



*It Is More Than
Just Getting Wet!*

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Authority comes from the Greek word “exousia”.

- It has the meaning of official right or power.

Disciples were instructed to go on the basis of that authority.

- They were to go to all nations.

They were to be enlisted as Jesus followers.

- Those who believed were to be baptized.

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Disciples were given the authority to baptize in the Name of the Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

- The believer then had a relationship with Jesus and with the Triune God: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Great Commission had 1 command.

- Make disciples.
- Make disciples has 3 participles in the Greek: going, baptizing & teaching.



Baptize comes from Greek word “baptize”.

- Phonetic Spelling “bap-tid-zo”.
- Definition means to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge.

Greek poet & physician 200 BC provided this visual picture of baptism: In order to make a pickle, the vegetable should first be “dipped” (bapto) into boiling water, then “baptized” (baptize) in the vinegar solution.

- Both verbs concern the immersing of vegetables in a solution.
- The first is temporary, the second, the act of baptizing produces a permanent change.

In the New Testament, this word more often refers to our identification with Christ than to our water baptism.

Mark 16:16 (NASB)

¹⁶ "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.

There must be a union with Jesus, a union that creates a real change like vinegar to a pickle.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB)

17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

As the pickle to the vinegar creates a change, then a believer to his relationship with Christ should also create a ever lasting change.

The baptism process begins when the candidate is asked if they have ever confessed that Jesus Christ is the Lord of their life.

Romans 10:9-10 (NASB)


⁹ that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; ¹⁰ for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

The definition of the word “confess” in the Greek means to tell or make known, to admit ones guilt, to acknowledge sin to God.

Matthew 10:32-33 (NASB)

³² "Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. ³³ "But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

- *Through baptism we confess Jesus before men.*



When baptized we ask the candidate if they have ever confessed Jesus as Lord, then we say upon your confession of faith we baptize you in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit, then we Immerse the candidate and say, “Buried with Christ in baptism, raised to walk in a new life with Christ.

Galatians 2:20-21 (NASB)

²⁰ "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.



Through the process of baptism we have:

- Confessed Christ before men.
- Identified ourselves with God the Father, Son & Holy Spirit.
- Symbolically been buried with Christ.
- Then raised to walk in a new life with Christ.

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John 14:6 (NASB)

⁶ *Jesus *said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.*

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You identify yourself with God who is our Father, Christ our Savior and the Holy Spirit who is our power: we are children of God's.

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Matthew 28:6 (NASB)


⁶ *"He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.*

John 11:25-26 (NASB)

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,
²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

1 Corinthians 6:14 (NASB)

¹⁴ Now God has not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us up through His power.



Baptism is a symbolic reminder of what man's relationship with Christ does to a man: it makes him a brand new person: the old life has gone and a new life has come.

- Just as vinegar changes a pickle so does a relationship with Christ change a man.

Galatians 2:20 (NASB)

²⁰ "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;

Matthew 10:38 (NASB)

³⁸ *"And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.*

A true disciple must take his cross and follow Jesus, must be willing to face not only family hatred, but also death, like a criminal carrying his cross to his own execution.

Matthew 3:16 (NASB)

¹⁶ After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove *and* lighting on Him,



Christ took our place!



Resurrection power!



Celebration!



It is about the heavens opening up!