

# MAKE DISCIPLES: BAPTISED

Jesus has been given all authority in heaven and on earth, and he is commissioning his 11 disciples to start the work of building his kingdom - populating it with people for all nations. They are to make disciples - those who will deny themselves, take up their cross and who will follow Jesus. For these 11 men this must have seemed a daunting task, but Jesus does not leave them without instructions as to how this is to be done.



## Matthew 28:18-20

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

<sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

## Mark 1:4-8

<sup>4</sup> John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Read Matthew 28:18-20. Mark "baptizing" with a  and mark "teaching" with a 

*As they go and make disciples, what 2 things were the 11 to do?*

*In whose name were they to baptise them?*




*What were they to teach them?*

Lets focus on what is signified through baptism.

**Baptise-Strong's 906-to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge, to overwhelm.**

The clearest example that shows the meaning of baptizo is a text from the Greek poet and physician Nicander who lived about 200 B.C. It is in a recipe for making pickles where Nicander says that in order to make a pickle, the vegetable should first be 'dipped' (*baptō*) into boiling water and then baptised (*baptizō*) in the vinegar solution. Both verbs concern the immersing of vegetables but the first is temporary. The second, the act of baptising the vegetable, produces a permanent change.

Lets learn more about baptism.

Read Mark 1:4-8. Mark "baptise" with a  Mark references to Jesus with a  and mark Holy Spirit with a 

*V4 What was the purpose of John's baptism?*

*V5 As people were baptised, what did they do?*

*V7-8 How does John describe Jesus? In what way would the baptism of Jesus be different?*

Taking into account the definition above, think through the difference between being baptised in water, and being baptised in the Holy Spirit.

## Acts 2:37-42

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." <sup>40</sup> And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." <sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. <sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

## Romans 6:1-8,11

<sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

<sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

How did the disciples follow through on Jesus instructions in Matthew 28? Peter has been preaching on the day of Pentecost - note what happens as he finishes?

**Read Acts 2:37-42. Mark "baptise" with a  Mark references to Jesus with a  and mark Holy Spirit with a **

*V38 What does Peter tell them to do? In whose name?*

*V38 What will be the outcome of repenting and baptism?*




*V41 How did the crowd respond? Note the details.*

*V42 What happened after they were baptized?*

**Mark the word "teaching" with a **

How does this link with the commission in Matt 28?

What does baptism symbolise and why is it an important part of making disciples? Let's see what Paul says to the Romans in his letter.

**Read Romans 6:1-8,11 and mark "baptism" with a  mark "death" with a  and mark references to Jesus with a **

*V3-4 what does baptism represent? How should we live as a result of this?*

*V6-7 If we were crucified with Christ, how does this affect the impact of sin in our lives?*

**Read the passage again and underline live / life.**

*V8,11 How should we think and live as a result?*

*Jesus said those who are disciples would deny themselves, take up their cross and follow him. In what way does the act of baptism symbolise this?*

**In baptism we identify ourselves with Jesus death. What will it look like to live our lives considering ourselves dead and alive to God?**

### Romans 6:13

<sup>13</sup> Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

### Romans 12:1

<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

### Colossians 1:21-22


<sup>21</sup> And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

### 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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.

### Galatians 3:26-28

<sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Read Romans 6:13, 12:1 and Colossians 1:21-22. Underline all the instructions. Mark "present" with a 

6v13 What contrasts are made in this verse?

How can our "members" be instruments for God?



12v1 How are we to present our bodies?

Read Colossians 1:21-22 again.

How can we fulfil the instruction in Romans 12:1? Who makes it possible?

How does these verses tie in with Jesus command to make disciples through baptising and teaching? **THINK THIS THROUGH!!**

We have seen that baptism is a declaration that we are repenting of our sins and ,as we identify with the death of Jesus, we have our sin forgiven and start to live for God, no longer slaves to sin. We receive the Holy Spirit who lives out God's life in us. This bring us to one final picture symbolised in baptism.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 and mark baptised with a  and mark Spirit with a 

What do you learn about "many" and "one"?

How does being baptised in one Spirit bring unity to disciples of all nations? Think back to the pickles!

Read Galatians 3:26-28. Mark baptised with a 

How do these verse tie in with 1 Corinthians 12?

Whose identity do we now possess?

Baptism is a foundational part of discipleship. In this outward act we publicly declare an inward spiritual truth – that we have died to ourselves and have forgiveness of sins through the death of Jesus. We also identify with his resurrection, living a life empowered by God's Holy Spirit. As part of the body of Christ, we are to offer ourselves fully to God day by day.

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**Understand - What does the text mean?**

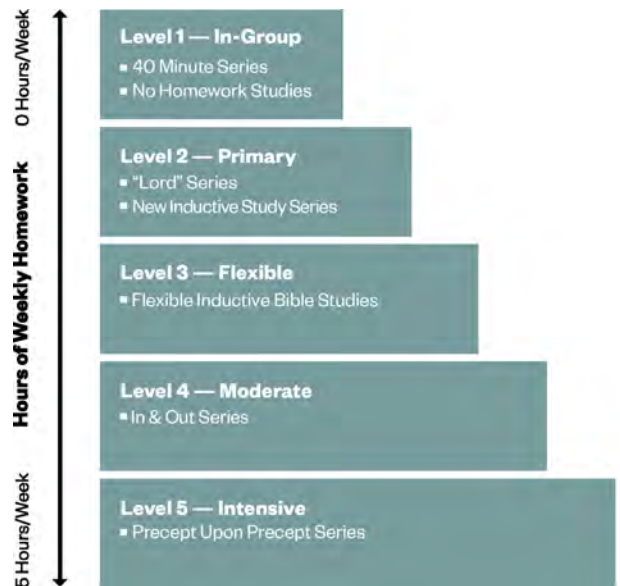
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