

Baptism Study

**Baptismal Chart
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Water baptism was given to John the Baptist as a way to get the nation Israel ready for Jesus' coming as their savior and king.

Mark 1:4-8

John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. 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. And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey; And preached, saying, **There cometh one mightier than I after me,** the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. **I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.**

Peter explains both roles that Christ will play for the nation Israel, savior and king.

Acts 2:21-23, 29-36

²¹And it shall come to pass, that **whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.** Ye men of Israel, hear these words; **Jesus of**

Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

²⁹Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, **according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.**

At Pentecost, Peter explained that Israel would need to repent (of killing their savior and king) and they would have their sins forgiven and receive the Holy Ghost, just as the disciples had. The ones that repented and believed Peter, were baptized, not by water, but by believing that Jesus was their savior and king.

Acts 2:38-41

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.** For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. **Then they that gladly received his word were baptized:** and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

In the first chapters of Acts, there was no mention of water when baptizing Jews. The Lord added to the church daily such as should be

saved, not by baptism, but by repenting and believing in Jesus Christ.

Acts 2:44-47

And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. **And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.**

Acts 3:19-21

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; **And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:**

Jews were added to the church by believing the word about Jesus Christ

Acts 4:4,31-32

⁴Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

³¹And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; **but they had all things common.**

When people believed, they were added to the church.

Acts 5:14, 30-32

¹⁴**And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)**

³⁰**The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.**

Acts 6:7

And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Philip told the Samaritans about Jesus Christ and the kingdom of God and as soon as the Samaritans believed Philip, they were baptized, but not with water. The disciples heard that the Samaritans were baptized by hearing the word and they sent Peter and John to give them the Holy Ghost.

Acts 8:5-6, 12

⁵**Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.** And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

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.** Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the

miracles and signs which were done. Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them **Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)** Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

Paul heard the word about Jesus Christ straight from Jesus Christ. Ananias was sent to lay hands on Paul and to give him the Holy Ghost (baptize him.)

Acts 9:15-18

But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: **for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:** For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, **the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou**

mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

Peter figured out that there was no more need for water baptism, or laying on of hands to receive the Holy Ghost when he was sent to Cornelius. Cornelius and his family heard the word about Jesus Christ, believed what they heard and the Holy Ghost fell upon them.

Acts 10:36-48

The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; **How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; Not to all**

the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. **While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.** For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

Peter's account in Acts 11 lets us know that that the incident with Cornelius and his family and friends helped Peter to finally understand that

the Gentiles were being saved by being given the Holy Ghost, just like the Jews were.

Acts 11:15-17

And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. Then

remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

| Water | Water-Holy Ghost | Belief-Holy Ghost | Belief—Laying on Hands—Holy Ghost | | Belief—Holy Ghost |
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| Water Baptism “Baptism of John” | “Baptism by the Holy Ghost in the name of Jesus Christ” | “Baptism by the Holy Ghost in the name of Jesus Christ” | Hearing the word and being baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ | Paul’s Personal Baptism and Healing | Peter is sent to the Gentiles |
| Before Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection Mark 1:4-8 | Pentecost Acts 2:38-41, 44-47 | Acts 3-6 | Acts 8:5-6, 12-17 | Acts 9:17-18 | Acts 10:36-48 |
| Jews | Water Baptized Jews | Jews | Samaritans | Paul | Cornelius and his friends and family |
| Repented of their sins. | Repented of killing their Messiah and believed in Jesus Christ as their Savior and King | Repented of killing their Messiah and believed in Jesus Christ as their Savior and King | They believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ | Believed in Jesus Christ as Savior and King | The Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. |
| Received remission of their sins waiting for the Holy Ghost | Received the gift of The Holy Ghost | Received the gift of The Holy Ghost | Peter and John laying on of hands to receive the Holy Ghost | Ananias Laying hands on Paul to receive his eyesight and to be filled with the Holy Ghost | Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life. |
| To Prepare for Baptism by Jesus Christ with the Holy Ghost | To Prepare for The Day of the Lord | To Prepare for The Day of the Lord | To receive Salvation | To bear Jesus’ name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel | Gentiles being saved like the Jews |
| | Had all things in common. | Had all things in common. | | | Through Jesus’ name receive remission of their sins |