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#11 What does the church do? April 11 2021

**Baptizes Believers**

(Matt. 28:19,20; Mk. 1:4-11; Acts 2:42,47; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-14; Col. 2:11-12)

“All **authority** in heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, **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.” (Matt. 28:18-20)

***What does the Bible have to say about…?***

***Baptism***

*What about the* ***meaning*** *and* ***mode*** *of baptism?*

*The meaning--The rite of commitment*

* *An act of* ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** *(Rom. 6:3-5)*
* *An act of* ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****(Rom. 6:6-14; 1 Pet. 3:21)*
* *An act of* ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** *(1 Cor. 12:13; Gal 3:26-28)*

*When is the* ***right time*** *and the* ***right way*** *(mode)?*

*The stain of Augustinian error (400 AD), the Reformer’s circle of perpetual salvation, and the strain on a united practice of baptism.*

*When a person can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_salvation enough to receive Christ by faith, can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it to an Elder, can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the church, and can understand the meaning of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the urgency of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ should be the most important factor in determining the timing of baptism. (Rom. 10:9-13)*

* *The* ***meaning*** *of baptidzo*
* *The* ***descriptions*** *in the NT (Mk. 1:10; Jn 3:22; 8:36)*

*Archeological site evidence (Ephesus, Laodicea)*

* *Which mode* ***illustrates****/symbolizes the theology most? (Rom. 6:4)*

*The* ***importance*** *of baptism?*

* *It is a* ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****of Christ. “…one of the activities that characterize disciple-making.” (Carson, “Matthew”)*
* *It is commanded by Peter in his* ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sermon*** *(Acts 2:38)*

*“Repent each of you and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ…”*

* *Christians are* ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** *by “one baptism.” (Eph. 4:5)*

*Baptism by the Spirit into the body of Christ symbolized in water baptism.*

* ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** *Christians are unknown in the NT.*
* ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****and baptism repeatedly connected in Acts (8:12-13; 10:43-48; 18:8; 19:4-5); as is baptism and the* ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** *(Acts 2:38; 8:12-17; 10:44-48)*

 *GO MAKE DISCIPLES, BAPTIZING THEM…!*

*The church of Jesus Christ consists of people who by faith have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and have publicly affirmed that confession by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the command of Jesus to be baptized.*

Have you received the grace of salvation through the forgiveness of your sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit?

Have you obeyed Christ’s command to be baptized?