

CANTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 19, 2023

We are happy to have you with us for worship today. Please come back at any opportunity you may have. We hope that you find your visit with us spiritually beneficial.

What Is The Correct Form Of Baptism?

*Our word "baptize" is transliterated from the original Greek word "**baptizo**", which means to immerse. All Bible dictionaries define the word "**baptizo**" only as immerse, dip or plunge. "Baptizo" does not mean sprinkle or pour. If our Lord had wanted people to be sprinkled, he would have inspired the New Testament writers to use the Greek word "**rhantizo**". If our Lord wanted people to be poured, He would inspired New Testament writers to use the Greek word "**katacheo**". He did not, so "**baptizo**" was used, which can only mean to immerse.*

*Let's look in the Bible to see how people were baptized. In John 3:23, we read, "Now John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, **because there was much water there.**" Why was John baptizing near Salim? "Because there was much water there". Scriptural baptism requires much water. In Mark 1:5 we read, "Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to Him, and were all baptized by him in the **Jordan River**". Why was John baptizing in the Jordan River? Could it be because there WAS much water there in a river?*

*Romans 6:4 says, "Therefore, we were **buried** with Him by baptism into death." Here we see that baptism is a burial, which is what is done when one is immersed. Sprinkling is not a burial; it is only sprinkling. Neither is pouring a burial. Both are unlawful substitutions made by man, which will cause many people to be lost. This man-made exception over the centuries became the man-made accepted practice when the Catholic Church at the Council of Ravenna in 1311 AD, legalized sprinkling for baptism, but without God's authority.*

Sprinkling for baptism is foreign to the scriptures. God did not authorize it. There is not one instance anywhere in the Bible where anyone was sprinkled for baptism. The person who was sprinkled or poured has refused to obey God whether willful or through ignorance. Sprinkling is without God's authority. There is no baptism in the absence of immersion. One who was sprinkled or poured has not been scripturally baptized. He still has every sin that he has ever committed and is still lost .

How to become a Christian

Hear Romans 10:17 **Believe** Mark 16:16 **Repent** Matt 4:17 **Confess** Romans 10:10 **Be Baptized (Immersed)** Acts 2:38

Prayer List

Tammy Veit, a coworker of Vicki Jackson, in the loss of her father who suffered a heart attack and died while rendering aid to her step mom who is in rehab after being hospitalized in serious condition.

Ray Hendrix as he had a CT scan Monday with good results. No cancer anywhere except his liver and the two tumors are not growing.

Gerald Merritt, Mark Scott's father has been diagnosed with cancer

Max Grist who is still dealing with various health issues

Julian Blackwell as his medical issue remains undiagnosed

Kacan McCall undiagnosed health issues

Gerald Chastain, the Scott's friend that has incurable cancer

Jennifer, a friend of Claudia Stone has stage 3 cancer and familial issues

Benjamin Stone as he has had cold and touch of pneumonia

One Liner Wisdom: TGIF --- Thank God I Am Forgiven

February Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Robert Stone 4th

Rhonda Scott 13th

Sara Thompson 18th

Nina Thompson 27th

Kyran Stone 27th

I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me, Let Us Go Into the House of the Lord Psalms 122:1

