## One Cannot be Taught Wrong and Baptized Right

Acts 19:1-7

Not every baptism is approved by Christ

## Error does not Produce Truth Matthew 7:13-20

- The wrong road does not lead to the right place.
- False prophets do not yield truth. 7:15-16
- A bad tree does not yield good fruit. 7:17-18
- Fresh water does not yield bitter. James 3:11-12

False doctrine does not produce gospel obedience

"Therefore, by their fruits you will know them."

#### What we Advocate

- Baptism must be by the authority of Jesus Christ.
  - Authorized baptism will save the lost.
  - Authorized baptism is approved by God and acceptable to God.
     Matthew 28:18-19

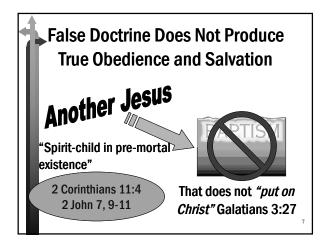
- Faith comes by hearing God's word. (Romans 10:17)
- Only when we hear and believe the <u>right word</u> will we have faith that leads to obedience of Christ and salvation from our sins. Acts 4:12

The Basis Of Unity (Ephesians 4:4-6)

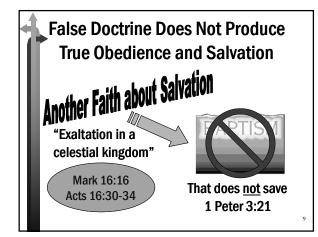
- One God ... Unity In Worship
- One Lord ... Unity In Authority
- One Spirit ... Unity In Revelation
- One Faith ... Unity In Message
- One Baptism ... Unity In Practice
- One Body ... Unity In Organization
- One Hope ... Unity In Desire

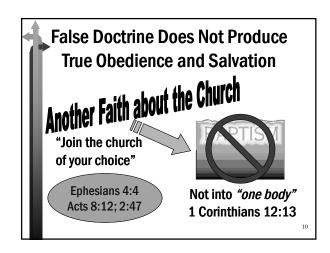
Different faiths cannot be from the same Lord or command the same baptism

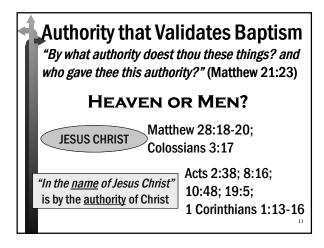


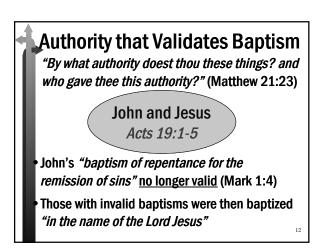












#### Authority that Validates Baptism

"By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?" (Matthew 21:23)

- Misuse of authority <u>invalidates</u> action. Acts 19:11-17
  - Paul had authority to work miracles. 19:11-12
  - Those who had no authority, failed. 19:13-16
  - Display of <u>true authority</u> caused "the name of the Lord Jesus" to be greatly honored. 19:17

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- A <u>denomination</u>, because their existence is not authorized by Christ.
- A <u>council</u> of men, because the council is not authorized by Christ.
- A <u>creed</u> written by men, because the creed is not authorized by Christ.

Colossians 3:17, "And whatsoever ye do, in vord or in deed, (do) all in the name of the Lord Jesus"

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Matthew 15:13-14.

"Every plant which my heavenly Father planted not, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they are blind guides. And if the blind guide the blind, both shall fall into a pit."

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The church of Christ!

Christians merely preach the gospel that contains God's authority. Matthew 28:18-20 The Lord adds the saved to His church when the gospel is obeyed. Acts 2:47

# CHRIST'S AUTHORITY FOR BAPTISM Christ is Not Divided 1 Corinthians. 1:13

Christ does not accept <u>denominational</u> <u>baptisms</u>

that come from denominational doctrines!

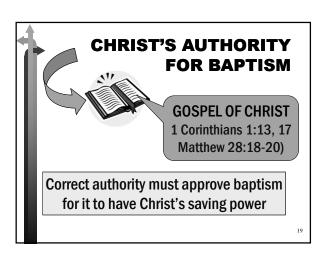
#### **Christ Does Not Accept the Baptisms of Denominations**

1 Corinthians 1:12

- "I was baptized in the \_\_\_\_\_ Church"
- "I was baptized in the \_\_\_\_\_ Church"
- "I was baptized in the \_\_\_\_\_ Church"

Matthew 7:21-23: Jesus will say ...

"I never knew you ... depart from Me ..."



#### One Baptism - *Ephesians 4:5*

- If you were not baptized by the <u>authority of</u>
  <u>Jesus</u> then you are not yet saved by Jesus.
- If you were baptized <u>after being taught false</u> <u>doctrine</u> by a false church, then your baptism was not approved by Christ.
- You are still in your sins.
- You need to be baptized in the name of Jesus.
   cf. Acts 18:8; 19:5

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"The like figure whereunto even <u>baptism doth</u> <u>also now save us</u> (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the <u>answer of a good conscience</u> toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." (KJV)

 Water baptism in the name of Jesus (by His authority) to be saved from sins is the response of a good conscience that wants to be right with God.