

**One Cannot be Taught
Wrong and Baptized Right**

Acts 19:1-7
Not every baptism is approved by Christ

Error does not Produce Truth
Matthew 7:13-20

- The wrong road does not lead to the right place.
- False prophets do not yield truth. 7:15-16
- A bad tree does not yield good fruit. 7:17-18
- Fresh water does not yield bitter. James 3:11-12

**False doctrine does not produce
gospel obedience**

“Therefore, by their fruits you will know them.”

What we Advocate

- Baptism must be by the authority of Jesus Christ.
 - Authorized baptism will save the lost.
 - Authorized baptism is approved by God and acceptable to God.

Matthew 28:18-19

**Faith comes by hearing God’s
word. (Romans 10:17)**

- Only when we hear and believe the right word will we have faith that leads to obedience of Christ and salvation from our sins. Acts 4:12

The Basis Of Unity (Ephesians 4:4-6)

- One God ... Unity In Worship
- One Lord ... Unity In Authority
- One Spirit ... Unity In Revelation
- One Faith ... Unity In Message
- One Baptism ... Unity In Practice
- One Body ... Unity In Organization
- One Hope ... Unity In Desire

**Different faiths cannot be from the same
Lord or command the same baptism**

**False Doctrine Does Not Produce
True Obedience and Salvation**

Another Faith

Salvation by
“faith only”

Galatians 1:6-7

Not the *“one baptism”* of
Ephesians 4:5


False Doctrine Does Not Produce True Obedience and Salvation

Another Jesus

"Spirit-child in pre-mortal existence"

2 Corinthians 11:4
2 John 7, 9-11

That does not "put on Christ" Galatians 3:27



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False Doctrine Does Not Produce True Obedience and Salvation

Another Faith about Sin

"Original, inherited sin"

Romans 5:12
Acts 2:36-38

That does not "wash away sins" Romans 6:1-4; Acts 22:16



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False Doctrine Does Not Produce True Obedience and Salvation

Another Faith about Salvation

"Exaltation in a celestial kingdom"

Mark 16:16
Acts 16:30-34

That does not save 1 Peter 3:21



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False Doctrine Does Not Produce True Obedience and Salvation

Another Faith about the Church

"Join the church of your choice"

Ephesians 4:4
Acts 8:12; 2:47

Not into "one body" 1 Corinthians 12:13



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Authority that Validates Baptism

"By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?" (Matthew 21:23)

HEAVEN OR MEN?

JESUS CHRIST Matthew 28:18-20; Colossians 3:17

"In the name of Jesus Christ" is by the authority of Christ Acts 2:38; 8:16; 10:48; 19:5; 1 Corinthians 1:13-16

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John and Jesus Acts 19:1-5

- John's "baptism of repentance for the remission of sins" no longer valid (Mark 1:4)
- Those with invalid baptisms were then baptized "in the name of the Lord Jesus"

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- Misuse of authority invalidates action.
Acts 19:11-17
 - Paul had authority to work miracles. 19:11-12
 - Those who had no authority, failed. 19:13-16
 - Display of true authority caused *“the name of the Lord Jesus”* to be greatly honored. 19:17

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BAPTISM IS NOT AUTHORIZED OR APPROVED BY ...

- A denomination, because their existence is not authorized by Christ.
- A council of men, because the council is not authorized by Christ.
- A creed written by men, because the creed is not authorized by Christ.

Colossians 3:17, *“And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, (do) all in the name of the Lord Jesus”*

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Matthew 15:13-14,
“Every plant which my heavenly Father planted not, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they are blind guides. And if the blind guide the blind, both shall fall into a pit.”


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BAPTISM IS NOT AUTHORIZED OR APPROVED BY ...

- The church of Christ!
- Christians merely preach the gospel that contains God’s authority. **Matthew 28:18-20**
- The Lord adds the saved to His church when the gospel is obeyed. **Acts 2:47**

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CHRIST’S AUTHORITY FOR BAPTISM



Christ is Not Divided
1 Corinthians. 1:13

Christ does not accept denominational baptisms that come from denominational doctrines!

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Christ Does Not Accept the Baptisms of Denominations

1 Corinthians 1:12

- “I was baptized in the _____ Church”
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Matthew 7:21-23: Jesus will say ...
“I never knew you ... depart from Me ...”

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GOSPEL OF CHRIST
1 Corinthians 1:13, 17
Matthew 28:18-20)

Correct authority must approve baptism for it to have Christ's saving power


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One Baptism – Ephesians 4:5

- If you were not baptized by the authority of Jesus then you are not yet saved by Jesus.
- If you were baptized after being taught false doctrine by a false church, then your baptism was not approved by Christ.
- You are still in your sins.
- You need to be baptized in the name of Jesus. cf. Acts 18:8; 19:5

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1 Peter 3:21



"The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." (KJV)

- Water baptism in the name of Jesus (by His authority) to be saved from sins is the response of a good conscience that wants to be right with God.

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