

"You might as well join us ...

You Have Our Baptism! "

In October of 1962, Pope John XIII called the Vatican II Ecumenical Council. The leaders of the major protestant denominations were invited. His address to that body of Catholic and Protestant leaders included an appeal for all denominations to unite under Rome. Pope John included the following persuasive thought. He said you might as well join us, "**you have our baptism.**".....**those of her (separated brethren) sons who, though attached to her by Baptism,** (Chapter 1 Catholic Principles on Ecumenism)**Yet they have retained a particularly close affinity with the Catholic Church** (Chapter II. Separated Churches and Ecclesial Communities in the West) .

Did you know that almost every (there are some exceptions) major protestant denomination, including the Evangelicals, Pentecostals and even most Charismatics, **have Roman Catholic baptism?**

Ask yourself this question : *Do I have the Pope's baptism as he stated?*

You can answer that question by simply comparing your baptismal experience with Roman Catholicism's. Some denominations sprinkle, some pour, and some immerse. Although the ceremonies differ in some aspects, there is one aspect in which most all agree; they use words similar to ... "**I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.**"

If your minister stated a phrase similar to this one by acknowledging the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,then YES!it appears that you do have the Pope's Roman Catholic Baptism.

However, if your minister acknowledged the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ during your baptismal, (rather than the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost),then you do not have the Catholic Baptism. But rather, ...you have a New Testament Baptism

which is both exemplified in Scripture and was actually practiced in the Bible by the Apostles.

Which Baptism do you have? Catholic Baptism ..or..Scriptural Baptism?

Catholic Baptism honors ... the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost without honoring Jesus. Scriptural Baptism honorsonly the Lord Jesus Christ.

What did Pope John XIII know that you and I do not, to make such a statement?

Pope John XIII knew ... :

: *Catholic Encyclopedia, Vol. 2, page 263*, acknowledges that the words of the baptismal ceremony were changed by the Catholic church.

: *Britannica Encyclopedia, 11th ed., Vol. 3, p. 365*, states that baptism was changed from the name of Jesus to the words of Father, Son & Holy Ghost in the 2nd century.

: *Hastings Encyclopedia of Religion, Vol. 2, p. 377, 389*, says Christian baptism was always administered using the words, "in the name of Jesus",until the time of Justin Martyr.

: *Schaff - Herzog Religious Encyclopedia, Vol. 2, p. 263*, reads that the New Testament knows only the baptism in the name of Jesus.

:*Hastings Dictionary of the Bible, p. 88*, acknowledges "the primitive church baptized 'in' or 'into' the name of Jesus, Jesus Christ or Lord Jesus."

:*A History of Christian Thought; Otto Hieck; Vol. 1, p.53* says " at first baptism was administered in the name of Jesus, but gradually in the name of the Triune God."

: *New Catholic Encyclopedia, Vol. 2, p. 59*, states "..baptism in the name of Jesus was still accepted in the age of scholasticism. An explicit reference to the Trinitarian formula (Father, Son & Holy Ghost) cannot be found in the first centuries."

Pope John's comment, ... "**you have our baptism**" reveals that he understood that the church leaders of the early centuries changed the baptismal ceremonies words of invocation from honoring Jesus to honoring Father, Son & Holy Ghost. Historians know this,even the Catholic ones.

Lets Look at : New Testament References to Water Baptism

Notice how each Bible reference refers to Jesus with the exception of Matthew 28:19.

Matthew 28:19 (to the Apostles) ... "*baptizing them in the name of the Father,*

and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Acts 2:38 (to the Jews)....."*be baptized everyone of you in the name of **Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins ..."*

Acts 8:12,16 (to the Samaritans) ...: "*only they were baptized in the name of the **Lord Jesus.**"*

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

Acts 19:5 (to the Ephesians) "*when they hear this, they were baptized in the name of the **Lord Jesus**"*

Acts 9:18, 22:16 (to Paul) "*arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the **Lord**"*

Romans 6:3 (to the Romans) "*that so many of us were baptized into Jesus Christ"*

Galatians 3:27 (to the Galatians) "*For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ "*

Colossians 2:11,12 (to the Colossians) "*by the circumcision of Christ : buried with him in baptism "*

Colossians 3:16 "*whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the **Lord Jesus**".*

Since baptism is words and a deed, ...then this verse applies to baptism.

