

# Baptism in Jesus Name

When can it be

**QUESTIONED?**

Some believe that the baptism in Jesus Name is enough for Salvation

Some baptize in Jesus Name .....

**but...**

They do not acknowledge baptism with Holy Spirit. So what should we know about baptism, even done the apostolic way?

We must have the full gospel if we want to lay claim to being part of the Kingdom of Jesus. The full gospel is the gospel Jesus died for and He died on Calvary in order to unleash the Power from on High, namely Holy Spirit baptism as Jesus had rightly sent “the Power from on High” on Pentecost Day (Acts 2.38).

The full gospel means everything the Apostles of Jesus preached and all the requirements are recorded for us in Luke's *Acts of the Apostles*. Should we then boast in the baptism in the Name of Jesus but reject the Holy Spirit Gifts, we are Christ's enemies, for rejection of the Holy Spirit Gift means to go fully out against the *active* working of the Holy Spirit Power of God Most High (1 Thes. 5.19-20; 1 Cor. 14.39; Heb. 6; 3-6; Acts 1.8; Acts 10; Acts 19). Paul, in no uncertain terms, told the Corinthians that Jesus (!) is that Spirit (Holy Spirit) for where the Spirit of God acts in Power, there Jesus is present (2 Cor. 3.17)!

The Holy Spirit baptism and Gifts (the charismata) were given for the full period of Grace, namely from Jesus' ascension when the Holy Spirit Power was promised by Jesus to His disciples, running up until His return on the clouds of heaven (Acts 1).

The apostate sects reasoned the baptism in Holy Spirit clean out of the gospel. They are those deceivers who propagated that the Holy Spirit was only a once-off, given on Pentecost Day and never happening again. They deny the reality of the *Acts of the Apostles*, preserved for us to stand against the false doctrines and apostasies that were set in motion by the two sects who had joined the apostles but who later again severed ties with them.

There were two branches who were guilty of this kind of apostasy and who have sown the seeds of heresy in the Body of Christ, claiming to have had ties with the apostles of Jesus, yet not having proceeded in the footsteps of the apostles of Jesus (2 Tim. 3; 1 Tim. 4.1; 1 Jn 4).

Among them would also have been those ones who practised the baptism in the Name of Jesus – certain Nazarene sects must have done so, yet not keeping to the rest of the apostolic Way, namely to embrace the ongoing baptism in Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues (1 Thes. 5.19-20; 1 Cor. 14.39).

After the first-century schism, which is often not dealt with properly, and which the Apostle Paul had seen would take place after his departure from the scene (2 Thes. 2), there was a return to those apostate sects' former doctrines and the baptism was of course central thereto. We do have evidence of baptism in the Name of Jesus up until 341 A.D (Arles).

The Donatists baptized in Jesus Name and where the Apostles only baptized in the Name of Jesus, it would have taken some time to obliterate this baptism. Everybody baptizing in the Name of Jesus was grouped under the label of “heretic” and today everybody baptizing in Jesus Name, is either “Arian”, “Jehovah's Witnesses”, “Unitarian”, “Jesus' Only”, “Sabellian”, etcetera, all these labels ascribed to those who reject the Trinity, however, not taking into account also the salient differences between, e.g. a “Jehovah's Witness” who would deny the blood of Jesus and (note this!!) baptizing in the Name of the Trinity! - in other words who is somebody following in the footsteps of those apostate Nazarene's who were also among those who severed ties with the apostles, namely after Paul's martyrdom.

After the schism, the apostate sects proliferated! Sabellius, e.g., also believed in “Father, Son and Holy Spirit”, the type of phraseology that was imported

into Christianity via the Essenes. The mother church also followed in this tradition and therefore the baptism in the Name of Jesus is declared a heresy by mainstream Christendom to this day. This only briefly said.

Fact is, the baptism in the Name of Jesus is the proper apostolic baptism, whereas the water and the Spirit reasoning aligns one hundred percent with Essene reasoning. We are cleansed by the *blood* of Jesus and by His Name, not by the water or the Spirit (1 Cor. 6.11). And baptism was never a cleansing of the filth of the flesh (sinful habits)! See 1 Peter 21 – this is once again Essene reasoning, namely to regard baptism as a cleansing by the water and the Spirit! It is about time we returned to Biblical truth for the whole world is blindly following in the footsteps of the apostate church! (Rev. 13).

