

WATER BAPTISM IN THE NAME OF???

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“...IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST:”

Matthew 28:19, “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 THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST...”

Acts 2:38, “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.”

“...IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS...”

Acts 8:16, “(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)”

“...IN THE NAME OF THE LORD...”

Acts 10:48, “And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.”

“...IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS...”

Acts 19:5, “When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”

All these have ONE commonality: That is that every one of these are the same in respect to the Name of the Lord. The Lord is His name and so because water baptism has no special effication or sanctifying powers. So it really does not matter specifically which verse you want to go by because all of them are the name of the Lord.

Exodus 15:3, “The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.”

Jeremiah 33:2, “Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; the LORD is his name;”

Acts 2:21, “And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Salvation is NOT in the baptismal pool. Salvation is in the PERSON of the Lord Jesus Christ. You MUST receive HIM!

The simple fact is that The Father is the Lord; the Son is the Lord; and the Holy Spirit is the Lord. The Lord is His name and thus we can say with great confidence that the Lord God Almighty is who the Godhead is.

1 Corinthians 15:23-28, “But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.”

The issue about what name to water baptize in is on the one hand essential for salvation and therefore **MUST** by merit of the sacrament have the correct name, be performed exactly correct, be executed in exactly the right manor and most of all have the **RIGHT NAME** associated with it or else it doesn't work and you do not get saved. On the other hand water baptism is **NOT** essential for salvation and is only a testimony to what has happened already in believer's baptism as an ordinance and has no sacramental properties, then it is of no consequence how this is performed or what name is used aside from the above verses where it is applicable as the name of the Lord.

Some people go to great lengths to make water baptism a sacrament with saving merit in the water system. Holy water is just not in the Bible as a baptismal fount. The only holy water in the Bible is the Lord Jesus Christ himself: John 4:14, “But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.” Water is vied as a type of the word of God: Ephesians 5:26, “That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word...”. But it never a baptismal pool and never has that pool been given any sacred, holy, meritorious or sacramental powers that are infused into lost sinners to make them regenerated in the new birth. This is just utter nonsense!

Regeneration comes by receiving the Lord Jesus Christ: John 1:12, “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

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