

**The GOSPEL
TRUTH**

Bible Study

Here's the famous question...

“Do you want the good news or the bad news first?”

Usually it's best to start with the bad news and then get the good news. That way you end on a good note. So that's what we'll do in this Bible study.

- **According to the Bible, does it matter what a person believes?**

If the Bible says something matters, then it does. It doesn't matter what men or church denominations say. The Bible interprets itself.

If 2 scriptures seem contradictory, then you still have man's opinion. Somewhere, there will exist a 3rd scripture that will tie the other two together and all will agree and say the same thing. In the Bible, every verse is true but not an entire truth in itself. You must look at all of the scriptures on a topic to fully understand it. You can't pick and choose the verses you want and then create a doctrine/teaching from them while ignoring the other scriptures dealing with the same subject. With this in mind, let's look at the Bible...

GOD'S WORD

John 17:17 - Jesus praying

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

John 12:48 - Jesus warning

But all who reject me and my message will be judged at the day of judgment by the truth I have spoken. (NLT)

Revelation 20:12-15 - John prophesying

I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to the things written in the books, according to what they had done.

The sea gave up the dead in it, and death and the grave gave up the dead in them. They were all judged according to their deeds. And death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death--the lake of fire. And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire. (NLT)

The Bible = TRUTH

- Many people today are asking "what is truth?".
- Let God be true, but every man a liar (Romans 3:4).
- Use a straight-edge to cut a board. The straight-edge is like the Bible.
- Jesus said the words he spoke will judge us all in the day of judgment.
- It's important to know what the Word of God says.





- The Bible acts like a mirror and shows us what we need to do. But we must do that which it shows us to do or else we're deceived.
- We need to rightly divide (correctly interpret) the word of truth. We must study each scripture in context.
- You can make the Bible say almost anything you want. For example, Judas and Jesus. It's very important to correctly interpret the Bible.
- Paul said to teach "no other doctrine". No other doctrine than what? What the Apostles taught. All of the Apostles taught and preached the same thing.

GOD'S WORD

James 1:22-24 - James warning

And remember, it is a message to obey, not just to listen to. If you don't obey, you are only fooling yourself. For if you just listen and don't obey, it is like looking at your face in a mirror but doing nothing to improve your appearance. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. (NLT)

2 Peter 1:20-21 - Peter teaching

Knowing this first, that **no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation**. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2 Timothy 2:15 - Paul instructing

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 4:2-4 - Paul warning

Preach the word of God. Be persistent, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to right teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever they want to hear. (NLT)

1 Timothy 1:3b - Paul warning

... that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine.

**doctrine = teaching*

THE BAD NEWS

Matthew 7:13-27 - Jesus warning

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and **many** there be which go in thereat:

Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and **few** there be that find it.

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

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Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

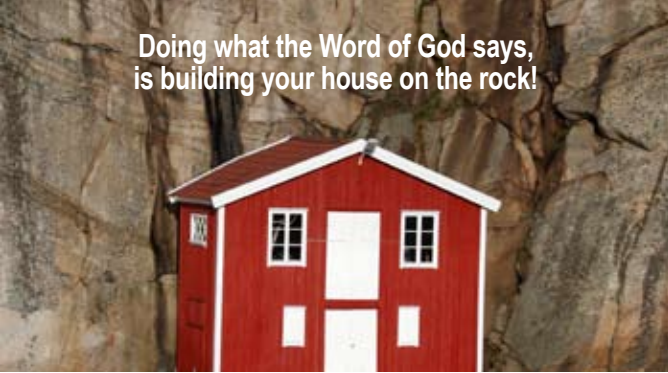
Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but **he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.**

- False prophets come in “sheep’s clothing”, they appear to be “Christians”. They will lead many to destruction. Few will go into life eternal.
- If they look like a christian and talk like a christian, how do you know if they’re a christian? By their fruit. But what is the fruit?



Doing what the Word of God says,
is building your house on the rock!



