

Precept Study: Commanded to be Baptized and to Baptize!

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In Regards to, new age teachings about baptism. As we progress through these last days the level of deception has truly surprised me. Not the fact that there is deception, but the fact that many professing believers actually believe, teach and defend it. They do so with such conviction and passion, almost anyone could fall for it if they are not well versed in scripture.

All I have to say is, will you follow Christ or man? Knowing our Lord & Savior Christ was baptized in water, would you really refuse to follow His footsteps? Would you risk missing out on the kingdom of heaven, due to the erroneous doctrine of men? How can professing believers preach "the Gospel", but at the same state that water baptism is not required for Salvation? They are basically saying, if you believe that you have to be baptized to be saved, then that's a works based salvation. I mean have we forgotten that there are instructions in the Gospel and only those with ears to hear and eyes to see, will obey?

These false teachers and preachers are playing the baptism of fire against water baptism for the remission of sins, as if God is divided. Lo and behold, those who refuse to obey the Gospel will perish in their sins, if they refuse to be baptized.

Baptism is significant. It's so vital it's one of the first things our Lord commanded His disciples to go out and do [to all nations] after His resurrection.

As it is written;

* ... therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, ^(Joh 4:1 KJV)

* Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: ^(Act 1:2 KJV)

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ^(Mat 28:19 KJV)

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. ^(Mat 28:20 KJV)

* And, being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, *saith he*, ye have heard of me. ^(Act 1:4 KJV)

* For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. ^(Act 1:5 KJV)

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- * ... ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (Act 1:8 KJV)
- * And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. (Act 2:1 KJV)
- * And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. (Act 2:2 KJV)
- * And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. (Act 2:3 KJV)
- * And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Act 2:4 KJV)

- * As it is written ... (Luk 3:4 KJV)
- * ... he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: (Luk 3:16 KJV)

- * Jesus saith unto them ... (Joh 4:34 KJV)
- * I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled? (Luk 12:49 KJV)
- * ... I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished! (Luk 12:50 KJV)

- * ... Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (Joh 3:5 KJV)
- * He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. (Joh 12:48 KJV)
- * He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. (Mar 16:16 KJV)

- * ... He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. (Luk 8:8 KJV)

Amen & Amen, So be it.

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*All praises, glory, and honor be to the Most High God אלהים
the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—in the precious Name of His Son
ישע the Messiah Christ—Our Lord, Savior, King and Redeemer!
Eternal Blessings upon the Elect of God, now and forever!*

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