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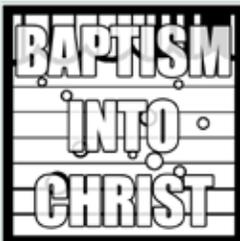
JOHN 3:16
ACTS 6:7
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MATTHEW 10:32
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“Bible Words in Bible Ways”

(1 John 1:1-4)

Introduction: Have you ever heard that phrase? It speaks to the need to find the things God teaches us, and observe them in the Way He intended. This is not always done. As a result, people can be quoting the same verses, using the same language, and yet be utterly divided on worship and work and faith!

BAPTISM

First, we study the definition of the word “baptism.” We find historians attributing words like “Immersion, Submersion, and Emergence.” It carries, as in Romans 6, the idea of a burial.

Then we start looking at contexts that include baptism. We find “much water there” (John 3:23). We find Philip and the Eunuch going down into the water (Acts 8:38). We see Peter connecting the water in Noah’s salvation with “baptism now saves you” (1 Peter 3:21).

FELLOWSHIP

koinonia – “fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation” “the share which one has in anything” – Simply, this means to share in something with others.

Acts 2:38-42 – What were they sharing here? What were they participating in jointly?

Answer: A spiritual relationship as brethren in Christ, continually devoted to spiritual things.

I. The Hearing Test

- 1 John 1:1-4 – We share in Christ when we have fellowship with the Apostles & Teachers Jesus sent! There is no fellowship outside of that.
- 1 John 2:1-2; 5:13 – So we read. We listen. We study. We learn. We grow.
- 1 John 1:1-2 – We hear about Jesus and believe who He is (Jn. 20:30-31).

II. The Walking Test

1 John 1:5-7 – Fellowship is a sharing in the Walk that Christ has designed in the Light.

- As truth is found, application and godly living must, of necessity, follow.
- 1 John 2:3-5 – “Know Him” is the idea of fellowship. “Keep His commandments”
- 1 John 5:1-3 – All of our love & fellowship is held together by our CHOICES! Our fellowship is constantly strengthened as we walk together.
- This might help people understand the concept of “Dis-Fellowship.”
- 2 Thessalonians 3:6 – The truth is HEARD but not OBEYED, willfully!
- The same could be said for “don’t even eat with such a one” (1 Cor. 5:11).

III. The Confess Test

1 John 1:8-10 – Perfection is not possible, nor will all of us always agree on every topic of study. But who will be Humble and Honest enough to acknowledge their mistakes?

James 4:7-10; 5:16 – The humble spirit is what all in Christ share in common!

Conclusion: Read Acts 2:42 – I want this. I want it with Jesus. I want it with the Apostles. I want it with you. It is ours to enjoy, if we pass HIS TESTS, not our own: Keep Hearing. Keep Walking. Keep Confessing