

# Baptism Basics:

*What Is Baptism in the Name of  
Jesus Christ?*

“He who believes and is baptized  
shall be saved...”

– Mark 16:16

# “ The Great Comission”

- Compare Matt 28:19-20 with Mark 16:15-16
- Jesus forever separates the world into two groups of people:
  - “*disciples*” → those who believe and are baptized to be saved
  - “*condemned*” → those who do not believe
- **The language is absolutely clear:** “He who believes and is baptized will receive a new car for free...” – *how many people would then rush to be baptized to get the free car!?*

# What Is Baptism?

- John 3:23 – baptizing required *much water*
  - See also Acts 10:47,48
- Two examples:
  - Jesus in Mark 1:9-10
  - Ethiopian man in Acts 8:36-38

**PATTERN**

- 1. Found a place with a lot of water**
- 2. Went down into the water to be baptized**
- 3. Came up out of the water**

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- Two teachings: Rom 6:4 and Col 2:12
  - Baptism represents a burial and a resurrection
  - This makes sense when you consider the pattern:

Immersion (baptism)



Burial

Out of the water



Resurrection

*[ Just like Christ, buried and raised from the tomb! ]*

# What Is Baptism?

- **So the pattern and teachings of the New Testament define baptism as immersion in water!**
- Does the pattern or the teaching make sense if a person is sprinkled with water instead of immersion?
- “In the period between the twelfth and the fourteenth centuries, affusion became the usual manner of administering baptism in Western Europe, though immersion continued to be found in some places even as late as the sixteenth century.”
  - *Catholic Encyclopedia*, 1907, 2009
- **Who had the authority to change Christ’s command?**
- **REMEMBER** – 2 Tim 3:16-17; II John 9; etc.