- All of [Matthew 7:13-27](#) is talking about the same subject. The wise man is the same as those that went the narrow way and the foolish man is the same as those who took the broad way. In between it talks about false prophets and how these foolish people were deceived.

- **Notice:** these people called Jesus “Lord”. A false prophet will get you to call on the Name of the Lord, but not do what the Word of God says. This is the fruit of a false prophet. They will not build on the words that Jesus and the Apostles taught to be saved. These people are surprised that Jesus does not acknowledge them. Didn’t we do all these “good works”?

THE BAD NEWS

[Matthew 7:13-27](#) continued

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Wise Man

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

Foolish Man

And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

THE BAD NEWS

2 Peter 3:16-17 - Peter warning

Speaking of these things in all of his (*Paul*) letters. Some of his comments are hard to understand, and those who are ignorant and unstable have twisted his letters around to mean something quite different from what he meant, just as they do the other parts of Scripture--and the result is disaster for them. I am warning you ahead of time, dear friends, so that you can watch out and not be carried away by the errors of these wicked people. I don't want you to lose your own secure footing. (NLT)

2 Timothy 3:13 - Paul warning

But evil people and impostors will flourish. They will go on deceiving others, and they themselves will be deceived. (NLT)

6 Ephesians 4:14 - Paul warning

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Galatians 1:6-8 - Paul rebuking/warning

I am shocked that you are turning away so soon from God, who in his love and mercy called you to share the eternal life he gives through Christ. You are already following a different way that pretends to be the Good News but is not the Good News at all. You are being fooled by those who twist and change the truth concerning Christ. Let God's curse fall on anyone, including myself, who preaches any other message than the one we (Apostles) told you about. Even if an angel comes from heaven and preaches any other message, let him be forever cursed. I will say it again: If anyone preaches any other gospel than the one you welcomed, let God's curse fall upon that person. (NLT)

- Peter said some people take Paul's writings (the epistles) and wrest (twist) them unto their own destruction. The "Romans Road to Salvation" is a good example of this.

- Some will "pervert" or change the gospel message. A false prophet will not preach word-for-word the gospel that the Apostles preached. They may use bits and pieces of scripture but will change the gospel somehow. We must listen to what the Apostles preached in the book of Acts to be saved.

- Galatians mentions that even if an angel preached something else than the Apostles it would be accursed. There is an entire religion built on the words of an angel. The book of Mormon is a book that an "Angel" gave to Joseph Smith in 1827.



- **Notice:** Paul answers Peter's question in another letter.
- In [2 Thessalonians](#), notice that just believing the gospel is not enough. You must obey the gospel too.
- **Notice:** the difference between [Roman 16:18](#) and [John 17:20](#). Those preachers deceive the hearts of the simple with good words and fair speeches. There are many of those 'good words' out there today, such as "Accept Christ and you're saved" and "Just accept Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior" (which by the way, is not in the Bible). Compare this to what the Apostles preached in the book of Acts.



- [John 17:20](#) says that Jesus prayed for those who would believe the Apostles' words. We have got to have what the Apostles preached to be saved.

THE BAD NEWS

1 Peter 4:17 - Peter writing

For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

2 Thessalonians 1:7-8 - Paul warning

And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Romans 16:17-18 - Paul warning

Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

John 17:20 - Jesus praying

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their (Apostles) word;

1 Corinthians 2:4 - Paul writing

And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

THE BAD NEWS

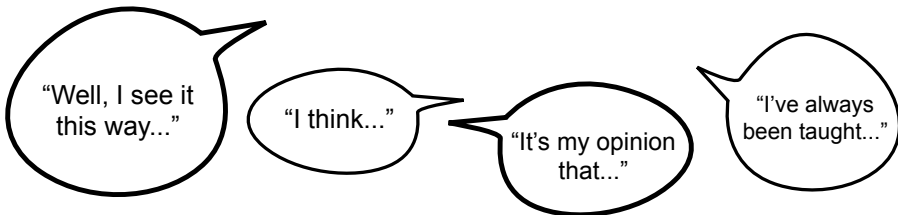
Colossians 2:8-10 - Paul warning

Don't let anyone lead you astray with empty philosophy and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the evil powers of this world, and not from Christ. For in Christ, the fullness of God lives in a human body. (NLT)

