

1. <sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> And John *tried to* prevent Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?” <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit *it to be so* now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed Him. <sup>16</sup> When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. <sup>17</sup> And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”(Matthew 3: 13-17 NKJV)

- a. What explanation did Jesus give to John the Baptist for being baptized (v 15)?  
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- b. What do you think Jesus meant by His answer?  
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- c. Did John the Baptist think Jesus needed to be baptized (vs 14)? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Why do you think John the Baptist was reluctant to baptize Jesus?  
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- e. How was Jesus physically baptized (vs 16)?  
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- f. What was the Spirit’s response to Jesus’ baptism? \_\_\_\_\_
- g. What was the Father’s response to Jesus’ baptism? \_\_\_\_\_

2. <sup>36</sup> “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup> Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” <sup>40</sup> And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” <sup>41</sup> Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*. (Acts 2:36-41 NKJV)

- a. What was the first thing that Peter told those in the crowd that were distraught when they realized they had crucified Jesus (v 38)? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What was the next thing Peter told them to do (v38) ? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. In whose name were they baptized (v38)? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. What else were they promised (v38) \_\_\_\_\_
- e. What happened to their sins? \_\_\_\_\_
- f. How did those who received Peter’s word demonstrate it (v41)? \_\_\_\_\_
- g. How many of them obeyed Peter’s instruction (v 41)? \_\_\_\_\_

3. And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned (Mark 16:15-16 NKJV)
  - a. What are two conditions Jesus tells us are critical for our salvation? He who \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_ will be saved?
  - b. Why is anyone condemned?
  - c. In the book of Romans, Paul tell us “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1 NKJV)” How does anyone become justified resulting in peace with God?  
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  - d. So according to both Jesus and Paul, if baptism is not the source of our justification (absence of condemnation), then what is the source? See also Colossians 1:20  
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  - e. ....during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through *the* water. Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2-20-21 NKJV).  
From the scripture above what is another picture of water baptism found in the Old Testament? \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. If baptism is not what justifies us with God, then in what way does it “save” us?  
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4. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20 NKJV)
  - a. What did Jesus want people to become before they could be baptized?  
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5. The eunuch answered Philip and said, “Please *tell me*, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself or of someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?” And Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.” And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him. (Acts 8:35-38 NKJV)
  - a. What condition did Philip tell the Ethiopian Eunuch that he must be meet before he could be baptized? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. What did the Eunuch immediately then do? \_\_\_\_\_

6. While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, “Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days. (Acts 10:44-48 NKJV)
- a. What do you think was happening in the heart of the Gentiles as they listened to Peter preach about Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Why were the Jewish believers so astonished? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - c. What then did Peter command them to do? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? <sup>3</sup> Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, <sup>6</sup> knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. <sup>7</sup> For he who has died has been freed from sin. (Romans 6:1-7 NIV)
- a. When we are baptized what were we baptized into? (v 3) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. What else does baptism represent for us? (v 4) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. When Jesus died on the cross, what also happened to us? (v 6) \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. When Jesus rose from the dead what does that mean for us? (v 5) \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. <sup>11</sup> In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self, ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, <sup>12</sup> having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. (Colossians 2:11-12 NIV)
- a. What kind of circumcision is this text talking about? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Whose hands perform this circumcision? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. What 2 events happen to us when we are baptized according to this text? We are \_\_\_\_\_ with Him and we are \_\_\_\_\_ with Him.