

Kimberly's Baptism

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I. God sent John the Baptist to baptize—And to preach repentance and the kingdom

Mat 3:1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,

Joh 1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

Joh 1:33 ...he that sent me to baptize with water...

Mat 21:23 ...By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?

Mat 21:24 And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things.

Mat 21:25 The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him?

Mat 21:26 But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet.

Mat 21:27 And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

Mat 3:2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Mat 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Mat 10:7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Mat 11:11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

II. John the Baptist was the prophet who came to prepare the way for Jesus' coming

Mat 3:3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Isa 40:3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Isa 40:6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field:

Isa 40:7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass.

Isa 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

Luk 1:17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias...to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Luk 1:76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

Luk 1:77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins..

Luk 1:79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

III. John's ministry was unexplainably successful—(As is the scheme of Christianity)

Mat 3:4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

Mat 3:5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,

Mat 3:6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

1Co 2:1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

1Co 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

1Co 2:3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

1Co 2:4 And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

1Co 2:5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

IV. The urgency of repentance (and confession of sins) when coming to be baptized

Mat 3:6 ...confessing their sins.

Mat 3:7 *But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?*

Mat 3:8 *Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:*

A. John made repentance a requirement before baptism

Mat 3:2 And saying, **Repent** ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

1. Repentance is a key principle of Christianity

Mat 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, **Repent**: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Luk 15:10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that **repenteth**.

Act 20:21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, **repentance toward God**, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent**, and be baptized...

2. Confession of sins is important when coming to God in baptism

Act 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins...

B. Further thoughts on the Bible's requirements for scriptural baptism

1. The proper mode of baptism is immersion (*baptismo* means to dip in water)

Act 8:38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

2. The one baptized must be a believer in Jesus Christ

Act 8:36 ...See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

Act 8:37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

3. The one baptized is to have learned of (even become a disciple of) Jesus Christ

Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach (*disciple; enroll as a scholar*) all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

4. A 'baptizer' needs proper authority to baptize—This now comes from the church

a. God gave John the authority to baptize—And Jesus thought that was important

Mat 3:13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

b. Jesus gave the apostles (and through them the church) authority to baptize

Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them...

c. The church gives its ministers the authority to baptize

Act 13:1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets...

Act 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Act 13:3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid *their* hands on them, they sent *them* away.

d. How can God's church be recognized today?

1Ti 3:15 ...the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

5. If a baptism has not been according to scripture—The scriptures say 're-baptize'

Act 18:24 And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, *and* mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.

Act 18:25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

Act 18:26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto *them*, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

Act 18:27 And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace:

Act 19:1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

Act 19:2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

Act 19:3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

Act 19:4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

Act 19:5 When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

V. It might surprise you—But in addition to being the Savior—Jesus is also the Judge

Mat 3:9 *And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.*

Mat 3:10 *And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.*

Mat 3:12 *Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.*

Joh 5:22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

Act 10:42 ...that it is he which was ordained of God *to be* the Judge of quick and dead.

Rom 14:10 ...for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

VI. A mighty Jesus would soon appear—He would baptize them with the Holy Ghost

Mat 3:11 *I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:*

Act 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Act 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Act 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.

Act 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

VII. Jesus' glorious baptism—(It was right to do it—God was pleased by it)

Mat 3:13 *Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.*

Mat 3:14 *But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?*

Mat 3:15 *And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.*

Mat 3:16 *And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:*

Mat 3:17 *And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

—It is right for you to be baptized, too—God is also pleased with it

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Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized...

Mat 11:28 Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Rev 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Act 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.