Aligning the water with the Holy Spirit (in baptism) is Essene and the Spirit also aligns with the Essene mother worship. This very briefly dealt with here as I cannot go into this further. All I want to say is that the baptism in Jesus Name is not false or heretical. Godhead declarations may be grouped as such but we must guard against reasoning only the trinitarian way. All kinds of hate speech is unleashed against Arius to this day but Arius' books were burned by the mother church (325 A.D) and therefore we can never properly assess the doctrines of Arius just as we cannot assess the *Gospel according to the Hebrews* as this Gospel is lost. I will, at a later stage, go further in on this for the time is now ripe for God to enter this arena with further discoveries. All we can now do and must do is not to naively think that the Trinitarian faith the mother church had passed on to us, is infallible!

The baptism in the Name of the Saviour was then replaced for the triune baptism of the Essenes and their reasoning was based on Jesus' words to Nicodemus, and especially hinging on regeneration by the (1) water, and (2) the Spirit. Although this matter cannot be discussed here in depth, it boils down to a type of reasoning that had then fallen in place, promoting the triune baptism which was ascribed to the so-called “three persons in the Godhead” (“Godhead” meaning the Trinity). This was clearly done to stamp out the baptism in the Name of the Saviour (Jesus).

The apostles of Jesus baptized in the Name of Jesus and this baptism would have prevailed among some of the Nazarene sects, yet not to one and all. The Greek-speaking Jews later again returned to the Essene (water) baptism (the triune baptism). There were then diverse Nazarene sects (see Acts 6.1 for the two branches). Laying then claim to a Jerusalem origin, means nothing should the baptism with Holy Spirit be denied.

However, what God also requires, besides baptism in the Name of His Son and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, is to live a sanctified life for Christ as without holiness nobody will see God (Heb. 12.14). It is the Holy Spirit Power from on High that enables us to walk the path of complete surrender and dedication to God.

The baptism in Jesus Name only will not save a person for we must walk in accordance with the Word of God and therefore we must live a holy, righteous life to the glory of God. We must break with sin and with slander, cursing innocent people and promoting partiality, pursuing worldliness and

sinful sexual lifestyles. We have the Bible and we know what God desires of us! Jesus is the Judge and He will, in the end, determine whether we have pleased God or not (Acts 10). Baptism, either the Math. 28.19 or the Acts 2.38 way, will not help those who deliberately remain in sin!

Those who hate, can never be named “Christian”(1 Jn 2). And labelling the Gifts of the Holy Spirit which Jesus had given as eternal truth to His Body, the Church (those *in Him* and not meaning the secular Church) as false and demonic, is to reject Jesus Christ Himself! We were called to follow the Apostles of Jesus, not the mainline Church that had arisen after the apostles had left the scene.

Those who spurn the Gift of the Holy Spirit - meaning here those who are baptizing in the Name of Jesus – spreading the word that those who believe in the baptism with Holy Spirit are demonic and possessed by a satanic spirit, are themselves blinded by Satan, the god of this world, not being able to discern the truth from the lie.

Jesus said to Nicodemus that one must be born-again (not baptized!) in order to be saved (Jn 3) – in other words, baptism is indeed connected with rebirth but Jesus meant with “you must be born of water and of the Spirit” that our spirit must be renewed (born again) and then baptism will follow – the water baptism. We must therefore be baptized with water (in water) and with the Spirit *according to Jesus should we want to lay claim to rebirth*. And therefore Peter had performed the baptism for the first time (!) in the Name of the Saviour of the world for He is our salvation (Acts 4.12)! Mentioning the three “persons” in Godhead at baptism, is a Catholic perspective! It is neither Pauline nor Petrine! (see Col. 3.17; Gal. 3.27; Acts 2.38; Eph. 4.5).

