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Matthew 28:19-20

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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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- Promise of something new: Ezekiel 36:24-27

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I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

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- John the Baptist baptism –

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Mark 1:4-5

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Do we see different uses of water in Scripture?

- John the Baptist baptism – preparing Jewish's heart for the coming of Jesus as their Messiah.

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Why was Jesus baptized?

- Not due to his sins as he did not have any nor guilty of any sin 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Obedience to His Heavenly Father Matthew 3:13-17
- Set an example for all of us as His followers Luke 3:21
- To demonstrate His deity John 1:29-34
- Initiate His earthly ministry and preparation for temptation Matthew 4:1-11

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Couple of problem passages

Mark 16:16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Acts 2:38 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.

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- Reminds me of what Christ has done for me and in me as I walk with Him. Colossians 2:11-15

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