

New Members Handbook of Church Doctrine

The Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith
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CHURCH OFFICES

YOUR PASTOR

Your pastor is the angel of the church ordained of God.

Rev. 1:20

"The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches."

Rev. 2:1

"Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; these things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks."

He is charged by God to feed and perfect the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ and to bring all unto the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Eph. 4:11-12

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." He is commissioned to feed the sheep.

John 21:16

"He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, yea, Lord: thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, feed my sheep."

It is not a simple charge, but a very difficult one. The Pastor tries very hard to give his members what God has for them, but there are those who do not follow leadership and make it difficult by bringing division; who do not obey their Pastor. This is wrong.

Heb. 13:17

"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

Whenever a member has a problem he should always go to the Pastor before the problem becomes too difficult, so that the Pastor can help through prayer and counsel to find a solution.

Members should not run from church to church or place to place. In doing so, you may pick up false teachings or an evil spirit, because wherever the truth is not being taught there is an evil spirit. People who run from place to place develop improperly in God. Therefore, It is important that members remain faithful to the Pastor's vision for the church as a whole, and all members should follow that vision so that the Lord's will may be done and His name glorified. People who fight against the Pastor and the Lord's vision should be reproved, or they should move their membership to a church where they can have faith in their Minister.

BOARD OF ELDERS

Are to assist the Pastor. It is impossible for a Pastor whose schedule is busy, to get around to every member of his congregation, especially when the membership is in the hundreds.

The Elders are to assist the Pastor in visiting the sick, serving communion to the shut-ins, and preaching in the Pastor's absence.

Elders are not to receive tithing until they have become Pastors of a congregation. When the tithing or offering has reached more than that which is necessary to care for the minister, then it should be used for other things pertaining to the services of the house of God.

BOARD OF DEACONS

A Deacon is an officer of the church, ordained of God to assist the Pastor. He should visit the sick, minister the Holy Communion, help to keep up the church property, and do accounting and banking of money.

This calls for a man with certain spiritual and educational qualifications that are absolutely necessary. They must be full of the Holy Ghost, a man of wisdom, honest, faithful, and a teacher. He should never work against his Pastor, but with his Pastor in caring for the church and its members. (see the Deacons handbook for further explanation)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees are men educated in business affairs. It is their obligation to sign all notes, mortgages, contracts, and anything pertaining to the affairs of the church.

MINISTERS

Ministers who acknowledge their calling to preach the gospel should immediately enroll in the Church Bible College for religious training. They strive to prove their ministry, by constant prayer for the church body, fasting and faithful church attendance. They should not be ordained until they have served a three-year training period under the Pastor, and even then, if the spirit and attitude of the individual is not what it should be, he should wait even longer until his Pastor feels he is so qualified. He should learn to tarry with people and to attend prayer meetings regularly. This will enable him to take on the sober and dedicated attitude a minister should possess.

Titus 2:6-8

"Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.

In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you."

MISSIONARIES

Missionaries are licensed by the National Organization on the recommendation of the Pastor to work within the church assisting the Pastor in teaching, in caring for the sick, working around the altar, and

visiting those who have been newly baptized in the church.

A missionary is not a preacher. She is a teacher and a servant of the saints.

I Tim. 2:12-14

"But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression."

She is never to be over a man. Her calling is with women.

Titus 2:3-5

"The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."

AUXILIARIES

Church auxiliaries are created for the purpose of helping the Pastor reach every member of his congregation. Every member of the church should belong to an auxiliary.

The President is a member of the Pastor's Cabinet. The president is to visit cabinet meetings when they are called by the Pastor to receive direction from the Pastor as to what is required of each member of the church. The President then meets with the members of the group and interprets the Pastor's vision and program. The President is to inform the Pastor's office of any sick that need pastoral care, or anyone with a problem that would require the Pastor's attention.

The Pastor's Cabinet consists of the Junior Pastors, Deacons and Presidents. The Cabinet makes laws and rules affecting the entire church. There is also a President's Cabinet and a Sisterhood Cabinet.

The President's Cabinet is presided over by the President appointed by the Pastor. This Cabinet does not make laws or rules unless the Junior Pastors and the Board of Deacons are present.