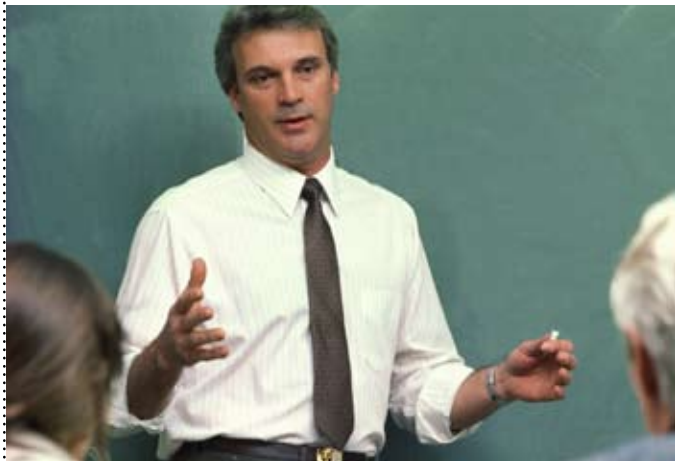
2 Timothy 3:1-5 - Paul warning

You should also know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control; they will be cruel and have no interest in what is good. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. They will act as if they are religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. You must stay away from people like that. (NLT)

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• There are many philosophies out there today. Be careful when you get into a conversation with someone about the Bible and they begin their statements with, "Well I believe..." or "I think it means this...". Just say, let's see what the Bible says.



• In 2 Timothy it mentions those that "They will act as if they are religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly". This means that some churches are religious, but deny the power of God. In Acts 1 the Bible says that you'll receive power when the Holy Ghost comes upon you. We'll learn more about that later.



- **Notice:** Apollos was humble enough before the Lord that he was willing to receive more truth, not different truth, but more truth. He wanted to grow even closer to God. We are all on a journey to find God. Nobody has fully searched out God.

- Apollos knew the Word of God and loved God but still didn't have all of the story. He had only heard of John's baptism. He hadn't yet heard of Peter and Paul's preaching on baptism. Aquila and Priscilla, disciples of Paul, taught Apollos what Paul preached. We'll read what that was on the next page.

APOLLOS

Acts 18:24-26

Meanwhile, a Jew named Apollos, an eloquent speaker who knew the Scriptures well, had just arrived in Ephesus from Alexandria in Egypt.

He had been taught the way of the Lord and talked to others with great enthusiasm and accuracy about Jesus. However, he knew only about John's baptism.

When Priscilla and Aquila heard him preaching boldly in the synagogue, they took him aside and explained the way of God more accurately. (NLT)

- Notice that Jesus said there is a sound when someone is born of the Spirit. We'll have to wait until we get to the book of Acts to find someone being born of the Spirit and see what that sound is.



born of the water

born of the Spirit

- Is there a contradiction between [John 3:1-8](#) and [John 3:16](#)? No, it's during the same conversation with Nicodemus. Both are necessary for salvation.
- Every verse is true, but not an entire truth in itself. Jesus didn't mention anything about repentance in these two scriptures but in other scriptures He does ([Luke 13:3](#)). You must look at all of the scriptures on a topic to fully understand it.
- [John 7:38-39](#), the Spirit will not be given until after Jesus dies and is glorified. This is why no one received it until the Day of Pentecost. We'll learn about that in Acts chapter 2.

THE GOOD NEWS - FINALLY!!

[John 3:1-8, 16](#) - Jesus teaching

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. 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? 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. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

[16](#) - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

[John 7:38-39](#) - Jesus teaching

He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. **(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive:** for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

THE GOOD NEWS

Romans 10:8-15 - Paul teaching

But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

- 11 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? **And how shall they preach, except they be sent?** as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

John 17:18, 20 - Jesus praying

As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have **I also sent them into the world.** Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through **their** word;



• Is there a contradiction between [John 3:16](#), [John 3:5](#) and [Romans 10:8-13](#)? No. All are part of salvation.

