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## Who Is a Disciple?

One receives many and varied answers when he asks the question, “Who is a disciple of Jesus?” One might say, “Anyone who has any faith in Jesus is His disciple.” This would be difficult to accept, because we read in James 2:19 that the demons believe and shudder. Another might answer after this fashion, “One is a disciple of Christ if he is involved in religious service to Christ.” Again, this answer is inadequate because

Jesus said in Matthew 7:22-23, “Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”

If Jesus says “depart” to those who are lawless, does that not give us an indication of those who He will invite into the kingdom? Jesus makes that point clear in verse 21 of this 7th chapter of Matthew. He said, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.” Do you want to enter into the kingdom of heaven? You may, but it’s conditioned upon your doing the will of the father as we just read.

You learn of His will in the Bible. Are you studying that book? Shouldn’t you be studying it more? 1 Pet. 2:2 says, “As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.” James 1:25 says, “But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.” -Compiled by Tom Sutherland



## Baptized Into The Name Of

Among the last words uttered by Jesus prior to His ascension were, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen” (Matthew 28:19-20).

Baptism is a unique command. It is the only act every authorized to be done in the name of the Godhead, the three Beings of unabridged Deity. The fact that the fullness of the Godhead is linked to baptism makes it very important. The Lord put the divine seal of the Trinity upon this one act. Here’s why.

Baptism is based on faith in Christ. This faith is that which pleases God (Heb. 11:6) and satisfies the demands of Jesus (John 8:24). It is why a believer is baptized. The majority of the denominational world balks at such a simple act of faith. Sectarians regard baptism as an option, an outward sign of an inward grace, an admittance into a church, but in no way essential to salvation from sin. That which puts one into a right relationship with Deity is relegated to an option by those who profess to believe the Bible. That is strange.

J.W. McGarvey wrote, “*The name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit means the combined authority of all manifestations of God. To be baptized into this is to be brought by baptism into actual subjection to it. He that is baptized is brought into subjection by that act to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; and in consequence to this subjection he receives remission of his sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit* (Acts 2:38).” Baptism in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is the fullest expression of sincere and humble obedience from the heart.

The American Standard Version reads, “Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” The preposition is changed to “into” in the ASV. The original expression is εἰς τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ πατρὸς... (*into the name of*). The preposition εἰς denotes direction toward its object, **into** something and something here in this verse is into a right relation with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Baptism in the passage is the means by which entrance into the name of the Trinity is accomplished. It is impossible to find any other divinely authorized means to accomplish such.

The commission required the making of disciples. The King James Version uses the term “Go ... teach” where the ASV uses “Go ... make disciples.” The verb indicates simply the process at work -- turning people into disciples. The means by which it was done is explained by the participle “baptizing.” There is a rule of grammar that says, “when an active verb is followed by an active participle, the participle serves to explain how the results are achieved.” The Lord’s order is, “Go make disciples.” How? “Baptizing them.” Disciples are made by baptism, according to this passage.

In the time of the apostles and early disciples the gospel was preached to every creature under heaven (Col. 1:23). This made it possible for all to hear the word and believe (Rom. 10:17). Those who believed were told to “repent and be baptized, everyone of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts

2:38). Believers were baptized *in the name of the Lord, in the name of the Lord Jesus, or in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ* (Acts 8:16; 10:48; 19:5). The disciples did what Jesus commanded, viz., they baptized people into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Baptism “in the name of Jesus” is baptism by His authority and the only place anywhere in the Bible one finds the authority Christ gave others to baptize is Matthew 28:19-20.

There is a grievous error in denominationalism. Some are misled to think they are not baptized correctly if at the time of their baptism the baptizer said, “I baptize you into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” They insist one must say, “I baptize you in Jesus’ name.” The stress is put on what the *baptizer* says at baptism, not on the authority of Christ. If you encounter this, ask the individual who believes it the following series of questions.

1. Do you admit that Matthew 28:10-20 is the only place where Jesus gave instructions to those who were to baptize others? Then ask:
2. When the apostles baptized others, did they obey what Jesus said in Matthew 28:19-20?
3. Is it right to say what you are doing when you do it?
4. Would it be right to say the words Jesus used in instructing His disciples in baptizing others?

Those who insist on some sort of baptismal formula ignore the only place in all the word of God where those who were to baptize others were given specific instructions on how to make disciples of all nations.

Baptism into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is a sacred and beautiful act. Baptism puts one “into the name of the divine Three.

Baptist baptize people whom they claim have already received remission of sins. “There is an actual, a real remission of sins when we believe in Christ -- there is a declarative, formal symbolic remission in baptism.” (*Baptist Church Manual*, page 13). The Bible plainly states that baptism is “For the remission of sins (Acts 2:38) or to “wash away sins” (Acts 22:16). — Grover Stevens wrote this after he left the Baptists and became a New Testament Christian.



Acts 19:1-5— “And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”

