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Acts 19:1-7



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A Study of Acts 19:1-7

(1) And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples.

(2) And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

(3) And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John's baptism.”

(4) And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.”

(5) On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

(6) And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.

(7) There were about twelve men in all.

- There he found some *disciples*.
 - *Disciples are students, a student is not necessarily a believer.*
- “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?”
 - The Holy Spirit was not *automatically* received at baptism.
 - The Holy Spirit was not the medium of baptism.
 - The Holy Spirit was imparted by apostles (Acts 8:18-21; Acts 1:21-22)
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- **Why were they baptized again?**

Baptism “in
the name of
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Jesus” must
have:

A Scriptural *Authority*

A Scriptural *Purpose*

A Scriptural *Medium*

A Scriptural *Method*

SCRIPTURAL AUTHORITY – (MATTHEW 21:23-27 ESV)

(23) And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?”

(24) Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things.

(25) The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’

(26) But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”

(27) So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

1. By what authority do you do these things?
 - a. Jesus did not object to the question, in fact, he asked the same thing.
2. The chief priests and elders *refused* to answer, *feigning* ignorance.
3. “By what power or by what name did you do this? (Acts 4:7-10)
 - a. Jesus commanded it. (Matthew 28:19,20)
 - b. Apostles bound (Acts 2:38; 10:47-48)
 - c. Saints continued (Acts 8:12, 36)
4. Not by the church, or the state, or a council, or priest, etc.

A SCRIPTURAL PURPOSE

1. To Be Saved – Acts 2:37-38;
16:29-34; 1 Peter 3:21

NOT...

2. For the Forgiveness of Sins –
Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16

- To “brand” a child

3. To be added to the church –
Acts 2:38, 40-41; 47

- To join a church

4. To put on Christ – Romans
6:3; Galatians 3:27

- Because my sins *have*

already been forgiven

Comparing Matthew 26:28 and Acts 2:38

And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “**Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many *for the forgiveness of sins.***

(Mat 26:27-28 ESV)

And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ *for the forgiveness of your sins*, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

(Act 2:38 ESV)

A SCRIPTURAL MEDIUM

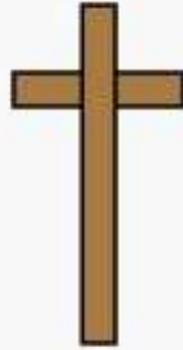
- Baptism of Moses
(1 Corinthians 10:2)
- Baptism of Holy Spirit
(Matthew 3:11; Luke 3:16)
- Baptism of Fire
(Matthew 3:11; Luke 3:16)
- Rose petals (?)
- Baptism in Water
 - John (John 3:23)
 - Jesus (John 3:22, 26; 4:1; Acts 8:36-39; 10:47; 48)



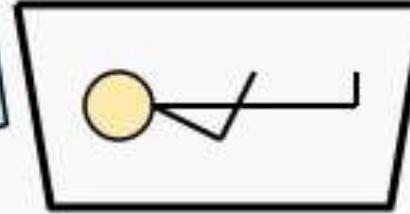
SCRIPTURAL METHOD

- Baptism – a specific action (Leviticus 4:5-7)
 - An immersion (baptidzo)
 - Not a shower (raintidzo)
 - Not a pouring (cheo)
- A Burial (Romans 6:3,4; Colossians 2:12-13; 3:1-4)
- A Resurrection (cf. Romans 6, Colossians 2)
- A Birth (John 3:3-8)

The Gospel of Jesus (1 Cor. 15:1-4)



He Died



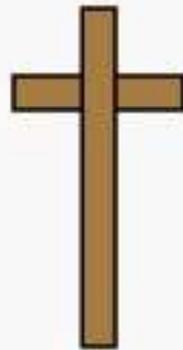
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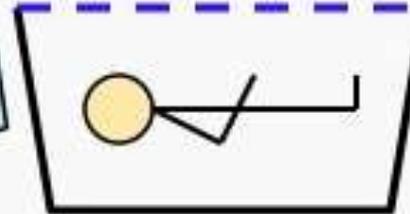
He Was Raised

Baptism

(Rom. 6; Eph. 2; Col. 2)



We Die
with Him



We Are Buried
With Him



We Are Raised
With Him

TWO CRUCIAL QUESTIONS

“Into what then were you baptized?”

(Acts 19:3 ESV)

‘And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.’

(Acts 22:16 ESV)

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