



The Purpose of Baptism  
*Born of Water*  
& *Spirit*

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# The Purpose of John's Baptism

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

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.

**Mark 1:4-5 KJV**

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# Why did John Baptize Jesus?



13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” 15 But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, **for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.**” Then he consented.

**Matthew 3:13-15 NRSV**

31 I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, **that he might be revealed to Israel.**

**John 1:31 NRSV**



# Water & Spirit



21 Now when all the people were baptized and when **Jesus also had been baptized and was praying**, the heaven was opened, 22 and **the Holy Spirit** descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”



**Luke 3:21-22 NRSV**



16 John answered all of them by saying, “**I baptize you with water**, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will **baptize** you with the **Holy Spirit and fire**.”



**Luke 3:16 NRSV**



# Born of Water & Spirit



3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born of water** and of **the Spirit**, **he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

**John 3:3,5 KJV**

When Jesus was baptized in **WATER**, the **HOLY SPIRIT** came down upon Him.



After Jesus tells Nicodemus about being born of water and Spirit to enter the Kingdom of God we see some verses down that Jesus and His disciples were baptizing people. Many of the Pharisees rejected John's Baptism. **Luke 7:29-30**



# Purpose of Jesus & His Disciples Baptizing.



22 After these things came **Jesus and his disciples** into the land of Judaea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized.

23 And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.

**John 3:22-23 KJV**

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When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that **Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John,**

2 (Though **Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,**)

**John 4:1-2 KJV**



Jesus and His disciples were baptizing people for repentance and so they can be born of water.



# Waiting for the Spirit



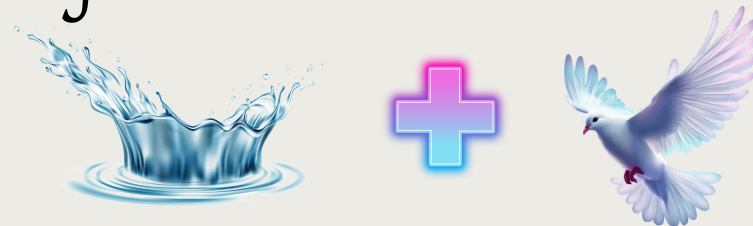
38 *He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*

39 (**But this spake he of the Spirit**, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

**John 7:38-39 KJV**

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*Peter and the Disciples of Jesus were baptized in WATER. On the day of Pentecost they were **baptized in the Spirit**. Now they were born of **WATER & SPIRIT***



**Peter then tells the people what they must do to be saved!**

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# Water & Spirit for Salvation

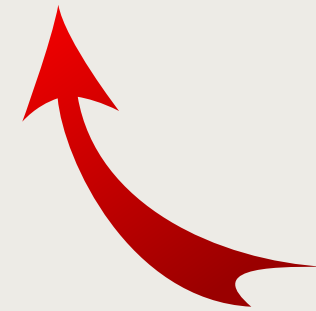


38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent**, and **be baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ **for the remission of sins**, and ye shall **receive** the gift of the **Holy Ghost**.

**Acts 2:38 KJV**

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Peter says to **repent** and be **BAPTIZED** **for the forgiveness of sins** and receive the **HOLY SPIRIT!**



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

**Mark 16:16 KJV**



# Baptism Saves



21 And **baptism**, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

**1 Peter 3:21 NRSV**

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5 he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the **water of rebirth** and **renewal by the Holy Spirit**

**Titus 3:5 NRSV**



He did it by means of the **mikveh of rebirth** and the renewal brought about by the **Ruach HaKodesh**,

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# Jewish Custom on Baptism



## JEWISH CUSTOMS

### Baptism (*Mikveh*)

**Leviticus 14:1–9** Ceremonial washings are as old as the *Torah* itself. God commanded the Hebrew people to wash their clothing before he gave them the law at Mount Sinai (see Exod. 19:10). In Leviticus 8 and 16, Aharon and his sons were commanded to wash before they ministered in the Tabernacle, and there were ritual cleansings for various flows of body fluids (see Lev.15). Perhaps the most instructional passage in the *Torah* about the act of total immersion (*t'vilah*) is the healing of leprosy.

The practice of *mikveh* (the ritual bath where *t'vilah* was performed) was quite common in the Second Temple period, as shown by the large number of references to this custom in the Talmud. The ritual immersions for healings and service continued as prescribed by the *Torah*. With the destruction of the Temple, the custom of *mikveh* also changed. The priests' cleansings and the related healings were no longer practical, though modern Judaism maintains the need for *mikveh* in some situations.

The Bible says little about the actual construction of a *mikveh*. However, what the Bible leaves undefined, the rabbis have elucidated in great detail. Despite all details, one should not lose sight of the *mikveh's* meaning. The Bible draws a distinction between the holy

and the profane. The waters of the *mikveh* teach the Jewish people a great deal concerning these truths. One Jewish interpretation of the *mikveh* relates it to an experience of death and resurrection, and also to the reentry into the womb and reemergence. Immersed fully, one is like the fetus in the womb, and coming up out of the water, it is as if one is reborn. The individual who has sinned and become impure is transformed; he dies and is resurrected and becomes a new creation, like a newborn child (Buxbaum 569). The most prominent example of total immersion in the New Testament is found in John 1. Yochanan the Immerser (John the Baptizer) was a prophet who practiced it as an integral part of his ministry. This account matches many of the details already known about *mikveh* of that day and its significance in the Jewish culture.

