



**Baptism In
Jesus' Name
Bible Study**



**"EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN OF THE WATER
AND OF THE SPIRIT, HE CANNOT ENTER
THE KINGDOM OF GOD."**

= JESUS CHRIST

**Historical Evidence For
Baptism In Jesus' Name**

– BAPTISM IN JESUS' NAME

Baptism has always been administered in the name of Jesus Christ by the true Apostolic Church, but it was changed to the titles “Father, Son, and Holy Ghost” by the Catholic Church in the second century. This false practice has been adopted by Protestant churches as well as other religious groups. The following historical evidence proves that the original baptismal formula established by Jesus was changed:

– HISTORICAL EVIDENCE

Britannica Encyclopedia, 11th ed. vol. 3, pp. 365-366.

The baptismal formula was changed from the name of Jesus Christ to the words Father, Son, & Holy Ghost by the Catholic Church in the second century.

Britannica Encyclopedia, vol. 3, p. 82.

Everywhere in the oldest sources it states that baptism took place in the name of Jesus Christ.

Canney Encyclopedia of Religion, p. 53.

The early church always baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus until development of Trinity doctrine in the 2nd century.

Catholic Encyclopedia, vol. 2, p. 263.

There has been a theological controversy over the question as to whether baptism in the name of Christ only was ever held valid. Certain texts in the New Testament have given rise to this difficulty. Thus St. Paul (Acts, xix) commands some disciples at Ephesus to be baptized in Christ's name: "They were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." In Acts 10, we read that St. Peter ordered others to be baptized "in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ." Those who were converted by Philip. (Acts, viii) "were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ", and above all we have the explicit command of the Prince of the Apostles: "Be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of your sins" (Acts, ii).

Owing to these texts some theologians have held that the Apostles baptized in the name of Christ only. St. Thomas, St. Bonaventure, and Albertus Magnus are invoked as authorities for this opinion, they declaring that the Apostles so acted by special dispensation.

Pope Nicholas replies that the baptism is to be held valid "if they were baptized, in the name of the supreme and undivided Trinity." Here the pope does not give baptism in the name of Christ only as an alternative.

Hastings Encyclopedia of Religion, vol. 2, p. 377.

Christian baptism was administered using the words 'In the name of Jesus.

Hastings Encyclopedia of Religion, vol. 2, p. 378.

The use of a Trinitarian formula of any sort was not suggested in early Church history.

Hastings Encyclopedia of Religion, vol. 2, p. 389.

Baptism was always in the name of Lord Jesus until the time of Justin Martyr when Triune formula was used.

Catholic Encyclopedia, vol. 8.

Justin Martyr was one of the early Fathers of the Roman Catholic Church.

Hastings Encyclopedia of Religion, vol. 2, p. 377 on ACTS 2:38.

NAME was an ancient synonym for "person." Payment was always made in the name of some person referring ownership. Therefore one being baptized in Jesus Name became his personal property. Ye are Christ's.

New International Encyclopedia, vol. 22, p. 477.

The term "Trinity" was originated by Tertullian, a Roman Catholic Church Father.

Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics, (1951), vol. 2, pp. 384, 389.

The formula used was 'in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ' or some synonymous phrase; there is no evidence for the use of the trine name . . . The earliest form, represented in the Acts, was simple immersion . . . in water, the use of the name of the Lord, and the laying on of hands. To these were added in at various times and places which cannot be safely identified, (a) the trine name . . .

Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible, (1962) vol. 1, p. 351.

The evidence . . . suggests that baptism in early Christianity was administered, not in the threefold name, but in the name of the Lord Jesus.

A History of Christian Thought (Otto Heick), (1965), vol. 1, p. 53.

At first baptism was administered in the name of Jesus, but gradually in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Hastings Dictionary of the Bible, (1898).

[One explanation is that] the original form of words was 'into the name of Jesus Christ'. Baptism into the name of the Trinity was a later development.

The New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge, (1957), vol. 1, p. 435.

The New Testament knows only baptism in the name of Jesus . . . which still occurs even in the second and third centuries.

Canney Encyclopedia of Religion, (1970), p. 53.

Persons were baptized at first 'in the name of Jesus Christ' . . . or 'in the name of the Lord Jesus.'... Afterwards, with the development of the doctrine of the Trinity, they were baptized 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Encyclopedia Biblica, (1899), vol. 1, p. 473.

It is natural to conclude that baptism was administered in the earliest times 'in the name of Jesus Christ,' or in that 'of the Lord Jesus.' This view is confirmed by the fact that the earliest forms of the baptismal confession appear to have been single—not triple, as was the later creed.

Encyclopedia Britannica, 11th ed. (1910), vol. 2, p. 365.

The Trinitarian formula and trine immersion were not uniformly used from the beginning . . . Bapti[s]m] into the name of the Lord [was] the normal formula of the new Testament. In the 3rd century baptism in the name of Christ was still so wide spread that Pope Stephen, in opposition to Cyprian of Carthage, declared it to be valid.

Yes, it's unfortunate that men have tampered with the Word of God to support their own errant beliefs. However, you can still be baptized in the saving name of Jesus just like in the Bible. We are an Apostolic Church that baptizes in the name of Jesus!

What does the Bible have to say about man meddling with God's Word and replacing it with man-made traditions?

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. ([Colossians 2:8](#))

We welcome you to reject the traditions of men, and to come and be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.

And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. ([Acts 22:16](#))