What about Matthew 28:19 ?

Why do all scripture references, but one, give honor to the Lord Jesus Christ with the exception of Matthew 28:19? I'm not 100 % sure; but, I can give you two explanations.

One explanation could be :

God had it written that way so that even in water baptism, the Spirit of Revelation must operate. The Spirit of Revelation is the Rock upon which the church is built. (Matt. 16:17,18) Look at the reference list again. Notice how over and over the phrase "***in the name***" appears. It even appears in Matthew 28:19, too.

But which name? What name? Whose Name? There is only 1 name for the Christian. It is the name of Jesus. There is no other name with any power or authority, but the name of Jesus.

“Jesus” is the blood name (1 Pet 1:9), ...the baptizing name (Acts 8:16), ...the devil casting out name (Mrk 16:17), ... Emmanuel's name (Mat 1:23), ... the Father-Son-Holy Ghost name (Mat 28:19), ...the family name (Eph 3:15), ... God's name (Isa 9:6), ...the healing name (Acts 3:16), ...the knee-bowing name (Philp 2:10), ...the Lord's name (Lk 2:11), ...the none other name (Acts 4:12), ...the One name (Zech 14:9), ...the preaching name (Acts 8:12), ...the repentance name (Lk 24:47), ...the remission of sin name (Acts 10:43), ...the salvation name (Acts 4:12), ...the speaking with new tongues name (Mark 16:17), ...the name above every name (Phil 2:9), ...the what so ever you do name (Col 3:17), ...the washed, sanctified, justified name (1Cor 6:11), ...the Word made flesh name (Joh 1:14,17), ... Our LORD JESUS CHRIST!

The Revelation is... that the phrase “in the name” of the Father, Son & Holy Ghost” applies to the Christian’s One Name the name of Jesus.

That is why there is not one scriptural example or practice in the New Testament of baptizing;except in the name of our Lord Jesus. You should check it out.

A SECOND explanation some use could be (?) ...:

Matthew 28:19 doesn't use Jesus Name could be because God permitted Satan to tamper with that Scripture to promote confusion for the natural religious mind.

Jehovah did the very same in Isaiah 6:9-10 when He sent Isaiah to prophecy to the people making them ***"Hear ye indeed, but understand not,; and see ye indeed, but perceive not."*** God said he would shut their eyes, ears, and heart so they will not understand with their heart and be converted and healed.

How was this accomplished? The historical works of the church historian Eusebius who lived in 300 AD. has given rise to speculation of scripture tampering. (The theologians and scholars know this.)

Eusebius was Bishop of Caesarea, and inherited the care of the sacred writings and manuscripts of the Library of Pamphilus at Caesarea in Palestine. During the Roman Emperor Diocletian's persecutions of Christians the sacred scripture manuscripts were burned. Eusebius said, *"I saw with mine own eyes the houses of prayer thrown down and razed to their foundations, and the sacred scriptures consigned to the fire in the open Marketplace."* **Thus the most ancient copies of scripture are copies of copies, ---none are originals. "Eusebius is of great**

weight for us. To him we owe a large part of our knowledge of the first three centuries of Christianity."

F. C. Conybeare stated in 1902, "*I have, after a moderate search in the works of Eusebuis, found eighteen citations of Matthew 28:19 and always in the following form, "Go ye and make disciples of all nations in my name, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded them."* (*Textual Criticism of the New Testament; Three Early Doctrinal Modifications of the Text of the Gospels*, Hibbert Journal, 1902, Conybeare)

Eusebuis was also one of the bishops who attended the Nicene Council of 325 AD. who at first refused to sign the councils new adopted creed; but later was persuaded to do so. Eusebuis' quotes of Matthew 28:19 verse *after the Nicene Council* shows the Roman Catholic baptism of "*in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,*" ...as Matthew 28:19 reads today. (A little library and history research into the impact of the Nicene Council would be helpful.)

