**Lesson 1**: The New Birth/**Part 3**: Born of Water

Review:

Memorize: John 3:3 “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.’”

Part 1: Established that we are lost and must be born again and that being born again requires the birth of the water and the Spirit. To experience a new birth, we must be like a kernel of wheat and die.

Part 2: Established that repentance is the death to self, the turning from our sins. Without repentance, we perish. God wants everyone to repent. On the Day of Pentecost, when Peter preached to the spectators who’d gathered and witnessed the outpouring of the Holy Ghost upon the believers, he shared with them about Jesus’ life, death, burial, and resurrection. The people experienced a prick in their hearts (godly sorrow) and wanted to know what to do in response to the truth. This was our last verse, which was answered with “repent and be baptized…”

Part 3 continues, discussing baptism

**Part 3: Born of Water (Burial)**

The word *baptism* comes from the Greek word *bapto*, which means to immerse or dip. The New Testament was originally written in the Greek language and used the word with its original, literal meaning. This word lost its true meaning of immersion because other methods were substituted for convenience. These scriptures discuss water baptism.

1. Does water baptism save us? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Mark 16:16 “He that believeth and is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_shall be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Whose counsel did the Pharisees and lawyers reject by not being baptized? (Luke 7:29-30) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Water baptism is for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of sins. (Acts 2:38)

4. It is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of Jesus Christ that washes away our sins. (Revelation 1:5; Matthew 26:28).

The blood is applied through faith and our sins are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_away when we are baptized (Acts 22:16). It is our faith in Jesus Christ and our obedience to the Word of God that validates our water baptism.

5. Our sins are washed away when we are baptized in the name of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 2:38; Acts 8:15-17; Acts 10:43; Acts 19:4-5, Acts 22:16; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

In the above verses…

Acts 2:38-**Jews** were baptized in Jesus name.

Acts 8:16-**Samaritans** were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 10:48-**Gentiles** were baptized in the name of the Lord.

Acts 19:5-**Ephesians** were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

The apostles followed Jesus’ instructions in their manner of baptizing new believers. They did not use the *titles* Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. They obeyed Matthew 28:19 by baptizing in the *name* of Jesus Christ.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:” (Matthew 28:19)

6. Is there any other name whereby we must be saved? (Acts 4:10-12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. Why was John baptizing in the location of Aenon? (John 3:23) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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8. “Jesus, when He was baptized \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ straightway \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 3:16). He was immersed.

9. After Philip preached to the eunuch, he asked Philip to baptize him since they were conveniently near some water. Acts 8:38-39 says that “…they went \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip…”

10. Colossians 2:12 says we are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with Christ in baptism.

Historical information about baptism.

Britannica Encyclopedia, 11th Edition, Volume 3, pages 365-363- Baptism was changed from the name of Jesus to the words Father, Son, and Holy Ghost in the second century.

Canny Encyclopedia of Religion, page 53-the early church baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus until the second century.

Hastings Encyclopedia of Religion, Volume 2, pages 377 and 389- Christian baptism was administered using the words, “in the name of Jesus” (p. 377). Baptism was always in the name of Jesus until the time of Justin Martyr (p. 389).

Catholic Encyclopedia, Volume 2, page 236-authors acknowledge that the baptismal formula was changed by their church.

Schaff-Herzog Religious Encyclopedia, Volume 1, page 453-“The New Testament knows only the baptism in the name of Jesus.”

Hastings Dictionary of Bible, page 88-“It must be acknowledge that the three-fold name of Matthew 28:19 does not appear to have been used by the primitive church, but rather in the Name of Jesus, Jesus Christ, or Lord Jesus.