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BIBLE AND BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION - When God's word says it, that settles it, whether I believe it or not.

1. ESTABLISHING THE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE

1) **God gave His word to Jesus:** (John 12:48-50) "but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak"

2) **Jesus gave that word to His apostles:** (John 17:7-9) "For I have given them the words which You have given Me, and they have received them"

Jesus also gave the apostles the Holy Spirit for a purpose: (John 14:26)
"the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you"
(John 16:12-14) "He will guide you into all truth; He will not speak on his own"

3) **The apostles spoke (preached) that word delivered to them:** (1 Corinthians 2:10-13)
"God has revealed to us through the Spirit ... These things we also speak ..."

The apostles also wrote their spoken word: (John 20:30-31) "these are written"
(Ephesians 3:3-4) "as I have briefly written already"
(Colossians 3:3-4) "now when this epistle is read among you"

4) **The written word comes with a warning:** (John 12:48) "the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (Revelation 22:18-19) "adds ... takes away ..."

2. WHAT IS "BAPTISM?"

1) Greek definitions:

"Baptize" - a Greek word "baptize" brought over into the English language.
W.E. Vine "the process of immersion, submersion and emergence."

"Epicheo" - a Greek word meaning "to pour on." Note (Luke 10:34)

"Rhantizo" - a Greek word for "sprinkle" Note (Hebrews 11:28)

If Jesus and the inspired writers wanted to use another word than "baptize," they would have used "epicheo" or "rhantizo." They said, "baptize!"

2) Bible description of baptism: (element to be immersed in)

(John 3:23) "Now John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there, and they came and were baptized" (Mark 1:9) "Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan"
(Acts 8:36-39) "they came to some water ... so both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him" (Romans 6:3-4) "we were buried with Him through baptism ... raised ..."
(Colossians 2:12) "buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised through the faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead"

3. WHERE MAY I BE BAPTIZED? - anywhere there is sufficient water to be immersed in.
The place has no Biblical significance; rather, significance of form and purpose.