

Why did He command that?

In Matthew 28, Jesus says, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (vs. 18-19). I wonder how those who believe that baptism is not necessary explain this direct command from our Savior? This passage is widely referred to as “The Great Commission.” In it, Christ is clear regarding “all authority” being His, and He is also clear about what He expects His disciples to do – teach them (men) and baptize them (for the remission of their sins). In verse 20, He instructs that “all things He has commanded be observed,” which would certainly be inclusive of the command for baptism.

Saul (the apostle Paul) saw the need to fulfill the command to be baptized when he was converted to the cause of Christ. After receiving instructions on the road to Damascus, being blinded, then receiving his sight back, he arises and is baptized (Acts 8:18, Acts 22:16).

May we at the Cleveland church of Christ assist you in obeying the gospel of Christ, baptizing you as Jesus commanded (Acts 2:38 & 22:16, Mark 16:16, Matthew 28:18-20)? Join us for worship. Visitors are welcome.