The Brotherhood is presided over by the President. They are to make plans and programs affecting the physical, educational, social and spiritual needs of the men of the church.

The Sisterhood Cabinet is presided over by the President of the Sisterhood. They are to make plans and programs affecting the physical, educational, social and spiritual needs of the women of the church.

The Youth Council is made up of all youth auxiliaries of the church. The President presides over the Council. The Council is to make plans and programs affecting the physical, educational, social, recreational and spiritual needs of all the youth of the church.

MEMBERS

Every Member of the church should desire the highest standard of Holiness. Any member, who

drinks, smokes, commits adultery or fornication, steals, and tells lies, gossips about another because of something he has heard, is backslidden and should go back to the altar to be refilled with the Holy Ghost. Anyone in the church who is a busybody in peddling slander and evil talk has an unclean tongue and mind. Anyone with an unclean mind is not saved.

Division destroys a church. It is caused by a carnal mind (I Cor. 3:3, Rom. 16:17):

I Cor. 3:3

"For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?"

Rom. 16:17

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them."

CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP

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No one shall be admitted to full membership in this Church who is not in agreement, in word and practice with the teaching of the same as set forth in sustaining the Basis of Unity in the church.

In accordance with these professions, all who remain with us shall take as their rule of conduct the Word of God.

Gal. 6:16

"And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God."

And shall conform outwardly as well as inwardly in their daily walk and conversation to its simple teachings.

We are commanded in God's Word.

- Not to be unequally yoked together with unbelievers, and to have no communion or fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, such as oath bound social clubs (II Cor. 6:14; Eph. 5:11):

II Cor. 6:14

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"

Eph. 5:11

"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."

- not to conform to this world

Rom. 12:2

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

- to come out from among them and be separated

II Cor. 6:16

"And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

- To turn away from those who have the form of godliness but deny the power thereof

II Tim. 3:5

"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away;"

- To cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit

II Cor. 7:1

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

(such as the use, growth, sale or handling of tobacco in any form, and/or narcotics, or intoxicants, filthiness of speech, foolish talking or jesting, or the use of slang language)

- To abstain from all appearance of evil

I Thes. 5:22

"Abstain from all appearance of evil;"

- And to do all we do to the glory of God, and in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ (Col. 3:17; I Cor. 10:31; II Tim. 1:9)

Col. 3:17

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him,"

I Cor. 10:31

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

II Tim. 1:9

"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."

A practical observance of all these scriptural requirements and a complete separation from all these things, which do not tend to deepen our own spirituality and promote the glory of God, is hereby required of all of members.

Every member of the church shall be required to observe the Lord's Day, according to the teachings of Jesus Christ, and not take it for a day of vacation to attend beaches and go automobile riding and picnicking.

Evil and immoral (I Cor. 5:7-13; II Tim. 3:5):

I Cor. 5:7-13

"Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened for even

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness: but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators:

Ye not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.

But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner: with such an one no not to eat.

For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? Do not ye judge them that are within?

But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person."

II Tim. 3:5

"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." Those who will not work, but meddle and tattle.

II Thes. 2:11

"And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie." Heretics (Titus 3:10; Rom. 16:17-18)

Titus 3:10

"A man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition reject."

Rom. 16:17-18

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned: and avoid them.

For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good works and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple."

Unruly (Matt. 18:15-18; Gal. 5:16-21)

Matt. 18:15-18

"moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

Verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Gal. 5:16-21

"This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

For the flesh lusteth against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

But if ye be led of the spirit, ye are not under the law.

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

The condition the church must be in to properly execute discipline without sin.

John 8:7

"So when they continued asking Him, He lifted up himself, and said unto them, he that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her."

Obedience must be fulfilled, everything led captive to Christ.

II Cor. 10:4-6

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled."

Power of Christ must be present. (John 15:5; I Cor. 5:4):

John 15:5

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

I Cor. 5:4

"In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together and my Spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Christ being present and working in the saints, it is really God who does the turning out and taking in. Then the work is done in Heaven and in earth.

Matt. 18:18

"Verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Much depends on the proper exercise of discipline in the church. As the body of Christ, she must keep wise, clean and strong.