• [Verses 14-16](#): This says you can't call or believe on the Lord until you hear the gospel preached by a man sent of God. How do you know who is sent of God? Every false teacher will use the same Bible. They'll look, talk and act like a christian. Good news, Jesus said that He sent the Apostles to preach.

Since the Apostles are the only ones we know for sure are sent of God, then it is the gospel the Apostles preached that we must listen to.

• We know that Jesus sent the Apostles. If we could hear them preach, we would know the truth. Good News! We have the actual words written down in the book of Acts what they preached to the lost to be saved!



Baptism in the name

(Baptism in the name. What name? We'll find out later)

- Many people today would read Mark 16:16 like this...“He that believeth and is saved should be baptized.” But that’s not what Jesus said. He said, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.”
- Jesus also mentioned certain signs that would follow a believer. It’s important to not follow after signs but equally important is that signs follow after you. Everywhere Jesus went, signs followed him. Everywhere the early church went, signs followed them. And today, everywhere the church goes, signs will follow them.
- In Luke 10:19-20 we see that the serpents represent the power of the enemy. True believers have the power over the enemy. It doesn’t mean ‘snake handling’.

Matthew’s GREAT COMMISSION

Matthew 28:18-20 - Jesus commanding

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 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.

✓ **Baptism**

Mark’s GREAT COMMISSION

Mark 16:15-20 - Jesus commanding

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them (see Luke 10:19-20); they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

✓ **Baptism**

Luke's GREAT COMMISSION

Luke 24:44-53 - Jesus commanding

Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

And that **repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name** among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I **send the promise of my Father upon you**: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

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- ✓ Repentance
- ✓ Remission of sins
- ✓ The Promise of the Father



Baptism in his name

(Peter says baptism is for the remission of sins. In his name.)



The Promise of the Father

(birth of the Spirit/Holy Ghost/Holy Spirit)



Baptism of the Holy Ghost

(Born of the Spirit/Holy Spirit/Promise of the Father)

- We've finally arrived to the book of Acts to see what they preached to the lost to be saved.
- **Notice:** what sounds accompanied the outpouring of God's Spirit?
- Remember, Jesus gave them a commission at the end of each gospel. Here is a check list to see if they fulfill that:
 - Repentance**
 - Baptism (Born of the water)**
 - Remission of sins**
 - The Holy Ghost (Born of the Spirit)**

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST

Acts 1:5 - Jesus preaching

For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:** and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

BORN OF THE SPIRIT – THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-4; 16-17 - 120 people filled with the Holy Ghost

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

16-17 - But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh.

PETER PREACHES – HOW TO BE SAVED!

Acts 2:36-42 - Peter preaching

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. 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?

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.

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For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized (*remember: be doers of the word and not hearers only*): and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

- Repentance
- Baptism
- Remission of sins
- The Holy Ghost



Baptism in Jesus name
(born of the water)

Holy Ghost
(born of the spirit)

- Notice what Peter preached lines up exactly with everything we've read in the Great Commission.
- We find out what name Jesus was referring to for baptism. Was there a birth of the water and Spirit involved? Yes!
- Did these people believe that God had raised Jesus from the dead and confess with their mouths calling on the name of the Lord? (Romans 10). Yes!
- See how all of the scriptures work together and don't contradict each other.



Baptism in Jesus Name

(born of the water)



Holy Ghost

(born of the Spirit)

SAMARITANS GET SAVED

Acts 8:4-17 - Philip preaching

But the believers who had fled Jerusalem went everywhere preaching the Good News about Jesus. Philip, for example, went to the city of Samaria and told the people there about the Messiah. Crowds listened intently to what he had to say because of the miracles he did. Many evil spirits were cast out, screaming as they left their victims. And many who had been paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was great joy in that city.

