

BAPTISM IN WATER

Numbers 6:24-26 "The Lord bless you and keep you! May the LORD make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! May the Lord turn his face upon you and give you peace!"

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Water baptism is a commandment given by the Lord (our passage of faith and obedience)

Mt 28:18-20 "Then Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. 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, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. Now behold,

I am with you always, even to the end of the present age. Amen».

It must be ministered to people who desire to repent, believe by faith in Jesus Christ to begin a new path of sanctification, and it must be done by immersion as Jesus Himself did:

Mt 3:16 "As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.

Many preachers, especially religious ones, say that newborns must also be baptized, because from historical books of the fathers of the church they deduce that children were baptized, but the child could believe, the newborn could not! Let's verify the scriptures:

Acts 2:37-38,41 "When they heard this, they were pricked to the heart, and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'Brethren, what shall we do? Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ

(water baptism by immersion) for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (by faith the baptism of the Holy Ghost) Those who accepted his word were baptized; and in that day about three thousand persons were added to them.

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At 16:14-15 ... Lydia, who feared God, listened to us. The Lord opened her heart to make her attentive to the things Paul said. After she was baptized with her family.

Acts 16:29-33 "The jailer asked for a light, and sprang in, trembling, and fell at the feet of Paul and Silas, and led them out, and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you and your family will be saved." Then they preached the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them with him at that very hour of the night, washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized with all his own.

Acts 18:8 ... Many Corinthians, when they heard, believed and were baptized.

From adolescence to adulthood there is both the ability to discern and to sin.

Gru 32:30 "For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have done evil in my sight from their youth; for the children of Israel have done nothing but provoke my wrath by the work of their hands, saith the Lord.

According to Jewish custom, religious education for 6-year-old sons began in the family by the father; from the age of 7 to 13 he continued with the rabbinical school of the synagogue, at the age of 13 after passing the exam they became "bar mitzwah" or "children of the precept", and were admitted to participate in the entire life of the community on an equal

footing with adults and had the moral responsibility of their actions towards Jewish law, in consideration of the conscience in distinguishing good from evil, responsibility for keeping the commandments about 613, and they could participate in the Sabbath services in the synagogue by reading and commenting on the sacred books.

Baptism in the Name of Jesus

Baptism must be given in the name of Jesus Christ (it is not a formula, but a commandment) Many preachers say that baptism must be done in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit because this is what Jesus said, but these are titles they are not a name, the only name that God has given to men to be saved is Jesus Christ.

Salvation through and in the Name of Jesus Christ

In the scriptures we read that salvation is obtained through and in the name of Jesus Christ:

Acts 4:10,12 "Let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that this was done in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, and whom God raised from the dead... In no other is salvation; for there is no other name under heaven (only Jesus Christ) that has been given to men, by which we must be saved."

Ac 10:43 "All the prophets testify of him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Jesus Christ)

1 Corinthians 6:11 ... you have been washed, you have been sanctified, you have been justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Jn 1:12-13 But to all who received him he gave the right to become children of God, namely, to those who believe in his name; (Jesus Christ) who were

not born of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but were born of God.

Jn 3:18 "He who believes in him is not judged; he who does not believe is already judged, because he did not believe in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (Jesus Christ)

Joh 2:23 "While he (Jesus) was in Jerusalem at the feast of Passover, many believed in his name, seeing the miraculous signs that he was doing.

Jn 20:30-31 "And Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these were written, that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you might have life in his name.

Ac 21:21 "And it will come to pass, that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord (Jesus Christ) will be saved.

Ac 22:16 And now, why do you delay (Saul)? Arise, be baptized and washed of your sins, calling on his name. (Jesus Christ)

1 Jn 5:13 "I have written these things to you that you may know that you have eternal life, you who believe in the name of the Son of God. (Jesus Christ)

Water Baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ

Acts 2:38 "Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let each one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Acts 10:47-48 Then Peter said, "Is there anyone who can deny water and prevent these (Cornelius and his family) from being baptized who have received the Holy Spirit as we have?" And he commanded that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, amen. Then they begged him to stay a few days with them.

Acts 19:4-7 Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in him who came after him, that is, in Jesus." When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus; and when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all.

