

IMMERSE or SPRINKLE?

BAPTIZO - Greek.....RANTIZO - Greek

Below are writings of imminent Bible scholars and authorities on this subject. Most of these references can be found in your local library.

GREEK

GREEK-ENGLISH LEXICON

by **LIDDEL, SCOTT & THAYER**.....Baptism taken from Greek word Baptizo - to dip, immerse.

CLASSIC GREEK-ENGLISH DICT.

by **POLLET**.....Greek word baptizo means to dip under.

GREEK-ENGLISH DICT.

by **DIVRY'S**.....Greek word baptizo - to immerse

EMPHATIC DIAGLOTT

CONTAINS ORIGINAL GREEK TEXT.....In every instance the Greek word baptizo is translated immerse.

AUTHORITIES

SCHAFF-HERZOG

RELIGIOUS ENCYCLOPEDIA.....Baptism was always a burial. The command to baptize was a command to immerse. Vol 1. pg.451

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL

ENCYCLOPEDIA.....Immersion was oldest method employed. Buried in baptism. Romans 6:4, Pg.61, Paragraph 2.

ENCYCLOPEDIA DICT.

OF BIBLE.....It is evident that the action performed in baptizing was immersion. Page 202.

WORLD BOOK

ENCYCLOPEDIA.....The early church practiced immersion or submerging under the water. Volume 2, Page 70.

ENCYCLOPEDIA of LUTHERAN CHURCH.....Martin Luther preferred immersion as more true to original practices. Volume 1, Page 188.

PULPIT COMMENTARY
by Imminent Scholars.....Romans 6:4, "Buried in baptism." The reference is to baptism by immersion. Volume 18, Page 156.

LOGIC

An important factor is overlooked by the exponents of sprinkling. The original New Testament text and the spoken language of that day was Greek. The authors of the New Testament knew the Greek word "Baptizo" meant to immerse. They also knew the Greek word "rantizo" meant to sprinkle. These often used words were never interchangeable, having separate meanings. If God had intended for His ministers to sprinkle, the Greek word "rantizo" would have been employed, not "baptizo."

If sprinkling cannot be found in the Bible, then you are practicing a tradition of man, which makes the "word of God of none effect." **Mark 7:13**

INFANT BAPTISM

As with sprinkling, the doctrine of infant baptism cannot be found in the New Testament without adding to it. Scripture logic cries out against infant baptism. The very mode (immersion) makes it illogical and impractical. The teaching surrounding baptism automatically prohibits it.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS!

MATT. 28:19 - "Teach all nations, baptizing them" - Teaching or preaching must precede baptism. See Acts 2:41

ACTS 8:36,37 - Eunuch. "What doth hinder me to be baptized?" Phillip, "If Thou believest with all thine heart." Believing is a prerequisite of baptism. See, Mark 16:16.

ACTS 2:38 - "Repent and be baptized every one of you." Repentance must precede Baptism. See, Luke 24:47.

DO YOU KNOW?

That the first recipients of baptism were adults. Infant baptism was a later development that led to sprinkling. - **Chambers Encyclopedia, Vol 2, Pg.112**

There's no direct evidence in New Testament for infant baptism. - **Interpreters Bible Dict. Vol 1, Pg. 352**

The earliest Christian literature makes no reference to baptism of infants. - **Encyclopedia Britannica, Vol 3, Pg 138**

The first mention of infant baptism was about 185 A.D. Not universal until 6th Century. - **History of Church, by WALKER, Pgs 87,88**

That 350 Lutheran pastors of W. Germany wish to abandon infant baptism. Many of these same pastors refused to baptize their own infants. They felt that baptism should be understood first by the recipient. - **Time Magazine, Pg 58-May, 1968**

That Karl Barth of Switzerland, the best known Theologian of 20th Century said, "There is not Biblical basis for infant baptism-this tradition is simply an old error of the church." - **Time Magazine, Pg 58-May, 1968**

Conclusion:

A child should be old enough to receive teaching, believe, and repent of sin before being baptized. Dedicating children to God and asking Him to bless them is Biblical. This Jesus did in **Luke 18:15-17, Matthew 19:13-15**

Without question the early church taught and practiced baptism by immersion. Paul said, "If we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel let him be accursed." **Galatians 1:8,9**

If your form of baptism cannot be found in the Bible, aren't you afraid to practice it?

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