Eph. 5:1-10

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children.

And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints:

Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

(For the fruit of the spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth:)

Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord."

Praise God. He comes quickly. Every member of His body is responsible for its condition. Whosoever sins or connives with sin, helps to defile the Temple of God.

I Cor. 3:16-17

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

For He cannot dwell in an unclean temple. Defilement drives Him out. Shall we turn Him out? The Name of God saves us. (Prov. 18:10; Acts 4:12)

Prov. 18:10

"The name of the Lord is a strong tower: The righteous runneth into it, and is safe."

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."

And we are for His Namesake (Psa. 23:3; Isa. 63:12)

Psalms 23:3

"He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake."

Isaiah 63:12

"That led them by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name?"

People are to be gathered to it

"At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart."

Victory in it

Psa. 98:1

"O sing unto the Lord a new song: for He hath done marvelous things: His right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory."

Blessed are we for coming in it

Psa. 118:26

"Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord: we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord."

God wants the glory due his Name

Psa. 29:2

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." His people are hated for it

Matt. 10:22

"And ye shall be hated of all men for my name sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

God is jealous for His Name's sake. (Eze. 39:28; Psa. 20:1-5; Mic. 4:5; John 20:31; John 5:43)

Ezek. 39:28

"Then shall they know that I am the Lord their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more here."

Psa. 20:1-5

"The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;
Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion.
Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice;
Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfill all thy counsel.

We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the Lord fulfill all thy petitions."

Micah 4:5

"For all the people will walk every one in the name of his God, and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.

John 20:31

"But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God: and that, believing, ye might have life through his name."

John 5:43

"I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive."

As his bride she must be made and kept ready for His coming, according to all the teachings of:

Eph. 5:1-28

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;
And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour.
But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;
Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient; but rather giving of thanks.
For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:
(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light; for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

Wherefore he saith, awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise.

Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

And be not drunk with win, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the Saviour of the body.

Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word."

RECORD OF MEMBERSHIP

Jesus Christ keeps a record of all of His members.

Luke 10:20

"Notwithstanding, in this rejoice not that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

For it is written "The Lord shall count, when He writeth up the people, that this man was born there."

Psa. 87:5-6

"And of Zion it shall be said, this and that man was born in her: and the Highest himself shall establish her.

The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there."

All must be "born of water and spirit: in this dispensation, if they desire their name to be written in heaven.

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE TRUE CHURCH

As members of the body of Christ, which is the True Church.

Eph. 1:22-23

"And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church.

Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."

The Word of God declares that there is one way to enter therein, and that is, "By one spirit are we all baptized into one body" and that is by baptism of "water and spirit." (I Cor. 12:12-27; Gal. 3:26-28; Rom. 6:3-8; John 3:5; Acts 2:38)

I Cor. 12:12-27

"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one spirit.

For the body is not one member, but many.

If the foot shall say, because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; it is therefore not of the body?

And if the ear shall say, because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

And if they were all one member, where were the body?

But now are they many members, yet but one body.

And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again, the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

Nay, much more, those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary.

And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.

For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked.

That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one to another.

And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."

Gal. 3:26-28

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus:"

Rom. 6:3-6

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

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.

For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection;

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."

John 3:5

"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

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."

The above scriptures state with positive clarity how to become a member of the true church.

HOW ONE IS DISFELLOWSHIPED FROM THE CHURCH

Exodus 32:33

"And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinneth against me, him will I blot out of my book."

When we sin against God and fail to repent of our sins, it creates an intolerable state of broken relationship between God and man. The individual loses his status in the church, spiritually and otherwise, until repentance is forthcoming so that the Lord Jesus Christ can cleanse us and restore our fellowship with the church.

Matt. 18:15-18

"Moreover, if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

I Cor. 5:2

"And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.

Titus 3:10-11

"A man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition reject.

Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself."

II Tim. 3:10

"But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience."

When the above actions are taken in any given case, God, working with His church on earth, blots their names out of the book of life in Heaven. However, it is expedient that a book of membership should be kept in the church on earth; because of the requirements of the laws of the government.

