

Mystery of Baptism (Mistre Timket)



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- Baptism is the sacrament given to all who believe in the Mystery of the Trinity and the Mystery of Incarnation for the remission of sin, to obtain adoption from the Triune God, to inherit the kingdom of God. It is called mystery, because, when the priest recites the prayer of baptism over the water and blesses it, it will be changed and become the water that flowed from the right side of our Lord Jesus Christ and one can receive the invisible grace of the Adopted Childhood of God (Jn. 19:34-35).

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Why must we be baptized?

- That is how we can get our childhood of God.
- That is how we can get born again.
- Without second birth/baptism, we cannot get the kingdom of God. No baptism means no Heaven.
- Our Lord, Jesus Christ, was baptized.
- Mat 3:1-17
- John 3:1

In Mat 3:16 - Mystery of Holy Trinity was revealed.

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Why was Jesus Christ baptized?

- To be example - Baptism was symbolized in the Old Testament. When Jesus came, it has been revealed and he showed us and guided us by being baptized - He did it, and we all christians must do it.
- To fulfill prophecy.
- To melt down the Letter of Memorandum signed by Adam and Satan and buried into River of Jordan.

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Symbolism and Prophecy

The Ark of Noah:

“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, 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.” (1 Pet. 3: 20, 21)

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The circumcision:

“For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism,” (Col.2:9-12)

Circumcision in old testament - Gen. 17:7-14

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Crossing the Red Sea:

“For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.” (1 Cor 10:1-4)

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Prophecy:

“For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. ”

Ezek. 36:24-25

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Why Water?

- Because God says so.
- Because it is a mystery.
- Because Jesus Christ was baptized into Water.
- Because the letter of agreement between Satan and Adam was buried in Jordan River.
- Because water cleanses the dirt of the body, and baptism cleanses the dirt of the soul.
- etc...

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- After Adam and Eve were created, they were taken to the Garden of Eden on Adam's 40th day and Eve's 80th day. Jubilee 4:9; Gen 3:19
- A woman, after birth of son, needs 40 days and after birth of girl, she needs 80 days to be purified from her bleeding - Lev 12:1-8

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- Babies are inheritors of Adam's sin, and it is necessary for them to be purified of it through baptism. Rom 5:12
- God did not prevent babies from accepting some of the great graces, e.g. Jeremiah was sanctified before coming forth out of the womb (Jer. 1:5), John the Baptist was filled with Holy Ghost even from his mother's womb. (Luke 1:15)

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- In New Testament whole families were baptized, along with babies, like the families of Cornelius (Acts 10: 48), Lydia (Acts 16,14,15) the deeper of the prison (Acts 16:33), Stephanas (1 Cor. 1: 16) etc.
- “Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Mat 19:13-14
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In what name should we be baptized and who was the first Ethiopian to be baptized?

- “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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Mat 28:19-20
- Ethiopian eunuch by Apostle Philip - Act 8:26-40

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- ONE LORD
- ONE FAITH
- ONE BAPTISM

“One Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” Eph 4:4