

The One Baptism

"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." (Ephesians 4:4-6).

So I believe that the pattern has been laid down. Every person in the Bible was baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ. Never one time was anybody ever baptized in the name of the Father, Son, Holy Ghost. Never was anybody ever sprinkled; they were all immersed.

There'll be thousands there that's been baptized in Jesus' Name. You just go down a **dry sinner** and come up a **wet one**. See? **But as the genuine, true believer, that you must walk in all of the faith and good conscience towards God (I Peter 3:20-21), when you see it, you are baptized.** But I believe that it's only **in an outward expression showing that an inward work of grace has been done.** [1]

"And Jesus came and spake unto saying, All power is given to Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:... lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matt. 28:18-20).

Now, watch closely. **It isn't in the name of the Father, the name of the Son, in the name of the Holy Ghost. That's wrong.** That's not Scriptural. And it isn't the names of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **It's in the name, singular.** Name. Look, "in the name."

Now, **we realize then there has to be one name there, cause it said one name.** Well, I want to ask you, which one of them names should we baptize in then? Now, is "Father" a name? No, so we couldn't baptize in the name of the Father cause "Father" isn't a name, is it?

Well, in the name of the "Son," then, we'd say. Is "Son" a name? I'm a son, you're a son, he's son. See? "Son" is not a name, is it?

Well, "Holy Ghost" then; in the name of the "Holy Ghost." Holy Ghost, is it a name? No; that's what it is; It is the Holy Ghost. But "Holy Ghost" is not a name; that's what It is. We're all human, but that's not our name. See? No. There's three titles, then, isn't there?

Well, then, what kind of a thing have we got here, then? He said, *"Baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."* Well, if "Father" is no name, and "Son" is no name, and "Holy Ghost" is no name, they're not names. So you couldn't use that for a name, cause there's no name to it at all to begin with. Now, you understand that? They are not names.

Yeah, I'm a father, I'm a son, I'm a human; **but my name is William Branham**. But reverend, prophet, or reverend, elder, and minister, **that's titles that belong to me**. Well, them belongs to many other also. Like soul, body, and spirit, that belongs to me, too. But it belongs to him, him, her, and all. See? It's all the same. **It's titles but that's not my name**. That's not your name. **That's what you are, but it's not your name**.

So when anyone says they were baptized in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, if they'd only think... It's not even mentally right: a name of Father, Son, Holy Ghost...

Now, if you go get the Emphatic Diaglott of the original Greek interpretation, the right translation to *Acts 2:38*... Peter said, *"Repent every one of you and be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ."* The King James version just said, *"in the name of Jesus Christ."*; **but in the Emphatic Diaglott it says, "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ."**

Now, when you Oneness brethren just baptize in the Name of Jesus, there's just many Jesuses; but there's only... **He was born Christ, the Son of God**. That's His name, that's what He is. **"Christ" means "the anointed one." Messiah, Christ**. Now, eight days later He was given the name **Jesus** (*Luke 2:21-24; 7:26-38; Matt. 1:19-23*), **when He was circumcised. And He is our Lord. So He is our Lord Jesus Christ**. That's what He is (*Acts 2:36*).

Now, so that **you'll see that Peter had the revelation** I'm trying to tell you, now look --Father, Son, Holy Ghost. That's what Matthew said. Ten days later Peter said, **"Lord Jesus Christ."** Now, see if these three titles isn't three names, or **the one name of the three titles** (*Acts 4:12*).

Now, look. Matthew said, "Father." Is that right? But Peter said, **"Lord."** Now, David said, *"The Lord said unto My Lord."* (*Psalms 110:1; Matt. 22:44-46; Deut. 6:4-5*). Now, they both said the same thing there, didn't they? "Lord thy God is one God" is true. Now, Peter said, "In the name of the Lord" and Matthew said a title to that Lord, which was "Father." **Lord is what He is**. Matthew said, "Son." **Who is the Son? "Jesus,"** said Peter. Is that right? Now, and Matthew said, "Holy Ghost." Peter said, **"Christ," which is the Holy Ghost, the Logos that went out of God. See, Father, Son, Holy Ghost, is the Lord Jesus Christ**. The whole thing, exactly--**the Lord Jesus Christ**. [2]