Acts 8:15-16 "They went and prayed for them that they would receive the Holy Spirit; for he had not yet descended upon any of them, but had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

1 Corinthians 1:13,15 ... Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? Therefore no one can say that you were baptized in my name.

Deliverance from Demons in the Name of Jesus Christ

Mr16:17 ... in my name they will cast out demons...

Mr 9:38 And John said unto him, Teacher, we have seen one cast out demons in thy name.

Acts 16:18 "So he did for many days; but Paul, in annoyance, turned and said to the spirit, 'I command you, in the name of Jesus Christ, to come out of her.' And he went out at that moment.

Lk 10:17 "And the seventy returned full of joy, saying, 'Lord, even demons are subject to us in your name.'

Acts 19:13 "And some of the Jewish itinerant exorcists also tried to call on the name of the Lord Jesus on those who had evil spirits, saying, 'I adjure you, through that Jesus whom Paul proclaims.'

Demons also declare the name of Jesus and are subject to him

Mk 5:6-7 "When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and bowed down before him, and said with a loud voice, 'What is there between me and you, Jesus,

the Son of the Most High God? I implore you, in the name of God, not to torment me."

Healings in the Name of Jesus Christ

Ac 3:6 But Peter said, ... in the name of Jesus Christ, the Nazarene, walk!

Acts 4:9-10 ... this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that this was done in the name of Jesus Christ,

Jom 5:14-15 Is there anyone who is sick? Let him call the elders of the church, and they pray for him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: (Jesus Christ) the prayer of faith will save the sick and the Lord will restore him; if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.

1 Jn 2:12 "Little children, I am writing to you because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

Preaching, teaching, and serving in the name of Jesus Christ

Acts 9:15 "But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he (Paul) is an instrument whom I have chosen to bear my name before the peoples, kings, and the children of Israel;

Acts 9:27-28 "Then Barnabas took him (Saul) and brought him to the apostles, and told them how he had seen the Lord speaking to him on the way, and how he had preached courageously in the name of Jesus in Damascus. From then on, Saul went and went with them to Jerusalem, and he preached boldly in the name of the Lord; (Jesus Christ)

Lk 24:46-47 "Thus it is written, that Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached in his name to all nations, beginning with

Jerusalem.

1 Thess 4:2 "For you know what instructions We have given you in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Heb 6:10 For God is not unrighteous so as to forget your work, and the love you have shown for his name by the services you have rendered, and still render to the saints.

Acts 4:17-18 "But that it may not spread further among the people, we order them by threats not to speak to anyone again in the name of this man." And they (the leaders of the people and the elders) having called them, and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

Ac 26:9 "As for me (Saul), I thought that I should actively work against the name of Jesus the Nazarene.

Prophecies and Miracles in the Name of Jesus Christ

Mk 16:17-18 "These are the signs that will accompany those who believe: in my name (Jesus Christ) they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will take snakes in their hands; even if they drink some poison, they will have no harm from it; they will lay hands on the sick and they will be healed.

Acts 4:29-30 "Now, O Lord, consider their threats, and grant that your servants may speak your word in all boldness, stretching out your hand to heal, so that signs and wonders may be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

Mt 7:22 "Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and done many mighty works in your name?'

Prayers, praise, and everything that is said and done in the name of Jesus Christ

Mt 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Jn 16:23 ... Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, (Jesus Christ) he will give it to you.

Jn 14:13-14 And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

Heb 13:15 "Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise, namely, the fruit of lips confessing his name.

2 Thess 1:12 ... may the name of our Lord Jesus be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph 5:20 ... continually thanking God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Cla 3:17 "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do all things in the name of the Lord Jesus, thanking God the Father through him.

The Holy Ghost Sent in the Name of Jesus Christ

Jn 14:26 ... the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, (Jesus Christ) will teach you all things and remind you of all that I have said to you.

Authority and Power in the Name of Jesus Christ

Phil 2:9 "Therefore God has exalted him sovereignly and has given him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee in heaven and on earth and under the earth may bow, and every tongue may confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father."