The baptism was naturally not only four times applied in the days of the Apostles of Jesus! Surely we are not children! Where Peter had then given a command to baptize in the Name of Jesus, it would have been a lasting (enduring) command! It is *amazing* how those who baptize in Jesus Name is rejected by the mother church but when one reacts, it is regarded as “hate speech”. Isn't it about time we began to reason like adults? Why do we regard the Apostle Paul and the other Apostles' example as the childish, basic gospel that had to be replaced by the “maturely reasoned, intellectual” follow-up gospel of the “Church Fathers”? Because this is pure Catholic reasoning! The big question is: Why did God allow the Reformation? (I'll leave this one to you).

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to His bloodwashed - He promised the baptism with Holy Spirit to His *bloodwashed* and He fulfilled the promise shortly after His resurrection - as for this very purpose Jesus was crucified (“those who are afar off” were then also intended to participate in God's Gift - Acts 2.38). If this is not true, then why did Jesus first and foremost send His disciples (among whom were also His apostles) to the Upper Room for endowment with “POWER from on High”? (Acts 1 and 2).

Those who are then standing on the water baptism in the Name of Jesus yet denying His Spirit in baptism, namely coming to realization in Holy Spirit baptism, are apostates who claim to belong to Jesus Christ, yet who only

have half a truth. Likewise, those who are walking in the flesh, and who are bearing the fruits of the flesh, doing evil rather than good, do not belong to Jesus regardless of their baptism in Jesus Name (Gal. 5)!

A Christian may then fanatically push the baptism in Jesus Name, yet such one, not adhering to a Biblically Christian moral ethical lifestyle, do not belong to Christ! For this reason Jesus said: “Strive *hard* to enter (the Kingdom)!”

The Old Pentecostal baptism with Holy Spirit is then necessary should we want to boast in the “proper” Biblical baptism for the two go hand in hand and therefore Peter's command given along with the Promise of Holy Spirit endowment (baptism). “Holy Spirit endowment” became part and parcel of water baptism because the Ante-Nicene Church Fathers had done away with Holy Spirit Power, claiming the *automatic* infilling with the Spirit at baptism. This approach is then, once again, a Catholic stance that had impacted on those Christian Churches who are following in an Essene tradition for they were the ones who discarded the Gifts of the Holy Spirit (therefore Paul's warning, 1 Thes. 5.19-20; 1 Cor. 14.39; Heb. 6).

The Apostle John points to three signs given by God on earth, namely the water, the blood and the Spirit. In a nutshell, the water is the baptism with or in water, the blood is the sacrificial blood of the Lamb that was shed for our redemption, and the “Spirit” is the Holy Spirit baptism that was poured out on Pentecost Day AND again and again after Pentecost Day.

The two types of baptism can indeed be illustrated as follows: (1) The one from Above is the Crown of supernatural *Power* reinforcing our faith in God (Christ died in order to give us the Holy Spirit and so that we could be joined to the Lord Jesus (1 Cor. 6.17; Acts 2.33; 1 Cor. 6.11; Acts 1.8), and (2) the water baptism is our testimony from “below” (from where we are now operating), making our public statement that we believe in the sacrificial blood of Jesus (Rom. 6.3-4).

This is Biblical procedure and those who deny these divine “signs” from Above, are siding with Satan who was, since the very beginning, disobedient and defiant to God who sent His Son to not only show us the Way to heaven, but who also sent His Holy Spirit POWER from on High in order to equip His bloodwashed with Holy Spirit, working His nature this way within us.

Therefore : We need the bloodwashing, the water baptism and the baptism with Holy Spirit in order to become part of Jesus' divine, elect *ekklesia*!

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God gave a vision in 1973 of a scroll that will be discovered. This prophet of God heard the voice of the Lord in the vision, saying: “The baptism in the

Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit was added to the portions of Holy Scripture in 53 A.D.”

This discovery, no matter how endeavours to silence or hide it will be put in motion. God Himself will rip what was done in the early days of Christianity open for the Name of His Son is at stake. And God is ALMIGHTY! What did Paul say when He was so heavily persecuted by the Essenes? “The Lord is my Helper, what can man do to me?” (Heb. 13.6).

**BUT BAPTISM IN JESUS NAME, WITHOUT TRUE REPENTANCE (OF HEART) AND WALKING THE WAY OF HOLINESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL NOT SAVE ANYBODY!**