter of men, nor do we need for years of philosophy or hermeneutics or exegesis to understand what our Messiah said in his own red-letter words in Mark 16:16.

And so, while we understand these most important red-letter words... I also want us to understand why it is that so many lost modern-day professing Christians will so proudly proclaim that they no longer have to be baptized. Those who wrongly believe that we no longer need to be baptized will often times point to Romans 10:8-11:

Rom 10:8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

Rom 10:9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Rom 10:11 For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

What these poor lost souls cannot see in the Scriptures, is found in John 14:15-17:

Joh 14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

Joh 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,

Joh 14:17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

You see Paul indeed did say in Romans chapter 10 verse nine that *"if you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead you will be saved"*, however... Paul never says that we can disobey the commandment of our Messiah that commands us to be baptized. If what we confess with our mouth is true... And if what we believe in our heart is true... and if we truly love our Messiah... we will keep his commandments. And our Messiah speaks directly to those people who reject his commandment in Matthew chapter 15 verse eight he says *"these people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."* And this is exactly why our Messiah tells us in Matthew chapter 7 verse 21 that *"not everyone who says to me Lord Lord will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my father who is in heaven."*

You see these people that deny his very commandment to be baptized are the same people that see without seeing, and hear without hearing. Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says *"you will indeed hear but never understand and you will indeed see but never perceive."* *For this people's heart has grown dull and with their ears they can barely hear him with their eyes they have closed lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and he would heal them!* But you see these people are trapped in Romans chapter 10 verses eight through 11 and they can't see any farther than that because they haven't read any farther than that. And this is where you and I come in. This is where you and I shine the light. This is where you and I stand as the salt of the earth. This is where you and I manifest ourselves as the light of the world that our Messiah has given us. It's up to us to fix it my friends. It's up to us to make this understanding right for those who are chosen to see it. The apostle Paul explains to us why being baptized is so important in Romans 6:1-8:

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

Rom 6:2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

Rom 6:3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

Rom 6:4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Rom 6:5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Rom 6:6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

Rom 6:7 For one who has died has been set free from sin.

Rom 6:8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

And as a second witness I would like us to turn to first Peter 3:18-22:

1Pe 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

1Pe 3:19 in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison,

1Pe 3:20 because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.

1Pe 3:21 Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

1Pe 3:22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

Again, it is very important for us to understand that baptism corresponds to Noah and his family who are saved in an arc through water. Water my friends... is a very spiritual element that is found all throughout our Scripture. I want us to listen to how the early Israelites were baptized into Moses by crossing the Red Sea. Let's turn to first Corinthians 10:1-4:

1Co 10:1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,

1Co 10:2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,

1Co 10:3 and all ate the same spiritual food,

1Co 10:4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

Once again, we see that they were baptized into Moses. What's important to understand about being baptized into Moses is that Moses was the mediator between man and God in the Old Testament just like our Messiah is the man who is now the mediator between man and God today in our time, just as were told in first Timothy 2:5-6:

1Ti 2:5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

1Ti 2:6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

Back then the mediator between man and God was Moses. Today the mediator between man and God is our Messiah. According to Paul back in the day they were baptized into Moses but today we have a greater and final mediator who we are baptized into who is our Messiah Yeshua, Hamashiach.

Something else very important that I want us to see in first Corinthians 10 chapter 4 is that they all drank the same spiritual drink. "They drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and

that rock was Messiah.” In other words... the belief that their Messiah would come followed with them. Many people mistake this for the idea that Yeshua Jesus the man followed behind the Israelites, but there is no Scripture that tells us that our Messiah followed behind the Israelites. What followed them was the belief in a Messiah that would come because they had drank the spiritual drink and ate and the spiritual food that was the word of God that prophesied that a great Messiah was to come.

