

**Are we baptized in the name of Jesus?
Are we baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?**

➤ **Intro:**

- ➔ Some people perceive there is a **contradiction** between the apostles' teaching (Acts 2:38) and Jesus' command (Matt. 28:19) concerning baptism.
 - **Read - Acts 2:38** baptized in the name of Jesus Christ
 - **Read - Matt. 28:19** baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

- ➔ **There is confusion from not understanding the differences** between the two Scriptures:
 - **e.g., oneness theology:** denies that God exists in three persons (Father, Son, H.S.) and asserts that God is one person who has revealed Himself in three ways (as Father, as Son, as S.) and that His name is Jesus
 - Jesus is God the Father.
 - Jesus is the Holy Spirit.
 - The name of God is "Jesus."
 - they deny the pre-existence of the Word is the Son and teach that He existed as the Father (cf. Jn. 1:1)
 - believes that a person **must be baptized "in the name of Jesus"** by an ordained minister of a oneness church, and **should not be baptized "in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit"**

- ➔ **This lesson:** Are we baptized in the name of Jesus? Are we baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
 - **Simple answer: Yes.** We are baptized in the name of Jesus. And, we are baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. That's what the Bible says.
 - don't have to understand it technically, just do it, saved
 - but if can study and understand nuance of each Scripture, reveals the spiritual wisdom in Christ that strengthens through coming to the knowledge of God's word
 - e.g., different types of "love" in the Bible
 - this lesson, **more technical** but **very edifying** by better understanding salvation, baptism, and our relationship with God

➤ #1 **Technical: What is the difference** between being baptized in the name of Jesus and being baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38; Matt. 28:19)?

→ **different prepositions:** First, we must realize that the Greek preposition translated "in" is different in Acts 2:38 and Matt. 28:19.

- **Quote - Acts 2:38** We are baptized in (**Greek preposition "epi" in, on, upon**) the name of Jesus denoting that we are baptized **by His authority** (i.e., in the way He commands).
 - **YLT:** "and Peter said unto them, 'Reform, and be baptized each of you **on** the name of Jesus Christ, to remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"
- **Quote - Matt. 28:19** Jesus commands that we be baptized in (**Greek preposition "eis"**; cf. Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3) the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit denoting that we **move into contact with God (name) and we enter into a divine relationship with God (Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit) - we become children of God**. See the ASV - baptized "into"
 - **ASV:** "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them **into** the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 28:19).

review: prepositions are different, have different meanings

next: illus. and application of Acts 2:38

➤ #2 **illus. and apply:** The meaning of being baptized "**in the name of Jesus**" (**Acts 2:38**):

(new chart)

→ **illus.: King Ahasuerus** gave Esther and Mordecai permission to make a law in his name (in the name of the king) whereby the Jews could protect themselves - "in the name" means "on the authority"

- **Read - Esth. 8:8** "Now you write to the Jews as you see fit, **in the king's name**, and seal it with the king's signet ring; for a decree which is **written in the name of the king** and sealed with the king's signet ring may not be revoked."
- **application:**
 - **Acts 2:38** to be baptized in the name of Jesus means to be baptized by the authority of Jesus Christ (i.e., as commanded by Jesus)
 - **If we are baptized in the name of Jesus Christ** (i.e., by the authority of Jesus, as commanded by Jesus) our sins are forgiven and we are saved (cf. Acts 2:38; Heb. 5:9). If we are baptized in some other name (i.e., by some other authority, authorized by someone other than Jesus), we will be lost.
 - Jesus authorized baptism (immersion) in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for the remission of sins.
 - Jesus has not authorized any other baptism: sprinkling, pouring, symbolic method of joining a church.

