

Baptism in the Name of Jesus

There's evidence from early church history that the statement "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, **baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost**" (Mat 28:19), was corrupted by the Roman Catholic Church into its current Trinitarian formula but was originally in the name of Jesus only. This agrees with Mark's account of Christ's commandment, "**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" (Mar 16:16-17). It's glaringly suspicious that Christ's statement on baptism was corrupted in Matthew's account and omitted in Mark's (Mark 16:9-20 is missing from the texts underlying most modern translations).

Baptism in the name of Jesus is what the apostles and early church practiced: "Repent, and **be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins" (Act 2:38); "For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were **baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus**" (Act 8:16); "And he commanded them to **be baptized in the name of the Lord**" (Act 10:48); "When they heard *this*, they were **baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus**" (Act 19:5); "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and **be baptized**, and wash away thy sins, **calling on the name of the Lord**" (Act 22:16).

Baptism in His name is the point in which we call upon Him for salvation: "And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall **call on the name of the Lord shall be saved**" (Act 2:21); "Neither is there **salvation** in any other: for there is **none other name** under heaven given among men, whereby we must be **saved**" (Act 4:12); "Is not this he that destroyed them which **called on this name** in Jerusalem" (Act 9:21); "That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, **upon whom my name is called**, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things" (Act 15:17); "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and **be baptized**, and wash away thy sins, **calling on the name of the Lord**" (Act 22:16); "For whosoever shall **call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved**" (Rom 10:13); "with all that in every place **call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord**, both theirs and ours" (1Co 1:2).

Baptism in His name is the juncture at which we place our trust in Him: "to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that **believe [trust] on his**

name" (Jhn 1:12); "many **believed [trusted] in his name**, when they saw the miracles which he did" (Jhn 2:23); "because he hath not **believed [trusted] in the name** of the only begotten Son of God" (Jhn 3:18); "and that **believing [trusting] ye might have life through his name**" (Jhn 20:31); "To him give all the prophets witness, that **through his name whosoever believeth [trusts] in him** shall receive remission of sins" (Act 10:43); "That we should **believe [trust] on the name of his Son Jesus Christ**, and love one another, as he gave us commandment" (1Jo 3:23); "These things have I written unto you that **believe [trust] on the name of the Son of God**; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may **believe [trust] on the name of the Son of God**" (1Jo 5:13).

Servants of the Lord Jesus Christ suffer and labor to uphold the glory of His name: "And ye shall be hated of all *men* **for my name's sake**" (Mat 10:22); "He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life **for my sake** shall find it" (Mat 10:39); "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations **for my name's sake**" (Mat 24:9); "But all these things will they do unto you **for my name's sake**, because they know not him that sent me" (Jhn 15:21); "rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame **for his name**" (Act 5:41); "For I will shew him how great things he must suffer **for my name's sake**" (Act 9:16); "Men that have hazarded their lives **for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ**" (Act 15:26); "I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem **for the name of the Lord Jesus**" (Act 21:13); "We *are* fools **for Christ's sake**" (1Co 4:10); "For we which live are alway delivered unto death **for Jesus' sake**" (2Co 4:11); "If ye be **reproached for the name of Christ**, happy *are ye*; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you" (1Pe 4:14); "and **for my name's sake** hast laboured, and hast not fainted" (Rev 2:3); "I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, *even* where Satan's seat *is*: and thou **holdest fast my name**" (Rev 2:13); "and hast kept my word, and **hast not denied my name**" (Rev 3:8).

Scripture is replete with teaching baptism and salvation in the name of one person—the Son of God Jesus Christ. But Trinitarianism baptizes into a name of three persons. The name of "the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" isn't the name of Jesus but the name "Trinity." The devil understands salvation very well and knows how to keep people from it. By baptizing into a name that doesn't save, then enforcing adherence to it as necessary for salvation, Trinitarianism guarantees that its faithful won't be saved.