

Baptism in the Bible *versus* the Trinity Doctrine

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Before we begin, we must clarify something very important concerning the subject of Baptism in general.

A question many believers have is whether water baptism is necessary for salvation. The answer is a simple, “No, water baptism is not necessary for salvation.”

Requiring anything, *in addition to* faith in Yahshua for salvation is a works-based salvation. To add anything to the gospel is to say that Yahshua’s death on the cross was not sufficient to purchase our salvation.

To say we must be water baptized to be saved is to say we must add our own good works and obedience to MessiYah’s death to obtain salvation. Yahshua’s death alone paid for our sins. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

Yahshua’s payment for our sins is appropriated to our “account” by faith alone (John 3:16; Acts 16:31; Ephesians 2:8, 9).

Therefore, water baptism is an important symbol for believers. The action of being immersed in the water illustrates dying and being buried with MessiYah. The action of coming out of the water pictures MessiYah’s resurrection. Water Baptism however, is not a requirement for salvation.

The word Baptism means “immersion” and in the Bible it is not always referring to being immersed in water. Yahshua was desiring people to be ‘immersed’ in Him!

The whole gospel message is based on understanding that we are saved by and through the Holy name of Yahshua, our Savior! (Isaiah 43:3-11, Luke 2:11).

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Let us look at Matthew 28:19

*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them ***in the name** of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

Matthew 28:19

*notice, "**in the name**"... is *singular*... **one name!**

The first thing we need to point out is the **name** is singular. This is significant. Yahshua tells us the Father, Son and Holy Spirit all have **one name**.

Notice that 'Father,' 'Son' and 'Holy Spirit' are **titles**, *not names*.

Yahshua wants people to be 'immersed' **in His name** (singular) that **embodies** these 'titles'.

Now let's see how the hearers (as recorded in Acts) **understood** and **applied** the words of Yahshua.

They all Baptized in one name... Yahshua!

*...be baptized in the **name of Jesus (Yahshua) Christ...***
Acts 2:38

*...and the **name of Jesus (Yahshua) Christ, they were**
baptized...* Acts 8:12

*They were baptized in the **name of the Lord Jesus (Yahshua).***
Acts 8:16

*Be baptized in the **name of the Lord.*** Acts 10:48

*When they heard this, they were baptized in the **name of the**
Lord Jesus (Yahshua).* Acts 19:5

Yahshua said to baptize in **the name** of the 'Father' and of the
'Son' and of the 'Holy Spirit' (Matthew 28:19).

The Bible shows us, that **name is Yahshua!**

In the Bible, baptism was done in one name ... Yahshua!

So we need to reconcile these two facts:

Yahshua said this:	They did this:
<i>Matthew 28:19</i> <i>Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit</i>	<i>Acts 2:38</i> <i>Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized, everyone of you in the name of Jesus (Yahshua) Christ . . .</i>

Now, who would be in the best position to understand the *meaning* of Yahshua's words? Us, 2,000 years later; or His own disciples with whom He was speaking?

Throughout the book of Acts, will see they baptized people in only **one name**... and that name was **Yahshua**.

When we read the Epistles to the churches, we find that they too baptized in only **one name**... and that one name was **Yahshua**.

So, it is obvious that Yahshua's disciples understood '**the name**' of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit was **Yahshua**!

NOWHERE in scripture do we find anyone being baptized using *these 'titles'*... but **only** in Yahshua's name!

*There is salvation in **no one else**! Yahshua has given **no other name** under heaven by which we must be saved.*

Acts 4:12

While this verse is not talking about baptism, we see that Yahshua is **the name** by which we are saved, and that there is ***no other!***

Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and **the name of** Jesus (**Yahshua**) **Christ**, both men and women were baptized.

Acts 10:48 And he commanded them to be baptized **in the name of the Lord**.

Acts 19:5 When they heard this, they were baptized **in the name of the Lord** Jesus (*Yahshua*).

Acts 22:16 And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling **on the name of the Lord**.

So Peter, John and the rest of the disciples baptized in **Yahshua's name** throughout Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria.

Now let's look at the other churches:

Romans 6:3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized **into Christ** Jesus (*Yahshua*) were baptized into His death?

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

The reason that we are baptized in Yahshua's name is that we are being 'immersed' into Yahshua. We are taking on His name, similar to the way a woman takes on her husband's name. We are saying that we belong to Yahshua and we are identifying with Him in His death and burial.

In addition to those in Rome, Corinth and Ephesus (as well as Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria), we see that the believer's in Colosse and those in the region of Galatia were all baptized in **Yahshua's name**.

Who changed the way people were baptized?

History shows us that the Catholic institution with its 'Trinity Doctrine' changed the way that people were baptized.

BRITANICA ENCYCLOPEDIA

The baptismal formula was changed from the name of Jesus Christ to the words Father, Son & Holy Ghost by the Catholic Church in the Second Century. – 11th Edit., Vol. 3, ppg. 365-366.

CANNEY ENCYCLOPEDIA OF RELIGION

The early church always baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus until development of the Trinity Doctrine in the Second Century.

HASTINGS ENCYCLOPEDIA OF RELIGION

Christian baptism was administered using the words, “in the name of Jesus.” – Vol. 2, pg. 377. Baptism was always in the name of Lord Jesus until time of Justin Martyr when Triune formula used. – Vol. 2, pg. 389.

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF RELIGIONS:

“Persons were baptized at first in the Name of Jesus Christ, or ‘in the Name of the Lord Jesus.’ ***Afterwards, with the development of the doctrine of the Trinity***, they were baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost” (p. 53).

SCRIBNERS:

“The original form of words were into the Name of Jesus Christ or Lord Jesus. Baptism into Trinity ***was a later development***” (Dictionary of the Bible, Vol. I, p. 241).

In conclusion, let the Bible speak for itself.

The number of times in the Bible **three titles** were used in Baptism = 0

The number of times in the Bible **the name of Yahshua** was used in baptism = ALL

Salvation is a gift for you!

Salvation is a gift that we receive by faith. We cannot earn it through our deeds or works. We cannot obtain it by being a “good person” or by attending church. Yahshua earned it for us by dying for our sins on the cross.

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:12

My friend, everyone who calls upon the name of Yahshua will be saved; so call upon Him now. Tomorrow is not assured.

Here is a simple prayer that you can repeat for salvation:

Yahshua, I believe You died on the cross for my sins. I ask You to be my Savior. Thank You

If you just prayed this prayer, congratulations! You are saved and you are a new creation in Him!

Therefore if any man be in MessíYah, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corínthians 5:17

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