

A photograph of a person being baptized. The person is submerged in dark water, with only their head and shoulders visible above the surface. The background is a warm, golden-yellow color, suggesting sunlight or fire. The image is framed by a white border.

**WE BAPTIZE  
IN JESUS  
NAME**

Baptism is important as the authority of the act. The name of Jesus is the authority that provides the symbolized union with Jesus Christ who died for our sins. A name provides authority when it is used. The “name” of the Father, Son, Holy Spirit. As directed in Matthew 28:19 provides a description of the authoritative person, Jesus. The “name” of the Father, Son, Holy Spirit describes a singular name that represents all God’s redemptive manifestations, which is “Jesus” ( Zech 14:9; Matt 1:21; John 5:43; 14:26; Rev 22:3–4).

We Baptize in Jesus Name to fulfill the doctrinal discourse that culminated in Acts chapter 2 :38.

### **Jesus Is God**

Some say Jesus Christ was just a man, or maybe a great teacher. But He was and is much more than that. The Bible says Jesus is unique in both His person and His purpose. He wasn’t just some spiritual individual during His time on earth; He was both God’s Son (John 3:16) and God Himself—God in human flesh (I Timothy 3:16). Yes, He was fully man, but He was also fully God (Colossians 2:9). The Claims Jesus claimed to be God. It might be hard to understand how this could be true, but it’s important to remember that God is much bigger and more powerful than we can comprehend. We do know that Jesus said He existed before Abraham (John 8:58). He claimed that He and His Father are one (John 10:30), and that He is equal with the Father (John 5:17-18). Not only did He claim to be God, but He also claimed to have the power of God. He said He has the authority to judge the nations (Matthew 25:31-46). He claims the authority to raise people from the dead (John 5:25-29) and to forgive sins (Mark 2:5-7)—things only God can do (I Samuel 2:6; Isaiah 43:25). Further, Jesus says He has the power to answer prayers (John 14:13-14), and that He will be with His followers always (Matthew 28:20). The New Testament equates Jesus to the creator of the universe (John 1:3), and in John 16:15, He says, “All that belongs to the Father is mine.” But Where’s the Proof? Claiming to be something, as Jesus claimed to be God, doesn’t make it true. Where’s the evidence that He is God? Jesus’ identity isn’t based solely on what He says, but on what He does. And He has left a lot of evidence that He is God. That evidence includes fulfilled prophecy and recorded miracles in which Jesus reversed the laws of nature. He also lived a sinless life (Hebrews

4:15), something no one else has done. The ultimate proof of His divinity, however, was His resurrection from the dead after His death on the cross. No one else has ever risen from the dead on his own.

### **The ministry of John and the baptism of Jesus**

The Law and the Prophets were until John – since then, the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone forces his way into it. ([Luke 16:16](#)) John, proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ([Luke 3:2-3](#)) The people questioned whether he might be the Christ. ([Luke 3:15](#)) John asserted, that he baptized with water but the one who was coming after him will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. ([Luke 3:16](#)) After Jesus was baptized by John and was praying, the Holy Spirit descended and remained on him. ([Luke 3:21-22](#)) The Spirit of the Lord was upon him because he had anointed him to preach the Gospel. ([Luke 4:18](#)) We know what happened throughout all Judea after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ([Acts 10:37-38](#)) It is he on whom John saw the Spirit descend and remain who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. ([John 1:33](#)) Jesus said of his followers, “with the baptism which I am baptized, you will be baptized. ([Mark 10:39](#))

### **The ministry of baptism through Jesus**

Jesus and his disciples when into the Judean countryside baptizing while John was also baptizing because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized. ([John 3:22-24](#)) Eventually Jesus was baptizing and making more disciples than John (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples). ([John 4:1-2](#)) Jesus declared “I am the way, and the truth, and the life – No one comes to the Father except through me.” ([John 14:6](#)) The Gospel of John was written so that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in his name. ([John 20:31](#)) As it is written that Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, thus repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ([Luke 24:46-47](#)) Jesus said,

“all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me” and “go and make disciples of all nations in my name.” ([Matthew 28:18-19](#) )

### **Exhortations of Peter on the day of Pentecost**

When the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the day of Pentecost, Peter announced, “Let all the house of Israel, therefore, know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified. ([Acts 2:36](#)) Those who heard it were cut to the heart and asked, “What shall we do?” ([Acts 2:37](#)) 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. ([Acts 2:38](#)) With many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ([Acts 2:40](#)) So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. ([Acts 2:41](#)) And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ([Acts 2:42](#)) And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. ([Acts 2:47](#))

### **Baptism of believers in Samaria**

When those who heard Philip preach the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ and believed, they were baptized, both men and women. ([Acts 8:12](#)) The apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God and sent to them Peter and John, ([Acts 8:14](#)) who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ([Acts 8:15](#)) since they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ([Acts 8:16](#)) And when they laid their hands on them, they received the Holy Spirit. ([Acts 8:17](#))

### **Peter commanded the Gentiles to be baptized in Jesus name**

When Peter preached to the Gentiles, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ([Acts 10:44](#)) The circumcised were amazed because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ([Acts 10:45](#)) For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. ([Acts 10:46](#)) Peter declared, “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ([Acts](#)

[10:47](#)) Thus he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. ([Acts 10:48](#))

### **Paul’s preach of baptism in Jesus Name**

When Paul preached in Ephesus, he found some disciples and said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” ([Acts 19:2](#)) When they responded that they were baptized into John’s baptism, 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.” ([Acts 19:3-4](#)) On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ([Acts 19:5](#)) And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. ([Acts 19:6](#))

### **We are buried with Christ in baptism into death**

Believers should repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, with the expectation that they will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ([Acts 2:38](#)) All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. ([Romans 6:3](#)) 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. ([Romans 6:4](#)) 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. ([Romans 6:5](#)) In him we are circumcised with a circumcision made without hands by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ. ([Colossians 2:11](#)) We are buried with him in baptism, in which we are also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ([Colossians 2:12](#))

### **Criticality of Baptism in Jesus name**

We are not to be baptized in another name, as Christ is not divided, and no other was crucified for us. ([1 Corinthians 1:13](#)) We are washed, we are sanctified, we are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. ([1 Corinthians 6:11](#)) The salvation of Noah was found through water, and baptism, corresponding to this, 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 Jesus Christ. ([1 Peter 3:20-21](#)) The elementary doctrine of Christ is the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God and of the doctrine baptisms and of the laying on of hands. ([Hebrews 6:1-2](#) Those who once have gone down into baptism and have tasted the gift that is from heaven and have received the Holy Spirit and have tasted the good word of God and the power of the age that is to come – are expected to remain in repentance. ([Hebrews 6:4-6](#)) Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. ([Acts 2:38](#)) Jesus is the cornerstone and there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. ([Acts 4:11-12](#)) Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ([Mark 16:16](#)