
Matthew 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

1 Peter 4:8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

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1 Peter 3:20 to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water,

²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also - not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand -with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

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— Matthew 13:13 Then Jesus came from Galilee —
to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But
John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be
baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

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— ¹⁵ Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper —
for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness."
Then John consented.

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

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Mark 1:9 At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit ¹¹ descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

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Luke 3:21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

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