

Baptismal Regeneration: True or False?

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Someone wrote: "...Mark does not say water baptized, but Matthew did." (the subject is water baptism is essential to salvation; this is the Roman Catholic doctrine produced by Augustine to answer for his ideology of being born dead. He was dealing with the efficiency of means where by a child may have grace at death; and this is why they baptized infants.)

(The guy that posted this was a Oneness Pentecostal)

Sargent answers:

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:"

Matthew does NOT say "water" in that passage...

Mark 16:16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Mark says the same thing NO WATER...

Luke 24:46-49, "And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

Luke also agrees with Matthew and Mark: NO WATER...

If water baptism is essential for salvation then you had better do it RIGHT. Your soul depends on doing in at the right location facing the right direction holding your hands just right and using the right name just right. You also must make sure that the water has not been poisoned and is not impure and that your priest has made that water holy.

What you are calling a "straw-man" is what YOU actually have to believe; and that is the whole point.

Your dependence on an unclear passage like Acts 2:38 for the phrase "for the remission of sins" holds no "water" because again the word WATER is NOT THERE. Furthermore you are given this phrase in more places that tell you that it is NOT WATER at all.

Matthew 26:28, "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

Romans 3:25, "Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;"

Of the places where the word "baptism" shows up WATER is missing.

Mark 1:4, "John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins."

Luke 3:3, "And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;"

Your SOUL is NOT washed by WATER! Water only touches your flesh which is still NOT BEEN CLEANED. It is just a big wet dirt bag. Most of the dust in your house is your flesh flaking off and making things dirty. Water only gets your body WET.

How can something like water TOUCH your soul or spirit; they are NOT physical???

There is NOT one verse that holds to Baptismal Regeneration; NOT ONE.

John 3:3-7, "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 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. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

You and other oneite pentagramacostals place WATER where the word BAPTISM is; when WATER is NOT THERE. And when you find a place where WATER is and NOT the word BAPTISM; you place that word BAPTISM there to teach your lie 100% of the time.

The example in John 3 shows you your error. The obvious implication of the "born of water" is in direct response to Nicodemus asking "...How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" The birth he is referring to is a "WATER BIRTH" or "PHYSICAL" birth. This context is also given as "...That which is born of the flesh is flesh..." in direct contrast to "...that which is born of the Spirit is spirit..." Why didn't he say "...that which is born of water is spirit..."? Because it is not true. "Born of water" = "born of flesh" in the context.

Oneite pentagramacostals can't leave a passage as it stands in its context to who it is aimed at; NOT EVEN ONE TIME.

Acts 2:38 is the response to what was preached by Peter and the reaction of the JEWS (not Gentiles) because they were pricked in their hearts at this:

Acts 2:36-37, "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?"

Notice Peter is preaching to ISRAEL about the FACT that they murdered their Messiah; and that is what is being dealt with here. This is NOT the gospel (good news). For them it was BAD

NEWS. They are saying "what must WE (ISRAEL) do? in light of the fact that we murdered the Messiah. Peter tells them what THEY need to do in light of what he just preached.

That was NEVER repeated again.

The day of Pentecost comes and goes every year without what happened in Acts 2 EVER being repeated. It is a Jewish Feast day. Stealing from Israel seems to be against Exodus 20:15, "Thou shalt not steal." and Romans 13:9, "For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

This would hold true for anyone that professes to be a New Testament Pentecostal. There is no such thing as Pentecostal or Pentecostalism. It is a sham; a hoax; and a stolen Jewish Feast day. This is just SOP for lost religious persons that cannot deal with spiritual things.

The things that are haunting you are the most elementary things of faith. You just can't get past that because you seek to promote your own works above the Lord Jesus Christ and what He did. You want to add to that YOUR repentance from sins and YOUR self-righteousness and YOUR works of water baptism. And by your own words you have made a mockery out of the Last Passover; and walked over the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ which ALONE atones for sin. The Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ ALONE was shed for the remission of sin. The Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ ALONE gives to us God's propitiation. What you have missed is that according to YOU the Lord Jesus Christ sacrifice is NOT enough.

You and no other oneite can answer as to WHO the SOUL of the Lord Jesus Christ is/was... You have no idea. You cannot deal with that because it cannot possibly be the Father OR the Holy Spirit. It is NOT the flesh... And the SOUL is NOT a spirit.

If the Lord Jesus Christ was the Father then YOU have an issue with Him. He cried on the cross saying "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Psalms 22:1; Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34... Did God LEAVE the Lord Jesus Christ? Did the Father LEAVE the Lord Jesus Christ? You also have to deal with what He said in Luke 23:46, "And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost." But WHAT happened to His SOUL?

Who is/was that SOUL? You do NOT know... Just admit you don't have a clue. God can show you WHO that PERSON is; but you will have to believe what God SAID instead of ALTERING the passages to suit your ideology.

Isaiah 53:10-12, "Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

The Lord Jesus Christ's body was the Passover Lamb but His soul became the Scapegoat... That went to hell fire and damnation. He showed up there victorious over sin as all His sufferings were over. He showed up there brighter than hell and dropped off all sin in hell fire. He crossed the great gulf and took captivity (OT Saints) OUT as captives: Matthew 27:52-53, "And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many."

If you add to what Christ did for salvation you are simply NOT saved. Lost people that try to be spiritual do not have the ability to FAKE it to those of us who are born again.

Charlatans are a dime a dozen... They take all sorts of forms of religious works all the while they are lost. I do know that there poison leads saved people away. But that is an exception to the rule. IF you believe what you teach, then you are lost.

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