

Only One Baptism Is Necessary for Salvation

*“And he said to them, ‘Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. **The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned.**”* (Mark 16:15-16)

*“Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, **no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit.**’”* (John 3:5)

*“Peter said to them, ‘**Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.**’”* (Acts 2:38-39)

We see much evidence in holy Scripture that God, in Jesus Christ, wants everyone to be saved. Since baptism is absolutely necessary for the follower of Christ to be saved; always, from the days of the apostles (1 Corinthians 1:16, Acts 16:15, Acts 16:33), the practice of baptizing a whole house including children has been the practice of the Catholic Church.

Catholic parents, who love their children, will take them to their parish as soon as possible after birth, to have them baptized. **Anyone who is baptized as an infant in the Catholic Church should never be baptized again.**

*“**There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**”*
(Ephesians 4:4-6)

When Jesus has been quoted as saying something; we, as Christians, should not choose to follow another Scripture passage, which is not in agreement with what Jesus said. For example, some people have chosen to prefer to baptize, just in the name of Jesus (read Acts 2:38-39 quoted above), rather than using **the words Jesus specifically commanded his apostles to use.**

*“Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And **Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore 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 that I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:16-20)

The Catholic Church has, from the time of the apostles, adhered faithfully, in every way, to this instruction from Jesus.

The church is **making disciples of all nations**. There are more than 1 billion members of the Catholic Church throughout the world.

Everywhere in the world the Catholic Church has always **baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**.

The Catholic Church courageously and **faithfully follows and teaches all that the apostles passed on to us of Jesus moral and sacramental teaching**.