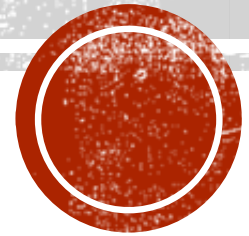


# **ONE BAPTISM**

**Baptism = Immersion**



# THE COMMAND

- **Matthew 28:19** 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,

# THE COMMAND

- **Mark 16:15** And he said to them, “Go into all the world and **proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.**
- **Mark 16:16** Whoever **believes** and is **baptized will be saved**, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

# THE COMMAND

- **Luke 24:47** and that **repentance** for the **forgiveness of sins** should be proclaimed in his name to **all nations**, beginning from Jerusalem.

# SAME MESSAGE TAUGHT - EVERYWHERE

- **1 Corinthians 4:17** That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, **as I teach them everywhere in every church.**

# CHURCH @ ROME

- **Romans 6:3** Do you not know that all of us who have been **baptized** into Christ Jesus were **baptized** into his death?
- **Romans 6:4** 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.

# CHURCH @ CORINTH

- **Acts 18:1** After this Paul left Athens and went to **Corinth**.
- **Acts 18:8** Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, **believed in the Lord**, together with his **entire household**. And many of the **Corinthians hearing Paul believed** and were **baptized**.
- **1 Corinthians 12:13** For in one Spirit we were **all baptized into one body**—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

# CHURCH @ GALATIA

- **Galatians 3:27** For as many of you as were **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ.



# CHURCH @ EPHEBUS

- **Acts 19:1** And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to **Ephesus**. There he found some disciples.
- **Acts 19:5** On **hearing** this, they were **baptized** in the **name of the Lord Jesus**.
- **Ephesians 4:5** one Lord, one faith, **one baptism**,
- **Ephesians 5:26** that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the **washing of water with the word**

# CHURCH @ PHILIPPI

- **Acts 16:12** and from there to **Philippi**, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days.
- **Acts 16:15** And after **she was baptized**, and **her household as well**, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

# CHURCH @ COLOSSAE

- **Colossians 2:11** In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,
- **Colossians 2:12** having been **buried with him in baptism**, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

# CHURCH @ THESSALONICA

- **Acts 17:1** Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to **Thessalonica**, where there was a synagogue of the Jews.
- **Acts 17:4** And some of them **were persuaded** and **joined** Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women.
- **(Though baptism is not explicitly mentioned in the case of the church at Thessalonica – surely such is implied by the preceding text.)**
- **Those who were added to the church – submitted to immersion – for such is the meaning of the word baptism.**

# THE ONE BODY / CHURCH

- **Ephesians 4:4** **There is one body** and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—
- **Ephesians 4:5** one Lord, one faith, **one baptism**,
- **Ephesians 4:6** one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

# THE ONE BODY / CHURCH

- **Ephesians 1:22** And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,
- **Ephesians 1:23** which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

# THE ONE BODY / CHURCH

- **Colossians 1:18** And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.
- **Colossians 1:24** Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church,

# THE ONE BODY / CHURCH

- **Romans 12:4** For as **in one body we have many members**, and the members do not all have the same function,
- **Romans 12:5** so we, though many, are **one body in Christ**, and individually members one of another.



# THE ONE BODY / CHURCH

- **1 Corinthians 12:12** For just as the **body is one** and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are **one body, so it is with Christ**.
- **1 Corinthians 12:27** Now you are the **body of Christ [church of Christ]** and individually members of it.

# CONCLUSION

- All those who submitted to baptism were added to the church of Christ – the one and only church for which Christ died and you read about in the New Testament.
- All those who were added into the family of God were immersed into Christ.
- Logic tells us that those who were/are not baptized are NOT in the church of Christ - that is - NOT “in Christ.”
- **Baptism = Immersion**