A man named Simon had been a sorcerer there for many years, claiming to be someone great. The Samaritan people, from the least to the greatest, often spoke of him as “the Great One—the Power of God.” He was very influential because of the magic he performed. But now the people believed Philip’s message of Good News concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. As a result, many men and women were baptized. Then Simon himself believed and was baptized. He began following Philip wherever he went, and he was amazed by the great miracles and signs Philip performed.

When the apostles back in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had accepted God’s message, they sent Peter and John there. As soon as they arrived, they prayed for these new Christians to receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them, for they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John laid their hands upon these believers, and they received the Holy Spirit. (NLT)

- Baptism**
- The Holy Ghost**

GENTILES GET SAVED

Acts 10:33-48 - Peter preaching

Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

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

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. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

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

☑ **Baptism**

☑ **Remission of sins**

☑ **The Holy Ghost** - Notice: the same sound



Baptism in Jesus name

(born of the water)



Holy Ghost

(born of the Spirit)

- How did the Jews know that the Gentiles had received the Holy Ghost? It was the same sound that happened when the Jews received it. Jesus said there would be a sound of every person who is born of the Spirit.

BELIEVERS ARE REBAPTIZED

Acts 19:1-7 - Paul preaching

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior provinces. Finally, he came to Ephesus, where he found several believers.

“Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” he asked them. “No,” they replied, “we don’t know what you mean. We haven’t even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

“Then what baptism did you experience?” he asked. And they replied, “The baptism of John.” Paul said, “John’s baptism was to demonstrate a desire to turn from sin and turn to God. John himself told the people to believe in Jesus, the one John said would come later.”

As soon as they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Then when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in other tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all. (NLT)

Baptism

The Holy Ghost - Notice: the same sound



Baptism in Jesus name

(born of the water)



Holy Ghost

(born of the Spirit)



Holy Ghost

(born of the Spirit)



Baptism in Jesus name

(born of the water)

- [Acts 22:16](#) tells us of the conversion of Paul, “be baptized, and have your sins washed away, calling on the name of the Lord.” (The same thing Peter preached, saved Paul.)
- [1 Corinthians 14:18](#) Paul spoke in tongues often. He instructed us to pray in both tongues and our natural language.

PAUL’S CONVERSION

[Acts 9:17-18](#)

So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you may get your sight back and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Instantly something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized. (NLT)

[Acts 22:16](#)

And now, why delay? Get up and be baptized, and have your sins washed away, calling on the name of the Lord.’ (NLT)

[1 Corinthians 14:18](#)

I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all.

- [Baptism](#)
- [The Holy Ghost](#)

WHAT DOES BAPTISM DO?

1 Peter 3:20-21

Those who disobeyed God long ago when God waited patiently while Noah was building his boat. Only eight people were saved from drowning in that terrible flood. And this is a picture of baptism, which now saves you by the power of Jesus Christ's resurrection. Baptism is not a removal of dirt from your body; it is an appeal to God from a clean conscience. (NLT)

Colossians 2:12

Buried with him (*Jesus*) in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

THE NAME OF JESUS

Acts 4:10-12 - Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Matthew 1:21 - And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Acts 3:16 - And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Colossians 3:17 - And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Psalms 124:8 - Our help *is* in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

- Baptism in water saves us just like the water saved Noah's family. It doesn't literally remove sin but it removes it from God's record book and your conscience.



- It is faith in God's word, that causes us to obey what it tells us to do. We put faith in action when we get baptized. Faith without works is dead. God's word says that baptism is for the remission of sins. If you really believe that then you'll get baptized. It also says, be baptized and wash away your sins. Jesus said, he that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Baptism is very much a part of salvation but primarily it is faith in God's word.
- Some people say it doesn't matter what name you baptize in since they are all one anyhow. If the Bible says it doesn't matter, then it doesn't matter; but if the Bible says it matters, then it matters. What does **Acts 4:10-12** say?
- Where was the name given to men in the plan of salvation? In baptism. Where do men call on the name of the Lord? In baptism.