Commands of Jesus and Peter

- Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Mt. 28:19
- "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. Mk. 16:15-17
- "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ... Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. Acts 2:38-39

Command of Peter

- Then Peter answered, 47 "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days. Acts 10:47-48
- Examples in Acts
- Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized. <u>Acts 18:8</u>

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- But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized. 13 Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized Acts 8:12-13
- And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.' Acts 22:16

Examples in Acts

And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" 38 And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. 39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, Acts 8:36-39

Is Baptism Necessary for Salvation?

- Jesus commanded it of all nations and the whole creation.
- Peter with the keys of the kingdom commanded and everyone who received his word was baptized.
- Even after God gave the Gentiles the ability to speak in tongues, to reveal they were acceptable to obey the gospel, Peter commanded them to be baptized.
- If Jesus and Peter said this was necessary to be saved who can contradict them?

- "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. 34 Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household. Acts 16:30-34
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The Relation of Baptism to the Gospel

- God revealed that the gospel is
- Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised
- God revealed that baptism:
- We are crucified with Him
- We are buried with Him into death
- We die with Him.
- We are raised up together with Him.
- How can we be saved without baptism?

Types and Antitypes

- when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. 21 There is also an antitype which now saves us baptism 1Pet 3:20-21
- Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, 2 all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 1Cor. 10:1-3
- Baptism saves us as the ark saved Noah
- Baptism delivers us as the Red Sea did Israel

Circumcision of Christ

In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, Col.

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What do we know about the type?

- When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. 2 And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." Gen 17:1-3
- I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. Gen 17:7-8

Only become Abraham's Seed -Baptism

- Circumcision was an everlasting covenant between God, Abraham, and his descendants and had to be performed in order for God to be God to them.
- Does this relate to baptism in any way?
- For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ... And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Gal. 3:27-29
- Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. <u>Gal. 4:28</u>
- Baptism continues the covenant of Abraham as the circumcision of Christ --- without hands

Circumcision a Sign in the Type

"As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. 10 This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; 11 and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you. Gen 17:9-11

What is cut off in baptism?

- This circumcision removes the entire "body of flesh."
- you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ
- After God performs the circumcision of Christ in baptism, we are forever marked with the "*sign*" of our covenant with God.
- This is part of the "seal" we received.
- A circumcision not made with hands is not of this creation. Only those with spiritual eyes can see it.

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- with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. Rom 6:6-7
- you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ Col 2:11
- being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, Col 2:13-14
- The cause of death had to be removed to live

Revealed in Prophesy

- "And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live."

 Deut. 30:6
- "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." Ezek. 36:26
- A commentary on what's done in the antitype. God does the circumcision. The old dead heart is removed, replaced: a new living heart

Final Point of Comparision

- My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. 14 And the uncircumcised male child, who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant." Gen 17:13-14
- Anyone who has not been circumcised is cut off from his people, broken the covenant.
- If anyone has not been baptized he is not yet in the covenant of the circumcision of Christ.

In Exactly the Same way

- Noah's ark pictured the salvation baptism bestows,
- the passage through the Red sea pictured the deliverance from slavery that baptism bestows,
- circumcision pictures another powerful thing baptism bestows.
- the circumcision of Christ is made without hands.
- It did not occur until we were "buried with Him in baptism,"
- Only after baptism:
- Do we became Abraham's seed
- Are we given a new heart,
- Do we have the sign of the covenant.