The High Holy Days, which include the Jewish New Year (*Rosh-HaShanah*) and the Day of Atonement (*Yom Kippur*), is the most focused time of year when Isra'el assesses her spiritual condition and turns back to God. To this day, men still immerse in the *mikveh* as a sign of their inward cleansing as they spiritually prepare for the Holy Days.

*For more on "Jewish Customs," see reading at Numbers 15:37–41.*

He did it by means of the **mikveh of rebirth** and the renewal brought about by the **Ruach HaKodesh**,  
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Titus 3:5 is talking about being born of **WATER** and born of the **SPIRIT**



# Preparing for Marriage to Jesus



On the third day there was **a wedding** in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the **wedding**.6 Now standing there were six stone **water jars** for the **Jewish rites of purification**, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.



**John 2:1-2,6 NRSV**

Before the **Bride** and **Bridegroom** got married they would go through a washing or cleansing.

25 Now a discussion **about purification** arose between John's disciples and a Jew. [j] 26

They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him."29 He who has **the bride** is the **bridegroom**. The friend of the **bridegroom** who stands and hears him rejoices greatly at the **bridegroom's voice**. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled.

**John 3:25-26, 29 NRSV**



# Espoused to Jesus



2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have **espoused you** to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin **to Christ**.

**2 Corinthians 11:2 KJV**

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Get ready for the marriage feast in Heaven. **Repent, Confess Jesus, Be Baptized** in water and receive the **Holy Spirit**. **Obey Jesus' commands** because you love Him!

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7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the **marriage of the Lamb** is come, and his **wife hath made herself ready**.

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, **clean and white**: for the **fine linen is the righteousness of saints**.

9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the **marriage supper of the Lamb**. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

**Revelation 19:7-9 KJV**



# Paul Baptized Water & Spirit



2 He said to them, “Did you receive the **Holy Spirit** when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” 3 Then he said, “Into what, then, were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” 4 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, in Jesus.” 5 On hearing this, **they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus**. 6 When Paul had laid his hands on them, **the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied,**

**Acts 19:2-5 NRSV**





# We Must Die With Christ



3 Do you not know that all of us who were **baptized into Christ Jesus** were **baptized** into his death? 4 Therefore we were buried with him **by baptism into death**, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in **newness of life**.

**Romans 6:3-4 NRSV**



11 In him also you were circumcised with a **spiritual circumcision**, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; 12 when **you were buried with him in baptism**, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

**Colossians 2:11-12 NRSV**



# All 3 for Salvation



6 This is the one who came by **water** and **blood**, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the **water** and **the blood**. And **the Spirit** is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. 7 There are **three** that testify:

8 the **Spirit** and the **water** and the **blood**, and these three agree.

**1 John 5:6-8 NRSV**



We need **The Father, Son & Holy Spirit**

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

**Matthew 28:19**

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We need to be **Called, Chosen & Faithful**

for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and **those with him** are **called** and **chosen** and **faithful.**”

**Revelation 17:14**



# Thief on the Cross



- If you are reading this **you are not** in the position of the thief on the cross where he was **literally unable** to be baptized. He had a sincere heart and **confessed Jesus as Lord**. He did what he was able to do in his last moments.
- It is required that we must CONFESS Jesus as Lord for salvation. If someone is mute (unable to speak) believes in Jesus but cannot confess Jesus, they will be saved. **God will hold us accountable for what we are ABLE TO DO!**

10 For one **believes with the heart**, leading to righteousness, and one **confesses with the mouth**, **leading to salvation**.

**Romans 10:10 NRSV**



# Do You Believe?



Do you believe that if anyone **BELIEVES** & is **BAPTIZED** they will be saved?

**Mark 16:16**

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Do you believe you **MUST REPENT**, and be **BAPTIZED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS** and then receive the **HOLY SPIRIT**?

**Acts 2:38**

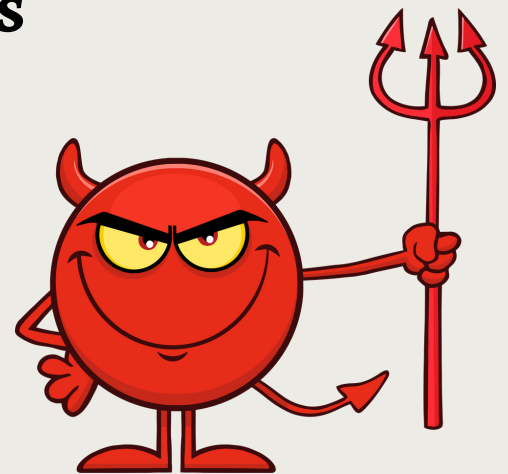
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Do you believe that **BAPTISM SAVES US**?

**1 Peter 3:21**

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Has the devil deceived you  
to **NOT** believe what is  
**WRITTEN?**



If you **DO NOT** believe that baptism is necessary for salvation when there are verses that says it **SAVES US** ask yourself **why do you doubt?**

The devil's job is to get you **to doubt** what you read and **NOT** obey the commands of Jesus so you are **NOT** saved.