THE DOCTRINE GOD'S STANDARD OF SALVATION

We earnestly contend for God's Standard of Salvation. In the Word of God we can find nothing short of a Holy Spirit filled life with SIGNS FOLLOWING as on the day of Pentecost. (Mark 16:16-17; Acts 2:4; Acts 8:14-17; Acts 9:17-18; Acts 10:44-48; Acts 19:1-6)

Mark 16:16-17

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils: they shall speak with new tongues.

Acts 2:4

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

Acts 8:14-17

"Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost.

(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost."

Acts 9:17-18

"And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales; and he received sight forthwith, and arose and was baptized."

Acts 10:44-48

"While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all of them which heard the word.

And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.

Then answered Peter,

Acts 10:47-48

"Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

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

Acts 19:1-6

"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.

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.

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

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.

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

And when Paul had laid his hand upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues and prophesied."

See: Rom. 12:1-2; Heb. 12:14; Matt. 5:48; 1 Pet 1:15, 16;

Rom. 12:1-2

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Heb. 12:14

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:"

Matt. 5:48

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

1 Peter 1:15-16

"But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy."

SANCTIFICATION

We believe that in order to escape the judgment of God and to have the hope of enjoying the glory of life eternal, one must be thoroughly saved from his sins, sanctified unto God, and filled with the Holy Ghost; and that a wholly sanctified life is the only true standard of a Christian Life. Heb. 12:14; 1 Pet. 1:15-17:

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"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

1 Pet. 1:15-17

"But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

Because it is written, be ye holy; For I am holy.

And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear."

Repentance is taken for that saving grace wrought in the soul by the spirit of God, whereby a sinner is made to see and to be sensible of his sins. He is grieved and humbled before God on account of it. Not so much for the punishment to which sin has made him liable, but that God is thereby dishonored and offended, God's laws violated and his own soul polluted and defiled. His grief arises from love of God, accompanied with a hatred of sin. He has a fixed resolution to forsake sin, and an expectation of favor and forgiveness through the merits of Christ.

Some teach that entire sanctification takes place subsequent to justification, and is the work of God wrought instantaneously upon the consecrated believing soul. This is erroneous because scripture teaches that sanctification is the process, which by the will of God, we are made partakers of His Holiness; that it is a progressive work that is begun in regeneration which is simultaneous with

sanctification, as the scripture teaches in:

Heb. 10:14-18

"For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.

Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before.

This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin."

Sanctification must be witnessed to by the Holy Spirit which means one has not received biblical sanctification until he has received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, who is the regenerator, the sealer, the comforter, process the sanctifier, will continue through the use of the appointed means of grace, the word of denial, self-examination, and in the practice of all godliness, exercises and dealings unto completion according to Phil. 1:6. Here the Apostle Paul speaks to the Philippians of complete sanctification in these words:

Phil. 1:6

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

I Thes. 4:3; I Thes. 5:23; II Cor. 13:9; Eph. 1:4; Prov. 4:18; Eph. 4:11-12; I Peter 2:2; II Peter 3:18; II Cor. 13:5; Luke 11:35; Luke 9:23; Matt. 26:41; Eph. 6:18; Eph 4:30; I Tim. 4:7

I Thes. 4:3

"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:"

I Thes. 5:23

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

II Cor. 7:1

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

II Cor. 13:9

"For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong: and this also we wish, even your perfection."

Eph. 1:4

"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."

Prov. 4:18

"But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

Eph. 4:11-12

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of

Christ."

I Peter 2:2

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby."

II Peter 3:18

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever."

II Cor. 13:5

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how what Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?"

Luke 11:35

"Take heed, therefore, that the light which is in thee be not darkness."

Luke 9:23

"And he said to them all, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

Matt. 26:41

"Watch, and pray, that ye enter not into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Eph. 6:18

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

Eph. 4:30

"And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."

I Tim. 4:7

"But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness."

REPENTANCE AND REMISSION OF SINS

The only grounds upon which God will accept a sinner is by repentance from the heart for the sins that he has committed. A broken and contrite heart He will not despise.

Psa. 51:17

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou will not despise."

John preached Repentance. Jesus proclaimed it, and before His ascension, commanded that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name.

