

No Place Left Army  
Long-term Discipleship  
Topical Bible Study  
Baptism

**I. Head.**

A. Make at least five observations about each of the below verses. If there is an example of baptism, record who was baptized, when were they baptized, and who baptized them. Read around each verse to make sure you know its context.

Matthew 3.1-17

Now in those days John the Baptist \*came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying,<sup>2</sup> “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”<sup>3</sup> For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said,

“THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS,  
‘MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD,  
MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!’”

<sup>4</sup> Now John himself had a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem was going out to him, and all Judea and all the district around the Jordan; <sup>6</sup> and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance; <sup>9</sup> and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father’; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup> The axe is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> “As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus \*arrived from Galilee at the Jordan *coming* to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?” <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answering said to him, “Permit *it* at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he \*permitted Him. <sup>16</sup> After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove *and* lighting on Him, <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”

Mark 1.5-11

<sup>5</sup> And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.<sup>6</sup> John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist, and his diet was locusts and wild honey.<sup>7</sup> And he was preaching, and saying, "After me One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals."<sup>8</sup> I baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.<sup>10</sup> Immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him;<sup>11</sup> and a voice came out of the heavens: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

Mk 16.15-16

<sup>15</sup> And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."<sup>16</sup> He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.

Luke 3.3

<sup>3</sup> And he came into all the district around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins;

Luke 3.16-17

<sup>6</sup> John answered and said to them all, "As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."<sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in His hand to thoroughly clear His threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into His barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Luke 3.21-22

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened,<sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

Luke 7.28-30

<sup>28</sup> I say to you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."<sup>29</sup> When all the people and the tax collectors heard *this*, they acknowledged God's justice, having been baptized with the baptism of John.<sup>30</sup> But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God's purpose for themselves, not having been baptized by John.

John 1.25-26

<sup>5</sup> They asked him, and said to him, "Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"<sup>26</sup> John answered them saying, "I baptize in water, *but* among you stands One whom you do not know."<sup>22</sup> After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He was spending time with them and baptizing.<sup>23</sup> John also was baptizing in Aenon

near Salim, because there was much water there; and *people* were coming and were being baptized—

John 4.1-3

Therefore when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John <sup>2</sup> (although Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples were), <sup>3</sup> He left Judea and went away again into Galilee.

Acts 1.4-5

<sup>4</sup> Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, “Which,” *He said*, “you heard of from Me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Acts 2.38-41

<sup>38</sup> Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized 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 your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.” <sup>40</sup> And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation!” <sup>41</sup> So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. <sup>42</sup> They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 8.12-16

<sup>12</sup> But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike. <sup>13</sup> Even Simon himself believed; and after being baptized, he continued on with Philip, and as he observed signs and great miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed. <sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, <sup>15</sup> who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>16</sup> For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

B. Find any additional verses you believe are necessary and make observations about them.

## II. Heart.

A. Form conclusions about what the bible teaches on Baptism. Group the conclusions into four categories:

- Truths: inescapable bible teaching that all believers must receive as correct

- Commands: inescapable biblical commands that all believers must obey
- Methods: ways that biblical commands were obeyed in the scriptures
- Convictions: statements that begin with “I believe.” They are truths for you, you think others should accept the truths, but you are not willing to say that all disciples must accept them.

B. How do your observations and conclusions make you feel?

### **III. Hands.**

A. Write an application using SOS: Say, Obey Share.

What did God say to you?

What are you going to do to specifically obey him?

What will you share with others?