**BAPTISM**

**1. Commandment of God**

**\*Mathew 28:19,20**- 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.

**(\* The Gospel of Jesus Christ)**

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

**Acts 2: 38**- The 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.

**Luke 24:44-49** – And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. 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, yea are my 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.

**2.**  **Jesus himself had to be baptized to fulfill all righteousness**

**Mathew 3:13-15 –** Then commeth Jesus from Galilee to Jordon unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade him saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answered saying unto him, suffer it to be so now, for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. The suffered he him (Jesus was baptized)

**Mark 1:9-** And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

**Luke 3:21 –**Now when ALL the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized and praying, the heavens were opened.

**1Peter 2:21-** For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered leaving us an example, **that ye should follow his steps.**

Jesus is our perfect example-that if we are to be called Christians we must do as he did.

**3. Baptism is essential for the cancellation of sins**

**Acts 2:38,39-** Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children , even as many as the Lord or God shall call.

**Luke 3:3** – And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

**Mark 1:4 –** John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins

**Acts 22:16 –** And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

**Remission means to pardon, cancel, or release from debt.**

**4. Baptism is essential for Salvation. There were three baptisms before Christ’s glorification.**

(1) Johns baptism of repentance to prepare the way before Christ. This baptism was not in Jesus name for he was not known yet. **Hebrews 6:1-2** –Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of **baptisms,** and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead , and of eternal judgment.

(2) The baptism of the Holy Ghost where the Holy Ghost comes to live within a person **with spiritual power. Acts 1:5 –** For John truly baptized with water; but you shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

(3) The baptism commanded by Jesus before he ascended; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. This is the essential baptism for one to be saved through having their sins washed away. This baptism is the combination of both Johns water baptism and the Holy Ghost baptism. Born of water and the spirit. ( John 3:3-5) **Acts 19:3-5**—And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized?. And they said, Unto John’s baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of **repentance,** saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

This is the one baptism referred to in Ephesians 4:5 that has confused so many people.

**Ephesians 4:4-6** – There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, One faith, **one baptism**. One God and father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all

**Mark 16:16 –** He that believeth AND is baptized SHALL be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned.

The word “believeth” means to have complete confidence in and is a continuous process of trusting.. If it were just a one time acknowledgement as some people say, then the devil would be saved also because he acknowledges God and Jesus Christ

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

**1 Peter 3:21 –** The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also **now save us**, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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

The Holy Ghost is renewed to us as it was with Adam originally and with Jesus. Jesus prayed, “Let them be as the father and I are one.”

Even the people who had received the Holy Ghost from God had to be baptized

**Acts 10:47**- Can a man forbid the water that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And **he commanded** them to be baptized.

Even the people that were baptized with John’s baptism had to be rebaptized in the name of our Lord Jesus: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**Acts 19:3-5** – And he said unto them, unto what were ye baptized? And they said, unto John’s baptism, Then Paul said. John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

**5. Repentance is necessary before baptism**

Repentance means a change of heart and mind. It is necessary for one to change ones way of thinking and seek God for forgiveness of sin. Sin is defined as separation from God. We are to come in humility and sincerity.

**Luke 3:7,8** – Then said he unto the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore \*fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father, for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

**6. How does the Bible say to be baptized**

 **Mathew 3: 16-** And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon him.

**Mark 1:9,10** – And it came to pass in those days. That Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming OUT of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the spirit like a dove descending upon him.

**John 3:23**- John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salem because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.

**Acts 8**:38 – And he commanded the chariot to stand still: **and they went down both into the water.**

**7. Baptism is compared to the death of the old self and a rebirth into the new abundant life**

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

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

**Romans 6:**3 – Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ **were baptized into his death?**

**Colossians 2:**12 – Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through faith of the operation of god , who hath raised him from the dead.

**Matthew 3:**11 – I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance but he that cometh fater me is mightier than I , whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with FIRE (fire baptism): Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheata into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

As the bible says that God is a consuming fire we see from the above scripture ( as well as the following) that God through the Holy Spirit , and his fire, perfects us in all things that are not perfected yet.

Malachi 3:2,3- But who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth? For he is like a refining fire, a fullers soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

**8. Results of being baptized, filled with the Holy Spirit, and walking in the spirit of God.**

 **Romans 8:14** – For as many as are LED by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

**1 John 3**:9 – Whoesoever is born of God **doth not commit sin**: for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin because he is born of God.

**1 John 5**:18 – We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God **keepeth himself**, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

**1 John 5**:4 – For whosoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

**John 1: 12,13** – But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God.

**Galatians 3**: 26,27 – For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have **put on Christ.**

**1Peter 1:23 –** Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.

**Romans 8:**28,29 – And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God. To them who are called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be **conformed to the image of his son.** That he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

**1 Corinthians 2:**12-16 – Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things we also speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy spirt teachet; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

**John 17:**11 – And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee, that they may be one, as we are one.

**9. Must be old enough to understand and capable of believing baptism.**

 **Mark 10:13-16** – And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them , Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

**Matthew 28:19,20** – Go ye therefore and **teach** all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and 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.

**Acts 2: 41** – Then they that gladly **received** his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

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

**Acts 8:12** – But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the Kingdom of God, in the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

**Acts 8 :37** – And Philip said, if thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest( be baptized) And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God.