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What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

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1 Cor. 12:13

For by one Spirit are we all baptized (spiritually united) into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Spiritual Baptism

Spiritual union with Christ & His church
@ the point of true belief

Water Baptism – What?

Water baptism is

- The outward declaration of inner spiritual reality

Matthew 28:19-20

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Water Baptism – what?

- Not a work required for salvation

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

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Baptism

Spiritual baptism

- union with Christ & His church @ the point of true belief

Water baptism

- outward testimony of inner reality

“Household” passages

- Acts 16:15 – household of Lydia
- Acts 16:30-33 – household of Philippian jailer
- 1 Corinthians 1:16 – household of Stephanus

Acts 16:14-15

And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

Romans 4:11

And he (*Abraham*) received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also....

Romans 9:6-8

Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel (*true Israel*), which are of Israel (*national Israel*):

Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

Circumcision = Baptism?

- Acts 15:1-2

And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.

Water Baptism – Who?

Water baptism is

- for those who have believed in Jesus Christ

PPCC Distinctive

PPCC practices believers' baptism. We believe that baptism is a public declaration of faith and identification with the Lord Jesus Christ by a believer. As such, PPCC does not practice infant baptism.

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Water Baptism – Why?

Water baptism is

- obedience to the command of Jesus Christ

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- Acts 2:38, "And Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ..."
- Acts 10:48, "And he (Peter) commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord..."
- Acts 19:5, "And when they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus."

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Acts 19:3-5
 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.
 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.
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"We have every reason for using the full name of God as Jesus uttered it, and no reason can be advanced for doing anything else. While the participle βαπτίζοντες is not an imperative, it yet receives imperative force from the main verb which is imperative. Here Jesus prescribes how we are to make disciples, and what he wants us to do he states in these words ..."

R. C. H. Lenski, *The Interpretation of St. Matthew's Gospel* (Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Publishing House, 1961), 1177.

Water baptism – How?

1. "Baptize" from the Greek verb "*baptizo*" = "to dip, immerse."
2. Earliest history of the church indicates immersion was practiced first, but exceptions were made later, and pouring was introduced, followed by sprinkling.
3. More water NOT EQUAL TO More faith

PPCC Distinctive

PPCC practices immersion for baptismal candidates who are able to be immersed. We believe that the Greek word for "baptize" in the New Testament means to dip or immerse, and that immersion best visually depicts a believer's identification with the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord.

PPCC Distinctive

PPCC practices pouring or sprinkling for baptismal candidates who are not able to be immersed either for health or safety reasons. Similar to instances in church history where there was insufficient water, we believe that the inability to be immersed should not prevent a believer from openly declaring his faith in following the command of the Lord Jesus Christ in observing the ordinance of water baptism. In this regard, we believe that the amount of water is not reflective of the degree of faith.

PPCC Distinctive

PPCC recognizes that different Protestant churches may hold to different practices with regard to the ordinance of water baptism. As such, PPCC does not usually require a professing believer who has been baptized in another Protestant church to be re-baptized @ PPCC in order for him or her to be accepted as a member.

Summary – PPCC's position

WHAT: Water baptism is an open declaration of a spiritual reality of union with Christ and His church.

WHO: Believers

WHY: Obedience to the command of Christ

HOW: Immersion for baptismal candidates who are able

Believers unable to be immersed should not be prevented from declaring their faith in obedience to Jesus Christ.