That spiritual drink was the promise of the seed that would bruise the head of the serpent. When Paul says that they all ate the same spiritual food and that they drank the same spiritual drink he’s talking about them accepting the fact that their Messiah was soon to come. Even though the physical man Yeshua had not yet been begotten by our Father in Heaven... his coming preceded him. The knowledge of his coming was well known all throughout the Scripture. This verse shows us that they were looking forward to their coming Messiah who was a shadow picture of the Passover Lamb. The mana that fell in the desert was a representation of their Messiah who was the true bread from heaven. The tabernacle with all of its offerings foreshadowed our Messiah in many ways including being the place where people would meet God in person. The high priest was a type and shadow of our Messiah who is now our high priest in the order of Melchizedek. It was in the wilderness where that great prophecy of the coming Messiah was given. Let’s turn to Deuteronomy 18:15-19:

Deu 18:15 “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—

Deu 18:16 just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’

Deu 18:17 And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken.

Deu 18:18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

Deu 18:19 And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

So, knowing and understanding this prophecy from Moses it’s clear that the people were eating the spiritual food and drinking the spiritual rock that Moses was giving them and it was faith in this coming Messiah that followed with them... not the coming Messiah in the flesh as so many wrongly assume. And I just wanted to make that point clear before we move on. The word of God was not made flesh from the loins of David until after David had expired, and the Scripture is very clear about that and so I just wanted to button that up before we move forward. And for those of you who do not understand that our Messiah was created from the body of David please go read second Samuel chapter 7 so that you might have the understanding of truth.

Moving back to the idea of sprinkling or pouring water on someone’s head in order to baptize them... Baptism is not done by sprinkling the four head or pouring water over someone. There

is not one example of this found anywhere in the Scripture. It's not in there and you can't find it. And the reason you can't find it... is because it's not in there. The very word baptize comes from the word "baptizo" which means to immerse or to submerge it does not mean to sprinkle or to pour. Not to mention the fact that we have many examples of how people were baptized that can be found all throughout the Scripture. Take for example the "eunuch" that Philip spoke to found in acts 8:35:39:

Act 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.

Act 8:36 And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?"

Act 8:38 And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

Act 8:39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

Another example of submersion can be found by examining our Messiah himself who made John baptize him even though he was without sin... just so that he could be an example to us. Let's turn to Matthew 3:13-17:

Mat 3:13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.

Mat 3:14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

Mat 3:15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

Mat 3:16 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;

Mat 3:17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Once again, my friends our Messiah was indeed the perfect example, who did things that he did not have to do in order to be that perfect example. First Peter 2:21:

1Pe 2:21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

We've already heard the direct commandment from our Messiah found in Mark chapter 16 verse 16 that commands us to be baptized. We've seen the example of our Messiah being baptized himself even though he did not need to be... just so that he could be the perfect example for us. We've heard the proclamation of the apostle Paul who tells us very clearly that "We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death," in Romans chapter 6 verse 4. We've heard from first Peter that the ark of Noah corresponds to this baptism which now saves

us, not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of our Messiah Yeshua in first Peter chapter 3 verse 21.

How much more could we possibly ask for as evidence to the fact that we are all indeed called to baptism? How much more do we need from the very red-letter words of our Messiah who said in Mark chapter 16 verse 16 and I quote... *“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”* Being baptized is believing. Doing is believing. Faith without works is dead according to James the very brother of our Messiah. And you can read that for yourself if you turn to James chapter 2 verse 17.

As far as being rebaptized... there is nothing found within the pages of our Scriptures that condemns anyone for being rebaptized. But there is a condemnation mentioned in our Scripture for those who preach and teach another Jesus and another gospel and another spirit. Let's turn to second Corinthians 11:4-6:

2Co 11:4 For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough.

2Co 11:5 Indeed, I consider that I am not in the least inferior to these super-apostles.

2Co 11:6 Even if I am unskilled in speaking, I am not so in knowledge; indeed, in every way we have made this plain to you in all things.

What did Paul tell the church at Galatia what happened to those who preach something contrary to the gospel that they preached? Galatians 1:6-9:

Gal 1:6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—

Gal 1:7 not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

Gal 1:8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.

