

1) What Did Christ Command? Matthew 28:18-20

Words: absolute, authority, baptised, Christians, disciples, discipleship, dunk, followers, ignore, obey, right, teach

A) Jesus Has Authority to Command Baptism vs 18

“Authority” means the freedom and _____ to speak and act as one pleases.

Jesus’ authority is _____ and universal (John 3:35).

His authority encouraged the disciples in their huge task, but also meant they could not _____ His command.

The One with all authority commands them to make disciples, baptise, and _____.

Baptism therefore rests on the _____ of Christ.

B) Christ Commands Disciples to Be Baptised vs 19

“Baptise” means to _____ or submerge.

The natural antecedent of “them” is the _____ who have been made.

Disciples are _____ of Jesus - those we now call _____.

Once someone commits to following Christ, that person must be _____.

C) Baptised Disciples Are Taught to Obey vs 20

New converts begin learning what it means to follow Jesus and should enter _____ relationships.

The natural progression is: make disciples, baptise them, and teach them to _____.

2) What Did the Apostles Practise?

Words: all, believe, calls, first, gospel, infants, irrelevant, received, repent, saved, salvation, Spirit

A) Jerusalem Acts 2:37-41

Peter told the crowd to _____ and be baptised; those who _____ the word were baptised.

The promise of _____ is available to all people - all whom the Lord _____.

B) Samaria Acts 8:12 In Samaria they believed Philip’s teaching - the _____ - and were then baptised.

C) Corinth Acts 18:8 In Corinth we see the same pattern: _____, and then baptism.

D) Household Baptisms

None of them says whether _____ were present or absent.

In Cornelius’s household, _____ received the Holy _____ and all were baptised (Acts 10:24, 44-48).

Lydia believed and her household was baptised; the account gives no further detail (Acts 16:13-15).

Philippian jailer: If he and his household believe, they would be _____ (Acts 16:31-33).

Whether infants were present is _____; the requirement remains belief _____, then baptism.

3) What Do the Covenants Teach?

Words: baptism, circumcision, Christ, forgiven, hearts, inward, know, nation, physical, replaces

A) The Abrahamic Covenant Genesis 17:6-14

God promised Abraham a family and land; every eight-day-old male was to receive _____.

It set the whole _____ apart, although not everyone circumcised was saved or knew the Lord (Romans 9:6).

Entrance into the covenants was through _____ birth, so circumcision was their sign.

Yet circumcision pointed to a deeper spiritual reality, ultimately fulfilled in _____ (Galatians 3:16).

The true Israel are Christians, whose _____ have been circumcised (Romans 2:28-29).

B) The New Covenant Jeremiah 31:31-34

The New Covenant _____ the Mosaic Covenant and its members have God’s law written on their hearts.

They personally _____ God, and their sins are _____.

These are all _____, saving realities; Christ established this covenant through His death (Luke 22:20).

The sign of the New Covenant is _____, and it belongs to those who meet its requirements - Christians.

WHY SHOULD A CHRISTIAN BE BAPTISED?

Christ's command • The apostles' practice • The covenant sign

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WHAT DID CHRIST COMMAND?

Matthew 28:18–20

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| A. Jesus has authority to command baptism | <i>Verse 18</i> |
| B. Christ commands disciples to be baptised | <i>Verse 19</i> |
| C. Baptised disciples are taught to obey | <i>Verse 20</i> |

Make disciples → Baptise them → Teach them to obey

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WHAT DID THE APOSTLES PRACTISE?

Acts

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| A. Jerusalem | <i>Acts 2:37–41</i> |
| B. Samaria | <i>Acts 8:12</i> |
| C. Corinth | <i>Acts 18:8</i> |
| D. Household baptisms | <i>Acts 10 and 16</i> |

Believe → Be baptised

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WHAT DO THE COVENANTS TEACH?

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| A. The Abrahamic Covenant | <i>Genesis 17:6–14</i> |
| B. The New Covenant | <i>Jeremiah 31:31–34</i> |

The New Covenant sign belongs to Christians



Christ commanded baptism.
The apostles baptised those who believed.
The New Covenant sign belongs to those who know the Lord.

NEXT WEEK

WHAT DOES BAPTISM MEAN?

The wonderful spiritual reality pictured in baptism