Luke 24:47

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

Peter fulfilled this command on the Day of Pentecost.

Acts 2:38

"The 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."

Gen. 1:1

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

Col. 2:8-9

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men, after rudiments of the world and not after Christ. "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily." Christ is all and in all.

Praise His name forever. He is indeed the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. If the Godhead bodily dwells in Jesus, then the name of the Godhead must be Jesus.

I Tim. 3:16; And without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness; God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. And the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not.

Jesus Christ is the Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star, the Rose of Sharon, the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Praise God. He is all in all.

SEVEN REASONS WHY WE BAPTIZE IN JESUS' NAME

There has been much controversy about baptizing in Jesus' name. People talk and dispute for and against baptizing in the name. Being honest, they say and do many things contrary to that name, not having had an explanation given them why we baptize in the name of Jesus Christ only, and not in the formula: Father, Son and Holy Ghost, as is commonly done by other ministers of the Gospel throughout Christendom. We propose by this article to show, by seven reasons, why we baptize in the name of Jesus only.

Baptizing in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ is the proper formula for baptismal services. What has confused so many people in some parts of the country is the preaching formula. For, the water baptism in Jesus' name and the baptismal formula are totally different. Jesus Christ said (for the preaching formula) that preaching for the remission of sins should be preached in His name, beginning at Jerusalem. So, when you read in the second chapter of Acts, verse 38 what Peter said; in the name of Jesus Christ is the preaching formula given Jesus Christ.

Acts 10:48

"And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days."

Acts 19:5

"When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus."

The above scriptures are not baptismal formulas, but the method by which the apostles preached. Therefore, the commission in:

Matt. 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:" is the proper formula for water baptism.

Father is not a name, but a title. Isaiah 42:8 gives us the Father's name.

"I am the Lord: that is my name and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images."

Son is not a name. Luke 1:31 gives us the name of the son which is Jesus.

"And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus."

I Cor. 10:4 gives us the name of the Holy Spirit which is Christ.

"And did all drink the same spiritual drink; for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that rock was Christ."

So that the proper formula for baptism is different from the one for preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. The gospel is preached in the name of Jesus Christ or in the name of Christ Jesus. This is in obedience to the commission in:

Luke 24:47

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

The proper formula for baptism is in the name Lord Jesus Christ, not the titles.

1ST REASON

Because it is apostolic in origin and practice.

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 received the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Acts 19:1-6

"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.

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.

And he said unto them, unto what then were ye baptized? and they said, unto John's baptism.

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."

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them: and they spake with tongues, and prophesied."

Eph. 2:20

"It is agreed by Bible students that the apostles are the founders and foundation of the Church of God, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." That is to say, their teachings and doctrines are the fundamental principles upon which the church is built. Jesus in the days of his flesh, did teach His disciples the plan of salvation, opening their understanding and making them to know the mysteries of the Kingdom. He went to the Cross and paid the price of our redemption, and three days after, rose from the grave; and on the way to Emmaus He opened the understanding of the two disciples that they might understand the scriptures concerning himself and said unto them:

Luke 24:46-53

"Thus it behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day;

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

And ye are witnesses of these things.

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

And he led them out as far as Bethany; and he lifted up his hands and blessed them.

And it came to pass while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy;

And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God."

Luke 24:25-53

"Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

Ought not Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into his glory?

And beginning at Moses, and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

And they drew nigh unto the village whither they went: And he made as though he would have gone further.

But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent, And he went in to tarry with them.

And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

And their eyes were opened, and they knew him: and he vanished out of their sight.

And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and

while he opened to us the scriptures?

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

Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

And as they thus spake, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see: for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet.

And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?

And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.

And he took it, and did eat before them.

And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.

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

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

And ye are witnesses of these things.

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

And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God."

They continued with one accord in prayer until the day of Pentecost was fully come, when the Holy Ghost descended upon them as a rushing mighty wind and they were all baptized in the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. When this was noised abroad the multitude came together and were confounded because every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marveled, saying one to another, behold are not all these which speak Galileans, and how hear we every man in our own tongue wherein we were born? And they were in doubt, saying one to another, what meaneth this? Others, mocking, said these men are full of new wine. But Peter, standing up, preached unto them Jesus Christ crucified, buried and resurrected. He laid to their charge the guilt of his death, and when they heard this, they were pricked in their hearts, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, men and brethren, what shall we do? 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. And they that gladly received his word were baptized. And the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Thus the Apostles obeyed the command of Jesus Christ in Luke 24:46-47

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

And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations,

beginning at Jerusalem."