Eph 1:20-21 "This mighty power of his strength he (God) showed in Christ, when he raised him from the dead and made him sit at his right hand in

heaven, above every principality, authority, power, lordship, and every other name that is named, not only in this world, but also in the world to come.

The apostle Peter says that baptism is the **request of a good conscience made to God**. Conscience is a wonderful gift from God, it is the ability we have within us to distinguish good from evil. In the Bible, the Greek word translated "conscience" means "self-knowledge." It can help us honestly examine our deepest thoughts and feelings, it can make us feel comfortable when we make right decisions or guilty after making bad decisions. With baptism our conscience is purified, that is, prepared to do only good and stay away from evil.

1 Pe 3:21 (the water of the flood in Noah's day) **which is a type of baptism (not the removal of filth from the flesh, but the request for a good conscience with God), which now also saves us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

HOW DOES CONVERSION TO CHRIST TAKE PLACE?

Water baptism is an act of faith and obedience, foretelling and accepting our death to the old nature, to sin, and to the world

Cla 2:11 "In him you were also circumcised by a circumcision, not done with hands, but by the circumcision of Christ, **which consists in the stripping of the body of the flesh: you were buried with him in baptism, and consecration to new life in Christ by the Holy Spirit.**

Cl 2:12 "In which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God who raised him from the dead."

A physical event that takes place in the spiritual through the baptism of the Holy Spirit is in practice our consecration to God in Christ.

As a general concept, this is the process of conversion that takes place in our being through Divine intervention, in four stages:

- God's Gift of Repentance

The seed which is the Word of God proclaimed with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, enters our hearts and produces the gift of repentance

Acts 2:37 When they heard this, they were pricked to the heart, and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?(Ac 11:18; 2 Tim 2:25)

We repent of our sins through confession by asking God for forgiveness

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

- God's gift of faith

We receive the gift of faith to believe and accept the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross

Heb 12:2; Rom 10:17 "So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard." listens comes from the word of Christ.

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

- Water baptism done by faith and in obedience to the Word of God (it is a commandment)

We do water baptism by immersion in obedience to the Word of God in the name of Jesus and the moment we come out of the water, through the blood of Jesus that is applied to our lives, all sins are forgiven.

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

Acts 10:43 "All the prophets testify of him, that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name

Heb 9:22 "According to the law, almost everything is cleansed with blood; and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness."

Heb 9:12 (Christ) entered once for all time into the most holy place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood. Thus he has purchased for us an eternal redemption.

Eph 1:7 "In him we have redemption through his blood, forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace."

This is only the beginning, it is like having made the promise as in marriage, but without the sign and confirmation on the other side, the conversion like marriage has not yet taken place. You must ask for the baptism of the Holy Spirit in prayer, if there is an apostle he can impart it through the laying on of hands as the apostle Paul did on several occasions, otherwise it will be the Lord himself who baptizes.

- The baptism of the Holy Spirit received by faith through prayer

So after water baptism, through faith one receives the baptism of the Holy Spirit

Lk 11:13 "If you, then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

Gal 3:13-14 Christ has redeemed us... so that ... we received the promised Spirit through faith.

Ti 3:5-6 He saved us, not by righteous works done by us, but by His mercy, through the bath of regeneration (baptism of the Holy Spirit) and the renewing of the Holy Spirit (sanctification) which He poured out abundantly upon us through Christ Jesus our Savior. With the sign of speaking in tongues, prophesying and glorifying God. The risen Jesus said to his disciples:

Mr 16:16-18 "He who believes and is baptized (here the reference is the baptism of the Holy Spirit because in the following verses he indicates what will be the sign that he has received the Holy Spirit, that is, speaking in tongues) will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will accompany those who have believed: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will take snakes in their hands; even if they drink some poison, they will have no harm from it; they will lay hands on the sick and they will be healed.

Example of complete conversion of 12 Ephesian disciples

Acts 19:1-7 "While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the upper regions of the land and came to Ephesus, and there he found some disciples (believers), to whom he said, 'Did you receive the Holy Ghost when you believed? They answered Him, "We have not even heard that the Holy Ghost is there." He said to them, "By what baptism were you baptized?" They answered, "By the baptism of John." (they had repented of their sins) Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in him who came after him, that is, in Jesus." When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus; (baptism in water by immersion, to receive the forgiveness of sins through the blood of Jesus in the spirit) and, when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. (baptism of the Holy Spirit, with the sign of speaking in tongues and prophecy) There were about twelve men in all.