A few facts you may not know :

- A.** Being Baptized where a minister says "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" *is Non-Scriptural. It never happened nor was it ever practiced in the Bible.* Not even once. It only happens "outside" of Scripture.
- B.** ALL recorded baptisms in the New Testament *use words which give honor to Only the Lord Jesus Christ.* Never the Father. Never the Holy Ghost.
- C.** If anyone has objections to baptism, they should enquire to the source of that objection; ... do they object to the act of baptism?;or is their *objection simply an objection to the name of Jesus.*

When we reject honoring Jesus Christ in water baptism ... :

...it follows that : 1> **The Word of God is indeed contradictory (as some claim)** --- because *Matthew 28:19 is in direct contradiction of Luke 24:47 and Acts 2:38*

Lu 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Ac 2:38 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.

...it also follows that : 2> The Lord's statement that He opened the Apostles understanding in **Luke 24:45 is NOT TRUE.** They were just as confused after his resurrection as they were before Calvary.

*Lu 24:45 Then **opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,***

...it also follows that : 3> Christ's breathing upon the Apostles in John 20:28 to receive the Holy Ghost and his 40 days of instruction after his resurrection and their receiving of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost **did not open the apostles understanding clearly at all.**

DO YOU BELIEVE ANY OF THE ABOVE THREE STATEMENTS?

I do not. And neither do I think that you do. Why don't you ask your Pastor to baptize you Scripturally and Biblically as all the converts in the book of Acts were? Ask him to honor Jesus in your water baptism since he is the one who died, and was buried and rose again? Not the Father! Not the Holy Ghost?

Or let me or some other minister baptize you in Christian Baptism, ...rather than Catholic Baptism. It's harvest time. It's Time for the harvest seed to match the original seed that was planted. May the Lord Bless you and keep you!

How we Baptize without using any Scripture references to Water Baptism?

Often we are asked about how we baptize believer's in water upon their confession of faith and repentance from their past sins and life. How do we baptize ?? I am going to intentionally answer the question in an unusual way. We will not quote any scripture.

We believe Christ Jesus is central to all of God's purposes, design, and will. In fact, since Jesus is the essence of All that God is about and the purpose of all that God's Spirit does in the earth,I will attempt to explain baptism without using any of the actual baptism example verses which are usually used.... Such as ...Mat 28:19, Acts 2:38, 8:16, 10:48, 19:5, 22:16

Let's say that you have just asked me **"in what name** do you baptize believers....I could respond something like this....

What is Baptism? It is identification with death; specifically Christ's death & each individual believer's death to old life of sin.

Who was Wounded for your Transgressions?Jesus

Whose Back was beaten for your Sins?Jesus

Into whose hands & feet were Nails driven?Jesus

Who Died on the Cross?Jesus

Who Rose from the Dead on the 3rd Day?Jesus

Whose Blood was shed? ...Jesus

What is the Name of the one who came to Save us? ...Jesus

What's the only Name given to men under heaven for salvation? ...Jesus

Who is the Theme of the Old & New Testaments? ...Jesus

By what Name is the whole family called? ...Jesus

Who is the Head of Church? ...Jesus

Who said no man comes to the Father but by me? ...Jesus

Who said if you have seen me, you have seen the Father? ...Jesus

Who said I am the Way? ...Jesus

Who said I am the Truth? ...Jesus

Who said I am the Life? ...Jesus

Who said I am the Resurrection? ...Jesus

Who said I am the Shephard? ...Jesus

Who said I am the Door? ...Jesus

Who said I am the Vine? ...Jesus

Who is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the World? ...Jesus

Who is King of Kings & Lord of Lords? ...Jesus

In whose Name do we pray for Healing? ...Jesus

In whose Name are we to go Preaching Repentance? ...Jesus

Forgiveness and Remission of sins is in whose name? ...Jesus

Which Name is above every name? ...Jesus

Who is the Prince of Peace? ...Jesus

Who is called Wonderful? ...Jesus

Who is called Counselor? ...Jesus

Who is called the Mighty God? ...Jesus

Who is called Emmanuel? ...Jesus

Who is called the Everlasting Father? ...Jesus

Who sits on the throne of His Father David? ...Jesus

Who baptizes with the Holy Ghost and with Fire? ...Jesus

Who is Coming Again? ...Jesus

Now then, Have I answered your Question?Your question was “In what name do we water baptize people”??

You probably understand by now, that we always baptize people in water honoring our Lord Jesus Christ. Because he is the central plan and focus of all that God, our heavenly father has done from the very beginning. They did it that way in the scriptures. And we do, too.

We always baptize people “in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost” as we baptize them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Did you get it?

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