



Title: What Must I Do?

Acts 2:38 – 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.”

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

Today, we are diving into a powerful and vital truth that lies at the heart of the gospel:

The essentialness of baptism in Jesus' name. There are many truths in the Word of God, but this one carries such significance that it impacts our salvation directly.

This message is not just about water baptism as a ritual; it's about the name invoked over us in baptism and what that name represents—the saving power and authority of Jesus Christ.

Baptism is Commanded by Jesus Himself.

In Matthew 28:19, Jesus told His disciples, Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

The apostles understood that the "name" Jesus referred to is the name that embodies all the fullness of God.

That name is Jesus. They obeyed this command by baptizing in Jesus' name because the name of Jesus is the fulfillment of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

In Jesus dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily (Colossians 2:9).

Jesus gave this command for baptism because it wasn't merely symbolic—it was essential.

It's part of the new birth experience Jesus talked about in John 3:5 when He said, “Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”

Baptism in Jesus' name is the birth by water, the entrance into the Kingdom.



The Apostles' Doctrine:
Baptism in Jesus' Name.

When we look at the practice of the apostles, there is no ambiguity.

Every recorded baptism in the New Testament was performed in the name of Jesus.

Acts 2:38 records Peter's message on the Day of Pentecost where he commands baptism in Jesus' name.

In Acts 8:16, we read that the Samaritans were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 10:48 tells us that Peter commanded Cornelius and his household to be baptized in the name of the Lord.

Acts 19:5 shows that believers in Ephesus were re-baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus after receiving deeper understanding.

The apostles did not deviate from this practice because they knew there was power and authority in the name of Jesus.

The name of Jesus brings remission of sins (Acts 2:38).

The name of Jesus signifies the authority of the One who conquered death, hell, and the grave.

To be baptized in the name of Jesus is to be baptized into His death, burial, and resurrection (Romans 6:3-4).

The Power of the Name of Jesus.

Acts 4:12 declares that there is no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.

That's how crucial the name of Jesus is. His name is the very key to salvation.

It holds the authority to remit sins and unlocks the covenant relationship between God and us.



When we are baptized in His name, we identify with His saving work.

It's as though our sins are washed away, and we put on Christ as our new identity (Galatians 3:27).

Throughout Scripture, the name of Jesus is associated with deliverance, healing, and salvation.

Demons flee at His name, the sick are healed in His name, and sins are forgiven in His name.

Why, then, would we baptize in any other name?

To invoke any other name is to miss the mark, for only the name of Jesus carries the power to save.

It's not enough to be baptized without invoking the saving name of Jesus, for it is His blood that covers us, His name that transforms us.

The Necessity of Obedience.

Jesus said in John 14:15, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." To love Jesus is to obey His Word, and His Word calls us to baptism in His name.

Baptism is not an optional part of the Christian faith—it is a commandment. And since it's a commandment, it is an act of obedience.

Obedience is the pathway to God's blessings, and when we obey the command to be baptized in Jesus' name, we open ourselves to the fullness of His salvation and the infilling of His Spirit.

Peter makes it clear in Acts 2:38 that repentance and baptism in Jesus' name bring about the remission of sins and the gift of the Holy Ghost.

You cannot separate these from the process of salvation.

Baptism in Jesus' name is not just an outward expression of an inward change; it is a spiritual act that brings a supernatural change.



Through baptism, our sins are washed away, and we arise in the newness of life.
Why Jesus' Name Baptism is Essential.

Baptism in Jesus' name is not merely a tradition; it's not just a religious ritual or a denominational preference.

It is an essential act of faith that brings us into covenant with God. Jesus' name is the only saving name, the name that carries the authority and power of heaven.

To be baptized in His name is to have your sins remitted, to be clothed in Christ, and to walk in newness of life.

If you haven't yet been baptized in the name of Jesus, I urge you today—make that decision. Don't delay.

This is more than a ceremonial act; it's a matter of eternal importance.

Jesus died for you, He rose again for you, and His name has been given to you for your salvation.

Obey His Word, be baptized in His name, and walk in the fullness of the life He has prepared for you.

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