Try us, Lord, by Thy Word. Let us look into It, and if we see that we have failed... If there are those here, Lord, who were baptized in titles, knowing nothing about **the real true baptism**, may I be as faithful as Paul when he passed through the upper coast of Ephesus (*Acts 19:1-7*) and he found disciples screaming and shouting and having a glorious time. He said unto them, **"Have you received then the Holy Ghost since you believed?"** They know not whether there be any. He said, **"Then to what were you baptized?"** And they'd been baptized by that glorious holy prophet, **but they were only**

baptized unto repentance. And Paul commanded them to be baptized over again. **Then they were rebaptized in the Name of Jesus Christ.** [3]

Now the second crucifixion, then. **If a man accepts "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit," a creed in the stead of the Word, titles instead of the Name,** what does he do to the people? **He crucifies the effects of the Word to the people.** [4]

But I'd like to say this: In the apostolic day, they say, "As many as believed were baptized." (*Acts 2:37-41*). See? **Just if you can really down in your heart...** Here's all it is. It isn't emotion, though emotion accompanies it. Just like what I said: Smoking and drinking isn't sin; it's the attribute of sin. It shows you don't believe. **But when you truly believe in your heart, and you know that, on the basis of where you are setting there you accept it with all your heart, something's going to happen, right there.** It's going to happen. Then you can stand as a witness to it, that something happened.

Then walk to the water and say, "I want to show to the congregation; I want to prove. **I want to make my testimony stand that I'll take my place with the Bride.** I stand here now to be baptized."

I know that there's many women in the world, fine women, but I'm awful lonesome to see one. There's one of them that's my wife. She goes home with me. She wasn't my wife to begin with, **but how she become my wife, she took my name.**

He's coming. There's a lot of women, churches, in the world, **but He's coming for His wife. She's called by His Name.** Them that are in Christ will God bring with Him. **How do we get into it? "By one Spirit we're all baptized into one body."** (*I Cor. 12:13*). [5]

Like I could go up here take each one of you and baptize you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that won't remit your sins. No, no! **No, I don't believe in water baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ unto regeneration; I believe the Blood is regeneration, see, not the waters.** But, see, I could baptize and baptize, but you only go down a dry sinner, come up a wet one; see, until you have thoroughly repented. Repent, and then be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ. See? And that's what I different with the Oneness movement. Not baptizing to regeneration, **no; I believe it's the Blood that cleanses** (*I John 1:7-9*), **not the water.** See? Repentance, and then be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ. [6]

Now, the first step is "repentance towards God." And then follows after that, is water baptism, **"Repent, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ."** (*Acts 2:37-41*). See, water baptism follows, **showing that repentance was genuine. Or, to "remit" our past sins, that has nothing to do with future sin** (*Gal. 6:1; I John 1:8-10; I John 2:1-2*). It only remits.

"Repent, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ." What for? **"Remission."** Taking away of past sin has nothing to do with the future. Just, your sin has been chopped off, what you did.

You can't repent for what Adam done. You never done it; Adam did. **You just get forgiveness for what you done** (*Col. 1:13-15*). The old nature is still there.

But the thing that made you do it is still there. That's the old root of evil; it's still there. Notice, then you repent and are baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, that He forgave you of your sins.

Then, secondly, **comes sanctification, which sets our mind in order for holiness, to think right.** Sanctification is a compound Greek word, which means **"cleaned, and set aside for service."** (*Prov. 23:7; Ps. 51:10-12*).

Then, the next, **comes the baptism of the Fire and Holy Ghost, that God might dwell in us. And the Fire of God cleanses our hearts from sin, and puts the Holy Ghost inside.** Then we bring forth the same Life that This did, **because That's in us.**

Notice, in the natural birth, when a woman gives birth to a baby. **The natural life types the spiritual life.** When a woman gives birth to a baby, the natural, the first thing happens is breaking of **water**, then **blood**, and then the **spirit (the life)**. Water, blood, spirit (*1 John 5:5-8*).

And now **when a baby is born into the Kingdom of God, he comes the same way: water, Blood, Spirit.**

Now notice, sanctification, the second stage of it, **cleanses the mind; sets the heart, the mind of the heart, in order of holiness. A man can repent of sins and he is still thinking of...** Well, maybe he's an immoral man, every immoral looking woman he finds, is still there. Maybe he's a drunkard; every time he smells the drink, it's still there. **But then when he gets sanctified, that cleanses that desire out of him. It takes the want of it away. He can still be tempted, but He takes the want of it away** (*Heb. 10:1-2*). Still, he's not right yet.

