WATER BAPTISM

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1. WATER BAPTISM PREPARES THE WAY OF THE LORD

Mark 1:1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

Mark 1:2 As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

Mark 1:3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

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

Mark 1:5 And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.

2. WATER BAPTISM IS ESSENTIAL

Water baptism is an important step in salvation

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

Water Baptism is a burial service. It allows you to put on Christ, and break the chain of the Devil on your life. You are a new creation through baptism

Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

1 Corinthians 15:29 Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?

Belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ is necessary for salvation. You choose to be Water Baptized because you believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

When you are water baptized, you are showing that you believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and when you come out of the water you show that you too will be resurrected with Jesus Christ

Romans 6:4 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. Colossians 2:12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

3. WATER BAPTISM IS THE SIGN OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH

Babies are not sinners and do not need to repent. Baptism does not put away the filth of the flesh of a baby, when a baby is too young to believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Baptism is for sinners and saves us when we believe in the resurrection of Christ. When we are baptized we have faith that God will take away our sins, our whole old life

1 Peter 3:21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Water baptism means we are confessing that we are dead to sin - dead to the saints, no longer praying to dead saints, no longer praying to Mary, no longer praying to statues which have no life Romans 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 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. Water baptism means we are alive to righteousness - believing in Jesus, participating in the work of the Holy Spirit, receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit, receiving healing during the healing service

1 Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

4. WATER BAPTISM IS IMMEDIATE – YOU DO NOT WAIT

Everyone who repents from idols and believes the message of Jesus Christ gets baptized immediately

Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus **(NOT the Lord Mary)**, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

The Eunuch found water immediately and was baptized

Acts 8:36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

Acts 8:37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Acts 8:38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

Paul was baptized the same day he believed

Acts 9:18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

The Gentiles were baptized on the same day they believed

Acts 10:47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? Acts 10:48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

The Whole family was baptized straightaway

Acts 16:15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

Acts 16:33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

Acts 18:8 And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

5. WATER BAPTISM MAKES YOU A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH WORLDWIDE

Water baptism is your entrance into the Body of Christ. When you get baptized you become part of the body of Christ

1 Corinthians 10:2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; (They became the people of God through this cloud and sea)

1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Ephesians 4:4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

Ephesians 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Once you are part of the body of Christ you can take part in the communion (called the Lord's Supper) and declare the FINISHED work of Christ until he returns

1 Corinthians 11:26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do SHEW the Lord's death till he come.

1 Corinthians 11:26 does not say "ye do MAKE the Lord's death" with MASS. You will no longer take part in the mass, but you will take part in the true LORD'S SUPPER in the Communion Service.

6. HOW TO BE WATER BAPTISED

You are baptized as soon as you believe, there is no delay. If you believe that Jesus will heal you and set you free, be baptized right now!

Acts 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

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.

Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Confess to God that you will no longer serve dead idols, statues, dolls, pictures of saints and the MASS - and come wash away your sins of your idols in this water

1 Thessalonians 1:9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

You will be baptized 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:

Matthew 28:20 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.

Jesus is here right now attending this baptism service with us, because he said so. If you believe with all your heart, you may be baptized

Acts 8:37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

If you want to be baptized, we will now go into the water where I will call your name and I will say to you, "I now baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost"

Then we will go down into the water completely and come up again.

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