And so in obedience to the command of Jesus, the Apostles became the originators of baptizing in the name of Jesus Christ.

Baptizing in the name of Jesus Christ is Apostolic not in origin only, but in practice: for no other mode of baptism is to be found in the New Testament. Upwards of one hundred years after Pentecost believers were baptized only in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. For example, when Phillip went down to Samaria and preached unto them the Gospel, they all, with one accord, gave heed unto what Phillip preached, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. And when the Apostles at Jerusalem had heard that Samaria had received the word, they sent unto them Peter and John, who, when they came, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost, for as yet He had not fallen upon any of them, only upon those who were baptized into the name of Jesus Christ, Again in the 19th chapter of Acts we read:

Acts 19:1-6

"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.

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.

And he said unto them, unto what then were ye baptized? and they said, unto John's baptism.

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."

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them: and they spake with tongues, and prophesied."

In no other mode or name was baptism administered in the days of the Apostles save in the name of Jesus Christ. For, said Peter: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Other modes and methods of baptism have arisen since, and not in the days of the apostles.

2ND REASON

Because we are exhorted to believe, to obey and follow the teachings of the apostles. Heb. 2:1-4; Acts 2:38-43; Col. 2:3-9.

Heb 2:1-4

Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward;

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

Acts 2:38-43

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.

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.

And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

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

And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

Col. 2:3-9

In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.

For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

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.

For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

Jesus said to the apostles that "he that rejecteth thee rejecteth me." Moreover, He prayed that we should believe in Him through their (the apostles') words.

John 17:20

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

Paul said in the second chapter of Hebrews:

Heb 2:1-5

Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward;

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.

The gospel that was preached by the apostles was according to the will of God, for God confirmed it with signs and wonders as if to say to us: Amen, follow as they have taught. Again Paul said: "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ as though God did beseech to God: To wit, God was in Christ, reconciling them unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them: and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation."

2 Cor 5:19-20

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

Matt 16:18-19

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Notice, Jesus did not say I give you the keys, but I will give you the keys; signifying that at some future day or time he would give the keys unto Peter. now keys are used to open things that are shut or hidden, and Jesus said when he, the Spirit of truth was come, he would teach you all things and lead you into all truth. When the Holy Ghost came on the day of Pentecost, he was the key, and he opened unto Peter the mystery of the name of Jesus Christ that had been hidden or shut up since the foundation of the world. Now if Peter had the keys, how could we get into heaven, except by the door that he opened on the day of Pentecost, when he answered the heartsick multitude who desired to be loosed on earth so as to be loosed in heaven:

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."

3RD REASON

We do not believe that the three commissions contradict each other.

Matt 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:

Luke 24:45

Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

Luke 24:46-48

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

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

And ye are witnesses of these things.

Mark 16:15-19

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

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

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

We hold that there is no discrepancy in God's word, therefore we believe that the three commissions all mean the same thing and all meet their fulfillment in Acts 2:38 where Peter said

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."

All three commissions were given by the same person and all three mean the same thing. Matt 28:19 says:

Matt. 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:"

Notice, He did not say to baptize them in the Father and son and Holy Ghost, but in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

What is the Name? and again He did not say names, indicating more than one (plural), but name (singular). In

Mark 16:15-19

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They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

In Luke 24:45-48 we read that Jesus opened the understanding of the disciples that they might understand the scriptures, and then He said unto them:

Luke 24:46-53

"Thus it behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day;

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

And ye are witnesses of these things.

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

And he led them out as far as Bethany; and he lifted up his hands and blessed them.

And it came to pass while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy;

And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God."

After Jesus had spoken these words He was taken up into heaven and the disciples tarried as He had told them until the day of Pentecost, when they received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and had their understanding opened as to what was the Name that the three commissions implied. Peter standing up with the eleven said, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus." We believe that the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost in Mat. 28:19 and the name in Mark 16:15-18 and His Name in Luke 24:47 all mean the same Name--Jesus Christ.