Then, **he is baptized with the Holy Ghost and Fire** (*Matt. 3:11*). **Cleansed, burnt out, cleaned up; and then put into the service of God.**

And notice just exactly how that come, the messages coming. Martin Luther, justification; John Wesley, sanctification; the pentecostal, the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The messages, that's where there can't be no more ages of it, see. We're at the end time. **Three stages.**

How striking now, He takes the place where we are to dwell in, through the same process.

Now, He's called the Church through **justification**, called It through **sanctification, then filled It with the Holy Ghost and Fire.** And He took It through a process, that He Himself, **the Holy Spirit Himself, the Son of God, could dwell in the human heart.** Now, **It has to go through that before He can come into It.** [7]

Brother Branham told: When I was a little boy, my brother and I; the one that's dead; we was out at the creek one day, that run behind the place, and we seen an old turtle. And we noticed him walk, and how funny he walked. Now, we wanted to see him walk, and I said, "Why, I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll make him walk." And I took him down to the creek. I said, "He'll either walk, or I'll drown him." So I stuck him down in the water, and held him with my hands. And just a few bubbles come up, and he stayed in the shell.

Water baptism doesn't do it, brother. You can baptize them any way you want to. That doesn't do it. No, no. That's right. You might get a few bubbles, but that's about all. [8]

But you know how I made him move? I built me a little fire and set the old boy on it. He moved then. And what the church needs today is not a whipping, not a theology, **but the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire.** Amen. **That's going to make the church move: set the church a fire with the Gospel. Set the fire of God down on them through the baptism of the Holy Ghost, that'll make them move.** Praise God forever. That's what it takes to make the church move. [9]

That's what the church needs today, needs the Holy Ghost and Fire, to get a church to move for the Kingdom of God. It'll walk then. A revival, accept Christ, the Word! Believe It, let It sink down below the fifth rib on the left side, till It anchors down, the bottom of the heart. Then, floods of joy will spring up, and joy unspeakable, and full of glory. And the Holy Spirit will make you sing, "Fill my way every day with love, as I walk with the Heavenly Dove." It'll do something to you. What we need, it'll puts energy in there. It'll do something for you. [8]

Under the Blood, and **the Blood brings the fire. The sacrifice was offered by fire.** The blood on the fire, making smoke, the sweet smelling savour that went up to the Saviour Himself. **The sweet smelling savour was the prayers of the people on the altar of the blood** that went up as he prayed under the shed blood. **And today when the sacrifice has been burnt by the Holy Spirit, when you take your own sacrifice by the Blood of Jesus Christ, and throw yourself on the altar, covered by the Blood, and the Holy Ghost gets a hold of that,** it sends a sweet smelling savour to God that brings you into the Shekinah Glory, and that's the only place of fellowship. Amen.

Fellowship, that's what we need, God's way of fellowship. There's only one way. God provided the way of fellowship. We cannot educate ourselves into it. We cannot dress ourselves into it. You cannot denominate yourself into it. **You've got to be born into it through the Blood of Jesus Christ, takes you into the Divine fellowship.** Then, "If we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with the other, and the Blood of Jesus Christ God's Son cleanses us from all sin." (*1 John 1:7-9*). Amen. [9]

And the Holy Spirit bears record of the predestinated gift that the Church claims She has. What? **By watering the Word, punctuating in the Word, with an "amen."** When It said, **"Repent and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ."** **"Amen."** When It says these other things. "Amen." That's it. "Amen," to everything, see, It punctuates the Word. And God predestinated the gift to come, **to remit sins, but it was given to the Spirit-filled Word-Body. Cause, the Word can, only, forgive sins, because the Word is God.**

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Peter, at the day of Pentecost, filled with the Holy Ghost used this key and performed the baptism command exactly:

Acts 2:38, "...in the name of Jesus Christ..." - Opening the kingdom to the Jews.

Acts 8:16, "...in the name of the Lord Jesus" - Now, to the Samaritans.

Acts 10:48, "...in the name of the Lord" - Now, to the Gentiles.

Acts 19:5, "...in the name of the Lord Jesus" - re-baptized upon further understanding.

I Corinthians 1:13, "Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" - No! You are baptized in the name of the one crucified for you.

Colossians 3:17, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, [do] all in the name of the Lord Jesus" - Father? Son? Holy Ghost?

Colossians 2:9, "For in him [Jesus] dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily."

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