

Oneness Pentecostalism

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This is Part 1

Someone said that the water in John 3 is water baptism.

Sargent Answers: The water involved in John 3:5, "Jesus answered, 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." is explained in the next verse: John 3:6, "That which is **born of the flesh is flesh**; and that which is **born of the Spirit is spirit.**" it is physical birth: born of WATER. This is NOT anyone getting baptized as the word "baptize" is nowhere to be found in the context.

Someone said that water baptism is necessary for salvation in Acts 2:38.

Sargent Answers: In Acts 2 the question is NOT "what shall we do to be saved?" The question is asked in light of what they heard: "...when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said...what shall we do?" It is in direct response to the preaching: Acts 2:22-35, "Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, **being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain**: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: Because **thou wilt not leave my soul in hell**, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, **he would raise up Christ** to sit on his throne; He seeing this before **spake of the resurrection of Christ**, that **his soul was not left in hell**, neither his flesh did see corruption. **This Jesus hath God raised up**, whereof we all are witnesses.

Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. For **David is not ascended into the heavens:** but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, **Until I make thy foes thy footstool.**”

Notice especially in Peters peaching this accusation: Acts 2:23, “Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, **ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:**” This is what they were asking about: in light of the fact that they had murdered their Messiah.

Therefore in Acts 2:36-38, "Therefore **let all the house of Israel know assuredly,** that God hath made that same Jesus, **whom ye have crucified,** both Lord and Christ. **Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart,** and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, **what shall we do?** 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." A few things should be noticed about the context. First water is nowhere in the context. Even in Acts 2:41, “Then they that gladly received his word were **baptized:** and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.” Water is still assumed in the passage. And that is actually ok to do. But here it is not the gospel being preached. What IS being preached is that the Jews have murdered their Messiah and God raised Him from the dead. Then the word baptized is in the passage with no water mentioned.

Paul however told you what the gospel IS: 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, "Moreover, brethren, **I declare unto you the gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; **By which also ye are saved,** if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:**" Water baptism is NOT a part of it.

Simply put water never touches your soul or spirit. How can water do anything spiritually? It can't unless you are stuck on some form of ritualistic superstitious Paganistic salvation and NOT from the Bible.

The truth is John baptized with water but the Lord Jesus Christ it is said of him: Matthew 3:11-12, “**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 you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:** Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and **gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**” The baptism with the Holy Ghost is the salvation that Paul preached: Romans 6:3-4, “Know ye not, that so many of us as **were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?** Therefore we **are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead** by the glory of the Father, **even so we also should walk in newness of life.**” Water is therefore a type of the death burial and resurrection of Christ that the believer is identifying with. There is no sacramental infusion of grace taking place during water baptism: if you are LOST and get water baptized; you come out lost and wet. If you are trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ AND your water baptism for salvation you are not trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ ALONE for salvation: It is not the Lord Jesus Christ plus anything else: it is the Lord Jesus Christ ALONE who saves.

Someone said that speaking in tongues is necessary for salvation:

Sargent Answers: Here is just another example of another foolish false teaching that the Jewish Feast Day Churches teach. (Pentecost is a Jewish Feast day not a denomination!)

They say tongues are for salvation.

Sargent Answers: However the Bible says they are NOT. The tongues they heard were languages given: Acts 2:6-8, “Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that **every man heard them speak in his own language.** And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, **are not all these which speak Galilaeans?** And **how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?**” And tongues are for a SIGN to the unbelieving Jew: 1 Corinthians 14:22, “Wherefore **tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not:** but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.” And 1 Corinthians 1:22, “**For the Jews require a sign**, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:” and Matthew 16:4, “**A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas.** And he left them, and departed.” The sign of Jonah was the gospel listed in Paul’s gospel above: the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Someone asked about being slain in the Spirit as proof of salvation:

Sargent Answers: One last issue is the issue of being “slain in the Spirit” There is no Bible verse for such a thing. Yet we read: Acts 5:1-10, “But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, Ananias, **why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?** Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? **why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart?** thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias **hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost:** and great fear came on all them that heard these things. And the young men arose, **wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.** And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. And Peter answered unto her, **Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much?** And she said, Yea, for so much. Then Peter said unto her, **How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord?** behold, the feet of them which have **buried thy husband** are at the door, and **shall carry thee out.** Then **fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost:** and the young men came in, and **found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.”**

Perhaps you can help me out here with at least ONE Scripture reference for being slain in the spirit. Before you do though you might want to read my studies at:

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