

Waters of Baptism

Tonight we step into the waters of Baptism

Malachi 3 [KJ]

¹ Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of host.

Malachi 3 [Message]

¹"Look! I'm sending my messenger on ahead to clear the way for me. Suddenly, out of the blue, the Leader you've been looking for will enter his Temple--yes, the Messenger of the Covenant, the one you've been waiting for. Look! He's on his way!" A Message from the mouth of GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies.

- Simply a message was coming forth.
- A preparation, a path maker, a director of the course was coming.
- This messenger, with this message was clearing away with a Message from the mouth of God!

Along Came John!

Mathew 3: 1-6 [KJ]

¹ In those days came John [¹"Jehovah is a gracious giver"¹] the Baptist [one who administers the rite of baptism], preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, ² And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. ³ For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁴ And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, ⁶ And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

Matthew 3: 1-6 [Message]

Thunder in the Desert!

¹While Jesus was living in the Galilean hills, John, called "**the Baptizer**," was preaching in the desert country of Judea. ²His message was simple and austere, like his desert surroundings: "Change your life. God's kingdom is here." ³John and his message were authorized by Isaiah's prophecy: Thunder in the desert! Prepare for God's arrival! Make the road smooth and straight! ⁴John dressed in a camel-hair habit tied at the waist by a leather strap. He lived on a diet of locusts and wild field honey. ⁵People poured out of Jerusalem, Judea, and the Jordanian countryside to hear and see him in action. ⁶There at the Jordan River those who came to confess their sins were baptized into a changed life.

2.

They were baptized

- The word used in [Mathew 3: 6](#) is “Baptizo”
- This word is used in the NT meaning “fully wet.”
- It is the derivative of the word [Baptio](#) [Meaning: to cover wholly with a fluid. To dip].

Matthew 3: 11[Message]

⁴John dressed in a camel-hair habit tied at the waist by a leather strap. He lived on a diet of locusts and wild field honey. ⁵People poured out of Jerusalem, Judea, and the Jordanian countryside to hear and see him in action. ⁶There at the Jordan River those who came to confess their sins were baptized into a changed life. ⁷When John realized that a lot of Pharisees and Sadducees were showing up for a baptismal experience because it was becoming the popular thing to do, he exploded: "Brood of snakes! What do you think you're doing slithering down here to the river? Do you think a little water on your snake skins is going to make any difference? ⁸It's your life that must change, not your skin! ⁹And don't think you can pull rank by claiming Abraham as father. Being a descendant of Abraham is neither here nor there. Descendants of Abraham are a dime a dozen. ¹⁰What counts is your life. Is it green and blossoming? Because if it's deadwood, it goes on the fire.

¹¹"I'm baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life. The real action comes next: The main character in this drama--compared to him I'm a mere stagehand--will ignite the kingdom life within you, a fire within you, the Holy Spirit within you, changing you from the inside out.

[KJ] ¹¹ I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize [Baptizo] you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

¹²He's going to clean house--make a clean sweep of your lives. He'll place everything true in its proper place before God; everything false he'll put out with the trash to be burned."

¹³Jesus then appeared, arriving at the Jordan River from Galilee. He wanted John to baptize him. ¹⁴John objected, "I'm the one who needs to be baptized, not you!"

¹⁵But Jesus insisted. "Do it. God's work, putting things right all these centuries, is coming together right now in this baptism." So John did it.

¹⁶The moment Jesus came up out of the baptismal [Same Word Baptizo] waters, the skies opened up and he saw God's Spirit--it looked like a dove--descending and landing on him. ¹⁷And along with the Spirit, a voice: "This is my Son, chosen and marked by my love, delight of my life."

3.

So we have learned that John the Baptist and Jesus both were tied to Baptism: John water and Jesus in the “Baptism with Holy Ghost and with Fire”;

[Note] The same word Baptizo – immersed – dipped. Submerged into.

Jesus speaks of Baptism

Matthew 28: 17-20 [KJ]

¹⁷ And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

²⁰ 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.

- Baptizing same word Baptizo - meaning fully wet
- It is the derivative of the word Baptio [Meaning: to cover wholly with a fluid. To dip].

We see that once again we are to be totally immersed or covered wholly in the name, authority; power of the fullness of God!

- In The Name – [name] ‘Onomah’ – authority, character – from the word [1097 strong] ghinoceko meaning “TO KNOW.”
- So we are to be immersed in the name [the authority, simply to know] the authority, the character of God.

Acts 2: 38 [KJ]

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.

³⁹ For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call.

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4.

Who's right? GOD IS!

- Now that's a mind blower isn't it!
- Folks the word of God does not contradict itself.

REPENT AND BE BAPTISED [Begin your earthly witness]!

- This was the message of John.
- It was the message of the teaching of Jesus.
- And it is the directions Jesus left just before His ascension"

Luke 24: 47 [KJ]

Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

⁴⁶ And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

⁴⁷ And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

⁴⁸ And ye are witnesses of these things.

- All was associated with belief!
- Acceptance of the Word of God.
- **And Repentance.**

In the name of Jesus!

- Not a contradiction to the fuller or fullness of Matthew 28: 19.
¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

In Acts the abbreviated form emphasizes the distinctive quality of this baptism, for Jesus is now included or simply is the way that he was not in Johns Baptism.

- Repent, Jesus saves form all sins.

For the forgiveness of your sins.

- Not that baptism effects forgiveness, rather forgiveness comes through that which symbolized by baptism. **JESUS.**

5.

Holy Spirit

Two gifts are now given:

1. The forgiveness of sins.
2. The Holy Spirit.

The promise of the indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit is given to all Christians.

Fact: [Acts 2: 38](#)

- Peter Calls upon his audience to change their opinion of and attitude toward Jesus as Messiah and Lord.
- “Name” suggested nature of character; therefore to be baptized “In the Name of Jesus” is to confess Him to be all that His name denotes.
- Baptism in and of itself is not a means of forgiveness and salvation.
- For the early church, however there was no separation between ritual and reality.
- Coming to Jesus and being baptized were mutually inclusive.
- The Gift of the Holy Spirit must be distinguished from the gifts of the Spirit.
- The former is the Holy Spirit Himself, while the latter are special abilities granted by the Holy Spirit to equip believers for service. [I Cor. 12: 1-31]
- The promise is a gift for every believer in every generation.

So tonight we come to the waters of repentance!

So tonight we come to become a witness of a new birth, salvation!

So tonight we come to defeat the enemy!

[Revelation 12: 13 \[KJ\]](#)

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death”

[Revelation 12: 13 \[Message\]](#)

“They defeated him through the blood of the Lamb and the bold word of their witness. They weren't in love with themselves; they were willing to die for Christ.”

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