"For neither is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

Because to put on Christ we must be baptized in his death and burial. (Rom. 6:3-6; John 3:5; Acts 2:38:)

Rom 6:3-6

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 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. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Jo 3:5

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

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."

Gal 3:26-27

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.
For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

If the above scripture is true, then the only way we can put on Christ is to be baptized into Him. Now the above has reference to the Baptism of the Spirit which puts you into the spiritual Body of Christ, but pray, how shall we receive the baptism of the Spirit? Peter Beautifully answered that question on the day of Pentecost.

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."

We identify ourselves with Christ in His Death, (Conversion) His burial, (Baptism of water) His resurrection, (Baptism of the Holy Ghost) Hallelujah!

"Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into death? Therefore we are buried BY BAPTISM into death. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death we shall be in the likeness of his resurrection. (Rom. 6:3-6) The mode of sprinkling people for baptism was never the practice of the apostles and has no foundation in Holy Writ. Jesus said, "Except a man be born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter the Kingdom." Now to be born of things you must first be conceived, and that which is conceived is covered or hidden. Then to be born of water, one must be conceived of water which cannot be unless one is immersed and then born.

5TH REASON

Because we are saved by believing in and on His name. (I John 2:12; Prov. 18:10; Acts 4:12)

1Jn 2:12

I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.

Pro 18:10

The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

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.

The same Spirit that gave the command through Jesus spoke through Peter on the day of Pentecost. The word (gospel) of reconciliation was committed to the apostles.

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it and are safe. I write unto you little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. We are saved not because of our righteousness nor moaning, or praying or faith or works. These are conducive to salvation, but we are not saved because of these things, but rather, for His Name's sake. From time immemorial, God proposed to make for Himself a mighty name.

Isa 63:12

That led them by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name?

And in our time He has made the name Jesus high over all the earth and sea and sky; yea, it is above every name. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that He is Lord. The secret of power in the ministry of the apostles was in the name of Jesus. In the name they cast out demons, in the name they healed the sick and performed wonders. Today God wants us to exalt the mighty name of Jesus. Whatever we do in word or deed, we are to do it in Jesus' name. When we pray, it should be in the name. When we give thanks, it should be in that sweet name. Oh! how it has comforted my soul in the hours of conflict-it is even sweet to speak of it. Hallelujah! Amen!

"Take the name of Jesus with you
Child of sorrow and of woe; it will joy
and comfort give you Take it
Whereso'er you go."

6TH REASON

Father is not a proper name, nor son, nor Holy Ghost. Father and son express a relationship, while the Holy Ghost means the Holy Spirit, which is not his name but His nature. "Holy" is an adjective meaning "more excellence", "pure in heart", and Spirit is a noun but not a proper name. So they that baptize in the formula by saying the following words: "I baptize you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost" do not baptize in any name at all. There are many fathers and sons.

In what father's name and son's name do they baptize? However, they do not designate. For this very reason the Lord Jesus told the apostles not to depart out of Jerusalem but to wait for the Spirit of Truth who would lead them into all truth, and bring all things to their remembrance whatsoever He had spoken unto them. When the Holy Ghost came on the day of Pentecost He brought to the minds and hearts of the apostles what the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost was; and when the people asked; "What shall we do?" Peter answered, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ." amen. The name Jesus Christ is the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost. If not, then all the apostles disobeyed the command of Jesus and baptized

the people wrong? Some say: "Peter said that, and I am not following Peter, but Jesus."

Jesus said, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name (not Names, but Name (one) of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost"; and if there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved but Jesus Christ, then if we have not been baptized in the name Jesus Christ, then we have not been baptized in the NAME of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

7TH REASON

Because Jesus is all and in all. (Col. 2:9; Col. 3:11; 1 Tim. 3:16; Isa. 9:6; Matt. 1:21-24; John 1:1-10; Gen. 1:1)

Col 2:9

For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

Col 3:11

Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

1Ti 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Isa 9:6

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Matt 1:21-24

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

Jo 1:1-10

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

Gen 1:1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.