

Matt. 3:16

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baptized. . ."

SUBJECT: The Act of Baptism  
mode

The Baptism of water

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### THE ACT OF BAPTISM.

MODE  
ELEM.

#### I. The Meaning of the Word. 3:5, 6, 13, 16

This amazing invention John 1:28, 46, 33

1. The common, every-day, ordinary Greek word, *Baptizō*.

(1) Ancient writers. "..."

(2) modern. There has been less change in the Greek language in the past 2,000 years than in English in the past 500.  
"..."

Socrates and Plato, Xerxes and Demosthenes, etc., are every human being, right out down at the front of the August 1930 issue of *The morning paper* published in Athens with surprisingly little difficulty.

[Xerxes might have: "I say, however, we know that,  
somebody has been tampering with our gold and silver!"]

(a) In Athens, 1930. The ancient language, + 30 NT words, like  
minion (mud).

#### II. The Persistence of the Act of immersion.

##### (1) The Greek Church.

This interval.

Our Baptist opportunity in Russia.

(a) Jews, Greeks, Celts, Indians, etc., baptist found in Russia.

(b) The baptismal mission of St. Basil the Great, Cyril and Methodius, the three nations, all immigrants.

Pilgrims to the Jordan, white dress, the absurd.

##### (2) The Latin Church.

Thomas Aquinas, first theologian in A.C. church who took the position that baptism under ordinary circumstances would answer for baptism.

Council of Ravenna, 1311, allowed for closer liaison in marriage and baptism. First time in history that baptizing & marrying were made independent.

The beginning of Pisa.  
of Florence  
of St. Paul in Rome.

### 3. The English Church.

Prayer book of Edward VI 1551, first permission for allowing a &  
old purely or even of mixture.

John Calvin made it a matter of indifference; John Knox  
brought the teaching to Scotland. Then Scotland to England.  
d. 1564 d. 1572

Westminster Assembly of Divines, 1643, keenly debated  
whether (in mixture or separately to be adopted) the great  
influence of Dr. Lughtfoot, the moving spirit of the assembly caused  
the picture. Separately [excepted] 26-27.

(a) The unusual story of Mr. Wesley, 1736, Savannah, Georgia  
1737, advised to leave

### III. The Reason for the Change.

#### 1. Baptismal regeneration.

In early early doctrine  
Date not to be first instance, Novatian, 250.

To continue the lack of continuity. The children.  
The "clerical" - baptism  
by immersion or sprinkling  
of Jesus. "Clean baptism".

Date not to be baptism of children.  
First record instance, 370 A.D.

#### 2. Finally, indifference.

One as good as the other.

### 3. But troubled.

King James, 1611, the scholars called together to do the English version. magnificent work. But when they came to the break word, BANISHING, knowing it meant "banished" they came not to the word, it without consulting with the King. Then outcome - by the King's request, not to do the word at all, but to anglicise it.

### 4. The mind and purpose of God.

Hab. 8:5 = L. 25:40 A divine gathering down to infinite details. Day by day, night, going and returning. Every arrangement, material, idea, way, will you have the divine significance and meaning.

Moses faithfully obeys. L. 39:32-43  
We have come to know more about of the best, full, deep meaning of the pattern, than  
e.g. the sign of the cross? when came to know, it meant the mystery down with death now...  
e.g. the hand of the presence. " " " sacrifice & in death? that.  
e.g. the eye of the presence. " " " high point meeting of earth.  
John: Taylor from heaven.  
Jesus' interpretation upon it. "All righteousness"  
The Father thought. "My ... well pleased."  
The just retribution. . . the obstacles, the difficulties  
the wonderful significancy. Rom. 6.

What came to know what it meant

His burial, resurrection.

The cleansing fountain

"With them a fountain gushes into life!"

Our very resurrection. Rom. 6.

note about the  
use of baptism

★ Dr. T. J. Conant has collected in a volume (*Baptizing*) every passage in Greek literature where the word 'baptize' is used. In every passage the word requires for its trans. our English word 'immerse' or some kindred word. It usually means a submersion in water or something.

No Greek lexicon of standard repute gives any other meaning. No one has yet found a single passage either in the N.T. or the literature in which the word 'baptize' is used in any different sense.

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In Athens, asked an intelligent Greek what Barriffe meant. He replied, "Don't ask me; ask any common laborer you meet on the street; he will tell you."

When returned to the hotel, he requested the head waiter, a Frenchman, to ask the porter what the word Barriffe meant. He replied: "It means to put under the water and to take out of the water."

BAPTISM (burial) in water

John 3:23

Mark 1:5

Acts 8:36-38

Who is qualified to be baptized?

Acts 8:36, 37

Acts 10:47

Only saved believers be baptized.

Matthew 3:13, 14<sup>a</sup>, 15 (so Matt. 16:14)

Following X to fulfill all righteous

Matthew 28:19, 20 in obedience to Y

Acts 10:43, Acts 10:47, 48

When should believe or baptize?

at one ~~G~~ 2:41

G 8:34

G 16:33

G 22:13, 13, 16

Who does baptism do?

1. Shows our love for our Saviour.

John 14:15

2. Our first century ecclesia - record  
presented by the gospel.

3. the reception of the S.T. part 2 X

~~John Worthy 1730, Feb 21<sup>st</sup>~~, his journal: "Many Welch  
was baptiz'd according to the custom & the fit  
the rule of the ch. & Episc., by his minister."

Next instance, Savannah Georgia, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1776.

"I was asked to baptize a child of Mr. Parker,  
second bailiff of Savannah; but Mrs. Parker told me,  
mother M. Parker was I (Mrs. Park) will consent to  
it being digged. I answered, if you certify that your child  
is weak, it will suffice to you mother upon it. She  
replied, "No, the child is not weak, but I am sensible  
that it shall not be digged." This argument I could  
not refute so I went home as the child was  
baptized [grubbed] by another person."

But this was not the case of the mother. On  
Sept 1, 1737, Jo Worthy was tried by a grand jury of  
44 men, found guilty, as ordered to leave the  
county. Worthy wrote this charge among them this m.  
a had taken the laws of the county "By refusing to  
baptize Mr. Parker's child, otherwise than by digging,  
refusing to certify that it was weak &  
not able to bear it."

A strange view for the father / mother. In Worthy  
was tried & found guilty by the courts of the land for  
refusing to baptize a baby.  
On June 25, March 21<sup>st</sup> 1756 he was & remain the next