BAPTISM: WHY BE BAPTIZED?

(Matthew 28:16-20)

INTRODUCTION - a review

"Baptize" - submerge and emerge; immerse; bury; plunge; dip.

The element: (John 3:22-23) "much water there" (Mark 1:9-11) "in the Jordan ... coming up out of the water" (Acts 8:35-39) "came to some water ... into the water ... out of the water" (Romans 6:3-4) "buried with Him through baptism" (Colossians 2:12) "buried"

The "born again" process: (1 Peter 1:22-23) "in obeying the truth ... having been born again ... through the word of God" (Mark 16:15-16) "preach the gospel to every creature" (Romans 10:14) "how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" (John 8:24) "if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins" (Luke 13:3) "unless you repent, you will all likewise perish" (Acts 8:37) "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (v38) "went down into the water, and he baptized him"

(Romans 6:4) "buried with Him through baptism ... walk in newness of life"

1. BAPTISM IS AN ACTION, FORM, TIED TO THE GOSPEL, THE CROSS

- (1 Corinthians 15:1-4) "I declare to you the gospel ... you received ... you stand ...you are saved ... I delivered to you ... Christ died for our sins ... was buried ... rose ... "
- (Romans 63-7) "as many of us as were baptized into Christ were baptized into His death ... For he who has died has been freed from sin" (v17) "that form of doctrine"

2. BEING BAPTIZED IS SUBMISSION TO A HEAVENLY AUTHORITY

- (Matthew 28:18-20) "All authority has been given to Me ... make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"
- (Acts 2:36-38) "Now when they heard this ... cut to the heart ... what shall we do? ... be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ ... "
- Serious consequences: (John 12:48-50) "the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day ... and I know that His command is everlasting life ... "
 - (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10) "taking vengeance on those who know not God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ ... "

3. BE BAPTIZED ... FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS"

(Acts 22:16) "why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins"

(Acts 2:37-38) "be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins ... "

Note also: (Matthew 26:27-28) and (Luke 24:47)

Topic to be continued