If the Spirit of God, of Christ is not in the believer, he does not belong to Him

Rom 8:9 "But you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if the Spirit of God truly dwells in you." If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to him. (1 Co 1:21-22; Eph 1:13)

The baptism of the Holy Spirit completes conversion, and our whole being is regenerated as a new creature and enters the body of Christ, the church on earth.

1 Corinthians 12:13,27 "For we were all baptized into one Spirit, Jews and Greeks, slaves and freemen, and we were all watered with one Spirit. Now you are the body of Christ and members of it, each one in his own way.

And at the same time he enters the Kingdom of God in heaven, sharing in the divine nature.

2 Corinthians 5:17 "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

Cl 1:13 "God has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has carried us into the kingdom of his beloved Son."

Eph 2:6 "And he raised us up with him, and with him he made us sit in heaven in Christ Jesus."

2 Peter 1:4 ... you became partakers of the divine nature...

As in marriage

Mt 19:5 "Therefore a man will leave his father and mother, and will be joined to his wife, and the two will be one flesh."

1 Corinthians 6:17 ... he who unites himself to the Lord is one spirit with him.

At the time of the apostles, complete conversion: That is, repentance and repentance, faith in Jesus Christ, baptism in water and baptism of the Holy Spirit took place on the same day or in any case in a very short time. Today, however, water baptism for some churches is not considered an important step for salvation and is no longer practiced, because they believe that faith alone is enough, but if we observe the conversion of the centurion Cornelius and his family, we can see that first they received the baptism of the Holy Spirit by faith and then the apostle Peter commanded that they be baptized in water in the name of Jesus. (Ac 10:48) If it did not

matter, why did the apostle Peter command it? What could happen if it is not done? It could happen that the old nature or old man not having died, because there was no forgiveness of sins through the blood of Jesus ([Heb 9:22 without bloodshed, there is no forgiveness](#)) the initial faith does not grow and one will continue to walk in the flesh until one turns away from God and goes astray. In other churches, water baptism is practiced only on children by sprinkling, and others leave it to personal choice when believers feel ready either by the decision of preachers or by the council of elders who gather a certain number of believers once a year.

And if the water baptism instituted by the Lord Jesus is not important, why did He Himself point out the importance of John the Baptist's baptism?

[Lk 7:29-30 "All the people who heard him, even the tax collectors, have](#)
[They recognized the righteousness of God by being baptized by the](#)
[baptism of John; but the Pharisees and the doctors of the law, not being](#)
[baptized by him \(John\), rejected the will of God for them.](#)

God's will which is:

[1 Tim 2:3-4 "God our Saviour, who wills all men to be saved and to come to](#)
[the knowledge of the truth."](#)

The same thing is for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, in all the evangelical churches it is taught that the baptism of the Holy Spirit serves only to receive power to evangelize, but no one considers that in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, one receives the Spirit of God as a seal to be saved with the sign of speaking in tongues, prophesy in tongues and glorify God in tongues. When we ask for the filling of the Holy Spirit, however, we are given the spiritual gifts of which the apostle Paul speaks to the Corinthians.

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

When he was baptized by John in the Jordan, he was immersed in water, according to what is written:

Mt 3:16 And as soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.

Jesus' baptism was a prophetic gesture and an act of consecration, which foretold and accepted the Father's will to sacrifice himself for humanity and rise from the dead.

THE BAPTISM OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

The apostle Paul was baptized by the disciple Ananias:

Acts 9:17-18 Therefore Ananias went and went into that house, and laying upon him the

"Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the way you were coming, sent me to recover your sight and be filled with Holy Spirit." At that moment they fell from his eyes like scales, and he regained his sight; then he got up and was baptized.

Acts 22:16 And now what are you waiting for? Arise and be baptized and washed by your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

THE BAPTISM OF BELIEVERS

The apostle Peter and the apostle Paul immediately baptized those who believed, because for them baptism had to follow immediately the faith and it was not to happen days, weeks, months, or years later.

