



Believer Baptism Matthew 28:18-20

I. The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)

“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all peoples, **baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.’” Matthew 28:18-20

II. The Meaning of Baptism

Baptism is a sacramental celebration of a person’s new life in Christ. A sacrament is an outward sign of an inward spiritual reality.

It is an outward sign of being inwardly cleansed, forgiven and receiving the Holy Spirit who unites us forever to King Jesus.

A disciple lives in union with Jesus to learn to live joyfully in God’s beautiful Kingdom.

In Romans 6, Paul speaks of our baptism symbolizing our union with Jesus in his death (death to our old sinful nature and life of independence) and in his resurrection (alive to God’s resurrection power through the Holy Spirit).

- New status: forgiven, reconciled, united to Jesus
- New identity: adopted sons & daughters of the Father
- New life, desires & power for righteousness
- New community, the local church
- New purpose & mission

III. Faithful to the Call and Command to Baptize

Ex. Pic of ancient baptismal font