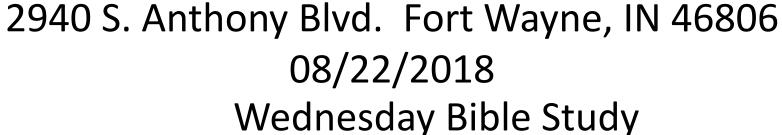
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Foundational Principles of the Faith pt. 3

"The Doctrine of Baptisms"

Part 1 – Water Baptism

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Foundational Principles of the Faith Part 3

Hebrews 6:1-2

1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, 2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

The Doctrine of Baptisms

Part 1 – Water Baptism

Matthew 28:19

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

God commanded that all who are converted to Him should be baptized in His name. Everything God does has a reason, so what is the significance of water baptism in Jesus' name?

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 way God orchestrated the fulfillment of Jesus' mission provides the answer to the question, "Why is baptism for the removal of sins?"

1 John 5:6

⁶ This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

John 19:33-34

33 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: 34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

Jesus Christ is not only our example as to how to live a holy, sanctified life, but also as to how to be saved:

Mark 1:9

9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

Matthew 3:13-15 NKJV

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. 14 And John *tried to* prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" 15 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.

Furthermore even Jesus, who was sinless (2 Corinthians 5:21) was baptized in His own blood, the blood of the Lamb:

Luke 12:50 NKJV

50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished!

Matt 27:26

26 Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

Isaiah 52:14 NKJV

14 Just as many were astonished at you,

So His visage was marred more than any man,

And His form more than the sons of men;

. The Bible teaches that the blood of Jesus Christ is the actual active agent that washes away our sins:

Revelation 1:5

5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Matthew 26:28

28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

 Furthermore the Bible teaches that the washing away (removal) of sin takes place at water baptism in Jesus' name:

Acts 22:16

16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

1 John 5:8

8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

So then, there is a baptism performed by men in the natural (water/blood), and baptism performed by Christ in the Spirit (Spirit baptism), these agree as one, bearing witness to the salvation of men. Jesus taught that without these baptisms no one can be saved.

<u>John 3:5</u>

- 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.
- Paul taught that we cannot be saved by doing works of righteousness to earn salvation, we do not deserve to be saved, nor can we do anything to help us earn the right to be saved, we are saved by God's grace (undeserved mercy), but this free salvation which God offers to us comes through the baptisms of water (washing of regeneration) and Spirit (renewing of the Holy Ghost):

Titus 3:5

5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Mark 16:16

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



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