One Baptism

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INTRODUCTION

- There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call. One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all.
- But the question is, what key do we have to come into contact with that blood?
- If baptism is so important, if it's so fundamental that it's included in the very list with one God and Father of all, one Lord, one faith, one body, why are we so confused?

1 Baptizing in the Name of the Father, Son and Spirit

Matthew 28:18–20

- Go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
- It's not a religious ceremony or act that men can vote on. It's the Lord's design.
- We are to take the key that He has given us and insert it into the correct lock.

2 Scripture Doesn't Contradict: They Work Together

Acts 16:25–34; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16

- Sirs, what must I do to be saved?
- Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved. You and your household.
- He was baptized at once, he and all his family.
- It's that they work together. we need to understand Scripture as a whole and as God has authorized.

3 Whoever Believes and Is Baptized Will Be Saved

Mark 16:15–16

- Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. But whoever does not believe will be condemned.
- Who, what person would be baptized if they didn't believe in God? That would be taking a bath.
- It's not belief is emphasized, or that baptism is emphasized, but that we need both. Why? Because God said so.

4 Baptism Forgives Us: It Washes Away Your Sins

Revelation 1:5; Acts 22:16

- To him who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood.
- And now, why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.
- What does baptism do? It washes away your sins. But how? Revelation chapter 1 and verse 5 tells us our sins are washed away by his blood.

5 Baptized Into His Death, Burial and Resurrection

Romans 6:3–8; Galatians 3:27

- We were buried, therefore, with him by baptism into death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.
- If that's what baptism is, who's ever heard of burying someone who is alive?
- For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- If baptism is the point at which we are baptized into Christ Jesus, how can you claim to be saved without being in Christ?

6 Born of Water and the Spirit

John 3:1–5; Romans 10:8–10

- Unless one is born of water and the spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.
- You come up from the watery grave, just as Christ was resurrected from the dead, and you become a new child of God.
- Not because baptism is more important than belief, but because you wouldn't do it unless you did believe.
- They aren't individual components. They work together.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **But the question is, will you obey him this day? What reason do you have for not partaking in Christ's sacrifice? How can you think you can be saved without being into Christ, having put on Christ?**

MY NOTES