→ **illus.: Peter healed lame man** in the name (by the authority, power) of Jesus Christ

- **Acts 3-4**
 - **the miracle:** **Read - Acts 3:1-10** In the **name** of Jesus Christ the Nazarene--walk!
 - **the sermon that followed:** **Read - Acts 3:11-16** on the basis of **faith in His name**, it is **the name of Jesus** which has strengthened this man
 - **the question by the Sanhedrin:** **Read - Acts 4:7** By what **power**, or in what **name**
 - name is where the power is
 - **illus.: policeman, stop in the name of the law**
 - **Peter's answer to the Sanhedrin:** **Read - Acts 4:8-10** by the **name** of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, by this name this man stands here before you in good health
- **application:**
 - **Acts 4:7** (above); **cf. Acts 2:38** when we are baptized **in the name** of Jesus (**by Jesus' authority**), Jesus' **power** works for the remission of our sins - just like healing of lame man
 - **rf. - Acts 22:16** for washing away of sins
 - **rf. - 1 Pet. 3:21** to save us
 - **Acts 3:16** (above); **cf. Col. 2:12** when we are buried with Christ in baptism, we are raised up with Him through **faith** in the working of God - **faith in the name**, as with healing of lame man
 - **Quote - Col. 2:12** "having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through **faith in the working of God**, who raised Him from the dead."
 - **conclusions:**
 - **if we do not believe** in the name of Jesus - that we are saved when we are baptized (1 Pet. 3:21; cf. Acts 2:38; 22:16), we do not believe in His power and we are lost
 - **if we believe** in the name of Jesus, His power, obey, are saved
 - **Quote - 1 Jn. 5:13** "These things I have written to you who **believe in the name** of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life."

next: **illus. and application of Matt. 28:19**

➤ #3 **illus. and apply:** The meaning of **baptized "into (in, Greek "eis")** the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (**Matt. 28:19**):

→ **When we were baptized** into (in, Greek "eis") the name of God (Father, Son, of Holy Spirit) is to **move into contact with God (name) and enter into a divine relationship with Him** (Matt. 28:19).

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- **PP - Chart:** People on earth, baptized into, Father, Son, Holy Spirit
 - **"eis" denotes contact and movement**
 - **Read - Rom. 6:3** Or do you not know that all of us who have been **baptized into (Greek "eis")** Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?
 - **Read - Gal. 3:27** "For all of you who were **baptized into (Greek "eis")** Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."
 - **Quote - Matt. 28:19** "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, **baptizing them into (Greek "eis")** the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (ASV).

➤ → **Relationship with God:**

- **God in us, divine relationship:**
 - **Read - Eph. 2:22** "in whom (Jesus) you also are being built together into a **dwelling of God in the Spirit.**"
- **Christ in us, divine relationship:**
 - **Read - Gal. 2:20** "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me** ..."
 - **when baptized (Rom. 6:3) -- Quote - Rom. 6:6** "knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him"
- **Holy Spirit in us:**
 - **Read - 1 Cor. 6:19** "Or do you not know that your **body is a temple of the Holy Spirit** who is **in you**, whom you **have from God**, and that you are not your own?"

➤ → **What blessings do we receive** when entering into this **divine relationship with God?** (when baptized into Father, Son, Holy Spirit)

- **child of God - adopted by God**
 - **Summarize - Gal. 3:26-27** For you are all **sons of God** through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were **baptized into Christ** have clothed yourselves with Christ.
- **sin are forgiven, saved**
 - **Summarize - Acts 2:38** Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the **forgiveness** of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
 - **Summarize - 1 Pet. 3:21** Corresponding to that, **baptism now saves you**--not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience--through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
- **added to church**
 - **Summarize - Acts 2:47b (those baptized)** And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.
- **all God's blessings**
 - **Summarize - Eph. 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us with every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly places **in Christ**,

➤ **Conclusion:**

➔ **Application:**

- The only possible way of entering into a divine relationship with God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) is to obey Jesus and be baptized.
- As Christians, we should be aware of our relationship with God and it should motivate us to do our best serving Him and please Him in every aspect of our daily lives. Do all to the glory of God.

➤ ➔ **Questions:**

- Are we baptized in (on) the name of Jesus? Yes.
- Are we baptized in (into) the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Yes.

➔ **Inv.:** All we need to do is obey Jesus (Heb. 5:9), doing all in the name of the Lord (Col. 3:17) - everything commanded by Jesus Christ - and we will be saved - trust and obey

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