

## C & C: What is Your Favorite Flavor of Writing Off Acts 2:38

Connections and Comparisons is an ongoing weekly series that deals with many scriptures in the Bible, some of which are not commonly addressed. The purpose of this series is to examine the scriptures at hand comparing what is said and looking at the connections within.

### Acts 2:38-39

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The Apostle Peter expressly tells us that it is in water baptism where we are saved!

### 1 Peter 3:20-21

20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited **in the days of Noah**, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls **were saved by water.**

21 **The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us** (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

This particular passage many times is used to try to justify that baptism is nothing more than the answer of a good conscience toward God. The Apostle Peter is the very one that told us, Repent, and be baptized **every one of you** in the name of Jesus Christ **for the remission of sins**, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, **even as many as the Lord our God shall call.** Here, the Apostle Peter has again stressed, that just as Noah was saved by water, we also **by like figure** are saved by water **through baptism in Jesus name.** Then stating, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh. Meaning, we aren't getting into the water to be baptized for the flesh but for our souls. It is the answer of a good conscience toward God, because of our faith of the operation of God, which was the **circumcision of Christ**, the circumcision made without hands. **The cutting away or washing away of our sins!!!!**

### Colossians 2:10-14

10 And ye are **complete in him**, which is **the head** of all principality and power:

11 In whom also ye are **circumcised** with the circumcision made without hands, in **putting off the body of the sins of the flesh** by the circumcision of Christ:

12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also **ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God**, who hath raised him from the dead.

13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he **quicken together with him**, **having forgiven you all trespasses;**

14 **Blotting out** the handwriting of ordinances **that was against us**, which was **contrary to us**, and **took it out of the way**, **nauling it to his cross;**

This is how you are made **free from sin**. You are **baptized in Jesus name** that the **body of sin may be destroyed** by the **circumcision of Christ**.

**Jesus told us we must repent.**

**Luke 13:3,5**

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**Jesus told us we must believe and be baptized.**

**Mark 16:16**

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

**Matthew 28:19**

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

**Jesus told his disciples what to do and revealed the name to them.**

**Luke 24:47**

47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

**The disciples were obedient and fulfilled both Matthew 28:19 and Luke 24:47.**

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**Colossians 3:17**

17 **And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.**

This would include the baptism. There are many false teachings that deny that this is the only way that you can be saved as this is the only way to be born again of water and of the Spirit as Jesus instructed Nicodemus in John 3:1-7.

What is Your Favorite Flavor of Writing Off Acts 2:38? Is it because of the false teaching of the trinitarian doctrine? Is it because you believe baptism is a work? Is it because you believe faith only means to believe without any accompanying works? Is it because you believe that you only have to believe to be saved? Is it because you believe you only have to repent and you are saved? Is it because you believe that baptism isn't for the remission of sins but because your sins were already forgiven upon repentance? Is it because you believe the Apostle's really didn't

baptize the people this way but it was a shortened form of Matthew 28:19? Is it because you believe the Apostle's didn't obey Jesus when he spoke Matthew 28:19? Is it because you believe the Apostle Peter and the Apostle Paul taught a different plan of salvation for the Jew and the Gentile?

This lack of doctrinal understanding will cause you to be lost and you will be forever separated from Jesus Christ in the lake of fire where the fire is never quenched, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, and no hope of ever escaping this righteous judgment of God. Even Israel was told, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." (Hos 4:6)

The knowledge was there and the truth was there but Israel chose a lack of knowledge because they rejected knowledge. The knowledge is here for you now and the truth is here for you now if you will not reject it!

The false teaching of the trinitarian doctrine can be proven historically and certainly Biblically. There are many ways to show the trinity false in the Bible. I will give a couple examples. "Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.**" (Lk 1:34-35) You can clearly see that it was the Holy Ghost that came upon the virgin Mary and if you believe the trinitarian doctrine that would make the Holy Ghost the Father of Jesus and not the Father. Another example: "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, **that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.** And these things write we unto you, **that your joy may be full.**" (1 Jn 1:3-4) If you believe the trinitarian doctrine then you can clearly see that for us to "have fellowship" as the disciples had, that they have instructed us that "truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." No mention of the Holy Ghost in this fellowship because there isn't a trinity and the trinitarian doctrine is a false tradition and teaching of men. This was told to us "**that your joy may be full.**"

Believing baptism is a work is a complete misunderstanding of grace, faith, and what takes place in the baptism in Jesus name which we were told was for the remission of our sins. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, **Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;**" (Titus 2:11-12) Faith operates by love. "For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; **but faith which worketh by love.**" (Gal 5:6) Jesus said, "**If ye love me, keep my commandments.**" (Jn 14:15) So to fulfill what the Apostle Paul spoke "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (Eph 2:8) You must then apply the process of each into the verse. Brackets inserted by me. "For by grace [which teaches us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world] are ye saved through faith; [which worketh by love.] and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:" (Eph 2:8) So if faith works by love, and Jesus said, If ye love me, keep my commandments; then you are saved by grace through obedient faith which works by love, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of grace given by God.

Believing faith only means to believe without any accompanying works is a misunderstanding that faith is not complete without acting upon what you believed. “But wilt thou know, O vain man, that **faith without works is dead**? Was not Abraham our father **justified by works**, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how **faith wrought with his works**, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how **that by works a man is justified**, and not by faith only. Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot **justified by works**, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.” (James 2:20-26)

Believing that you only have to believe to be saved is to reject and ignore the many scriptures that teach otherwise. Jesus said, “**I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.**” (Lk 13:3) “**Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**” (Mt 7:21-23)

Believing you only have to repent and you are saved is to reject and ignore the many scriptures that teach otherwise. “Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, **prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.**” (Acts 8:14-17) “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. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.**” (Acts 19:4-6) You can see clearly from these scriptures that you do not receive the Holy Ghost when you repent. “But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, **if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.**” (Rm 8:9)

Believing that baptism isn't for the remission of sins but because your sins were already forgiven upon repentance is to fail to realize what takes place when you are baptized in Jesus name where the circumcision of Christ takes place where you are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God. “In whom also ye are **circumcised** with the circumcision made without hands, in **putting off the body of the sins of the flesh** by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also **ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God**, who hath raised him from the dead.” (Col 2:11-12)

Believing the Apostle's really didn't baptize the people this way but it was a shortened form of Matthew 28:19 is Biblically refuted as the Apostle's understood that there isn't a trinity and to baptize in the name of Jesus Christ is to understand the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is Jesus. Jesus received his name by inheritance. “Being made so much better than the angels, as **he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.**” (Heb

1:4) Jesus himself tells us the name. **“I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.”** (Jn 5:43) **“I have manifested thy name** unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. **And I have declared unto them thy name,** and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, **and I in them.”** (Jn 17:6, 26) **“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter,** that he may abide with you for ever; **Even the Spirit of truth;** whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: **but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.** But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send **in my name,** he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” (Jn 14:16-18, 26)

Believing the Apostle's didn't obey Jesus when he spoke Matthew 28:19 is Biblically refuted as the Apostle's understood that there isn't a trinity and to baptize in the name of Jesus Christ is to understand the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is Jesus. **“Then opened he their understanding,** that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, **Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.** And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, **until ye be endued with power from on high.”** (Lk 24:45-49)

Believing the Apostle Peter and the Apostle Paul taught a different plan of salvation for the Jew and the Gentile is to believe that there is more than one gospel which is Biblically refuted. **“And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;”** (Eph 2:20) **“Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;”** (Heb 3:1) **“I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.** And it shall come to pass, **that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.”** (Deut 18:18-19)