Gal 1:9 As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

And so, my friends if you have been taught another Roman Greco Jesus. Another Roman Greco spirit another Roman Greco gospel... and you are coming out of that other teaching that teaches you wrongly... that you are once saved always saved... or that the law of God is nailed to some tree somewhere... or that God's feast days are all dead and done away with... and you have come to the true understanding of our God breathed Scripture because you have come back to our God breathed Scripture... you may indeed be rebaptized into the truth of God's word as God ordained it. And many of our brothers and sisters see this as a rejection of the other Jesus

that had been taught to them through the denominational charters and institutions of men.

If the spirit is telling you to be rebaptized... then indeed... be rebaptized! Let God be true and every man a liar. Let the spirit speak to your heart and not the wisdom of men. And as far as who can baptize and who cannot baptize... any believer in the Messiah Yeshua can baptize. You can baptize in a swimming pool, you can baptize in a bathtub, you can baptize in a river, you can baptize in a mikvah, you can baptize in a church baptismal... but be baptized indeed. Acts 2:38-40:

Act 2:38 And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 2:39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

Act 2:40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.”

And before we go I would also like to address the proper way for someone to be baptized. There is been a great rift in the understanding of how to be baptized, and in whose name it is that we should be baptized into. Once again, I would point is directly back to the commandment provided by our Messiah in his own red-letter words, because he tells us very clearly who it is that we are baptized into. Matthew 28:18-20:

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Mat 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Mat 28:20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Many will claim that because the spirit of God was in his only begotten son... That all we have to do is use the name Jesus. The first thing we need to understand is the name Jesus is a translation of the true name of our Messiah. The name Jesus is an invented name. The name “Jesus” was and even invented or heard of until the 16th century. The Greek language did not have that “J” sound in their language and so this name “Jesus” was invented in the 16th century as a translation of our Messiah’s true name “Yehoshua” which is found in the original Hebrew text. So, the first thing we need to understand is that the name “Jesus” is a translated and invented name, although it does indeed point directly to “Yeshua” our Messiah. So, if are going to baptize in the proper name we need to use the name “Yeshua” in order to be speaking his original name.

But our Messiah never commands us to baptize in only his name. As we can see very clearly in Matthew chapter 28 verse 19 our Messiah tells us with his own red-letter words that we are to baptize them in the name of the father which is Yahovah, and the Son, which is Yeshua, and the

Ruach Hakodesh, also known as the Holy Spirit.

Now with that being said we can find several instances where the Scripture tells us that people were baptized in the name of “Yeshua”. But this does not in way determine that this was the only name that they were baptized into. They already knew Yahovah and his Holy Spirit... The new name that they needed to remember was the name of “Yeshua”, and so often times they would simply say that they had baptize them in the name of “Yeshua” instead of mentioning his Father’s name or his Holy Spirit because that just came without saying. Back then everything they did... they did in the name of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, and so there is no reason for us to assume that they were only baptizing people in the name of “Yeshua”.

If we do exactly as our Messiah has told us to do, we cannot go wrong. We know the father’s name, we know the sun’s name, and we know that it was the father who sent his Ruach Hakodesh to dwell within us and we also know what our Messiah clearly told us in John chapter 5 verse 19-23:

Joh 5:19 So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.

Joh 5:20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel.

Joh 5:21 For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will.

Joh 5:22 For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son,

Joh 5:23 that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

There is indeed a very distinct Father... and there is indeed a very distinct Son... and there is indeed a very distinct Holy Spirit... and our Messiah commands us to baptize them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and his Holy Spirit, and that... is exactly the way it ought to be done... not according to some early church father, not according to any denominational charter of men, not according to any Bible commentator, not according to any institution of men... but according to the only begotten son of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob as he has prescribed in his own red letter words found in our God breathed Scriptures. The father has a name for a reason, and the Son has a name for a reason, and we need to fully understand why the only begotten Son of God was indeed a flesh and bone man, and why it is this flesh and bone man is the only one mediator between God and man according to 1st Timothy 2:5.

In the end my friends... when it’s all said and done... If the Son wants the name of the Father and his Holy Spirit included in baptism... then I simply say... “Let him true... And every man a liar.” As for me and my house we will indeed serve the Lord. John 14:20-21:

Joh 14:20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

Joh 14:21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”