Ac 2:41 "Therefore those who received his word (Peter's) gladly They were baptized; on that day about three thousand persons were added.

At 10:24-47 ... Cornelius was waiting for them and had called his relatives and his close friends. As Peter entered, Cornelius, going to meet him, knelt before him. But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Arise, I am a man too!" Conversing with him, he went in, and finding many people gathered there, he said to them, "You know that it is not lawful for a Jew to have intercourse with a stranger or to enter his house; but God has shown me that no man is to be counted unclean or defiled. Therefore, having been called, I have come without objection. Now I ask you: what is the reason why you sent for me?" Cornelius said, "Four days ago I was praying at the ninth hour in my house, when behold, a man stood before me in a shining robe, and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms have been remembered before God. So he sends someone to Joppa and brings Simon, also called Peter; he is a guest in the house of Simon, a tanner of skins, by the sea'. Therefore, I immediately sent for you, and you were right to come; now let us all be present before God, to hear all that the Lord has commanded you." Then Peter began to speak, saying, "Truly, I understand that God has no personal concerns; but that in any nation he who fears him and acts justly is pleasing to him. This is the word he addressed to the children of Israel, bringing the glad tidings of peace through Jesus Christ. He is Lord of all. You know what happened in all Judea, beginning in Galilee, after the baptism preached by John; namely, the story of Jesus of Nazareth; as God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and power; and how he went everywhere doing good and healing all those who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. And we are witnesses of all the things done by him in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem; they killed him, hanging him from a tree. But God raised him up on the third day and wanted him to manifest himself, not to all the people, but to the witnesses chosen by God; that is, to us, who ate and drank with him after his resurrection from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify, that he is the one who was appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify of him that

everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." While Peter was thus speaking, the Holy Spirit came upon all who heard the Word. And all the circumcised believers who had come with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Ghost was given even to foreigners, because they heard them speak in tongues and glorify God. Then Peter said, "Is there anyone who can

deny water and prevent those who have received the Holy Spirit as we are from being baptized? And he commanded that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, amen. Then they begged him to stay a few days with them.

Acts 16:29-33 "The jailer asked for a light, and sprang in, trembling, and fell at the feet of Paul and Silas; then he led them out and said, "Gentlemen, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your house." Then they preached the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them at that very hour of the night and washed their wounds. And he and all his family were immediately baptized.

Other examples:

Ac 8:12-13 But when they believed Philip, who was preaching good news tidings of things pertaining to the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, men and women were baptized. Simon also believed, and after he was baptized, he was continually with Philip; and, seeing the mighty operations and the signs that were made, he was amazed.

Acts 8:35-38 "Then Philip spoke and began with this scripture and preached Jesus to him. And as they continued their journey, they came to a place with water. And the eunuch said, "Here is some water, what prevents me from being baptized?" And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you can." And he answered, saying, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." Then he commanded the chariot to stop; and both, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and he baptized him.

Ac 16:14-15 "And a woman named **Lydia**, a merchant of purple, from the city of Thyatira, who worshipped God, was listening. And the Lord opened his heart to heed the things Paul said. **After being baptized with his family...**

1 Corinthians 1:14,16 "I thank God that **I have baptized** none of you save **Crispus and Gaius**; ... I also baptized **Stefana's family**; after all, I don't know if I baptized anyone else.

Acts 18:8 And **Crispus**, the ruler of the synagogue, believed the Lord **with all his household**; and **many of the Corinthians**, when they heard Paul, **believed, and were baptized**.

Acts 8:14-17 "Then the apostles who were in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, and sent Peter and John to them. They went and prayed for them to receive the Holy Ghost; for he had not yet descended upon any of **them**, but **had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus**. Then they laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

Water baptism has these characteristics:

- 1 - It is a commandment of God that we must apply only once
- 2 - He identifies us with the Son of Man, in his death and resurrection
- 3 - Cleanse our conscience of our sins from the Word of God by faith and the blood of Jesus Christ
- 4 - Testify to our faith in Christ
- 5 - It allows us to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit by faith

2 Corinthians 13:13 "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." Amen.