



FIRM FOUNDATION *Series*
Repentance and Baptism

Luke 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;*

Luke 1:77 *To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,*

There is a central theme of the coming of Christ.

Salvation through the remission of sins.

Luke 24:46 *And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:*

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

Luke 24:48 *And ye are witnesses of these things.*

Luke 24:49 *And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*

- Repentance and baptism should be preached.
- The promise of the Holy Spirit would be sent.

Authority of this command to preach repentance and baptism “In His Name.”

Luke 5:30 *But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners?*

Luke 5:31 *And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.*

Luke 5:32 *I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*

Jesus lived out holiness among the unholy.

The church should embrace the encounter with those whose sins are not yet remitted.

The call to REPENTANCE is the only sufficient conclusion of loving the sinner.

II Timothy 2:24 *And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,*

II Timothy 2:25 *In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;*

The exhortation to repent is the acknowledging of the truth.

Romans 2:4 *Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?*

Preaching repentance is declaring the goodness of the Lord.

Repentance:

1. To turn from sin and abhor the sins of the past.

Ephesians 2:2 *Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*

Ephesians 2:3 *Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.*

In order to repent one must accept the depravity of their sin.

- Fulfilling desires of our lusts/flesh
- Children of wrath/disobedience

James 1:15 *Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.*

Realization of the deadly spiral of sin.

Psalm 51:1 *Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.*

Psalm 51:2 *Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.*

Psalm 51:3 *For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.*

- Honest acknowledgement of sin
- Plea for mercy
- Genuine Brokenness
- Petition for a cleansing of the mind

2. A change of mind concerning behavior that displeases God.

Repentance will involve emotions of sorrow and regret, but will not end there. It will accept the lifestyle transformation to please God and obey His Word. A repentant life will be evidenced by humility, prayer, faith and obedience.

Matthew 3:8 *Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance.*

The fruits of repentance refer to outward changes of behavior.

Romans 13:14 *But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.*

There is a need for the work of the Spirit in the continuing work of repentance.

Water Baptism in Jesus Name

Baptism is translated from the Greek word *baptizo* meaning to dip, immerse or to bury.

Acts 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.*

Repentance and baptism are required for remission of sins.

Mark 16:16 *He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*

Baptism is essential in believing unto salvation. It holds eternal significance.

Romans 6:3 *Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?*

Romans 6:4 *Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

Baptism is the commandment that immerses us into the death of Christ. This allows the powerful work of Christ's death to be applied to our life.

Revelation 1:5 *And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,*

The forgiveness and the remission of sins is by the blood of Christ!

Matthew, Mark and Luke record the commission of baptism.

Matthew 28:16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Mark 16:14 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Luke 24:33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

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

Luke 24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

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

ALL ELEVEN DISCIPLES WERE PRESENT! Their understanding was opened!

They were given the authority of the Name whereby sins would be remitted!

The first fulfillment of the commandment to be baptized is found in the book of Acts chapter 2 on the day of Pentecost.

First sermon of the New Testament church.

Acts 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

Acts 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.

Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

The Biblical formula for baptism is explicit from the commission to the fulfillment.

Sins were remitted in the name of Jesus Christ.

Believers in Samaria were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Acts 8:12 *But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.*

Cornelius' household were commanded by Peter to be baptized in the name of the Lord.

Acts 10:48 *And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.*

Believers who had been baptized under John the Baptist were instructed to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 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.*

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

Everyone baptized in the New Testament was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

There is not one recorded occurrence in Scripture of anyone being baptized with the titles Father, Son, and Holy Ghost called over them!

Acts 4:10 *Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.*

Acts 4:11 *This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.*

Acts 4:12 *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*