***HAVE YOU HEARD WHAT JESUS SAID***

John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God," is a foundational verse in the Gospel of John that introduces Jesus as the divine Word of God. It establishes Jesus's pre-existence, his relationship with God, and his divine nature. The Greek word "Logos," translated as "Word," has profound meaning, encompassing the idea of reason, principle, and divine expression.

Here's a more detailed explanation:

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This phrase echoes Genesis 1:1, drawing a connection between Jesus and the creation of the universe. It signifies that Jesus existed before creation, even before time itself.

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This refers to Jesus Christ, the divine Word of God, who is not merely a spoken word but the very essence of God's expression.

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This emphasizes the distinct yet inseparable relationship between the Word (Jesus) and God the Father. They are united in essence but distinct in personhood.

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This affirms Jesus's divinity, asserting that the Word is not a subordinate figure but is fully God, co-equal with the Father. This verse lays the groundwork for the Trinity, the belief that God is one being existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

In essence, John 1:1 declares that Jesus is the pre-existent, divine Word of God, who was with God in the beginning and is himself God. It sets the stage for the Gospel of John to reveal more about Jesus's nature and mission.

**Matthew 13:14**, part of Jesus' explanation of why he speaks in parables, says that in the case of the people, the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled: "'You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive.'”. This verse, referencing [Isaiah 6:9-10](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=e22de9d06ec1c45e&sxsrf=AE3TifNzZwnoUd5lj1nf0QHQiDFuPfBgqw%3A1748075869285&q=Isaiah+6%3A9-10&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiTs-qJ2ruNAxVUmbAFHdaGK5oQxccNegQIHBAB&mstk=AUtExfBMjqreSHHtJtqwoFcY7W9YG63QAr8eRpwKqXP3AoovoPlrqRPRggX2sUBPHycuR8X2u5KLt-vuTxbSFyvjARNpdI7aPsFj9cQLwKdnzSkImGulXEHvLE3l8TA9r7mhFTculldgf7jWi5W0QQ4eHKV4Dp8SYZ3073T-7qysf-2ac_vZyH6IlJHeXZ19X71fg4oJJ-YmIWkLp7lcAGpGdyFh46URkN-6QpKhS_aKQMl6h_Mgmf8Sr3G1PG5H9XxdopAyDtGUgURDMaEdUuG11EDH&csui=3), suggests that despite hearing and seeing Jesus' teachings and miracles, some people are unable to truly comprehend or appreciate their deeper meaning.

Elaboration:

* **Context:**

This verse comes from Jesus' explanation of why he uses parables to teach. He tells his disciples that they are privileged to understand the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, while the crowds are unable to fully grasp the meaning.

* [**Isaiah 6:9-10**](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=e22de9d06ec1c45e&sxsrf=AE3TifNzZwnoUd5lj1nf0QHQiDFuPfBgqw%3A1748075869285&q=Isaiah+6%3A9-10&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiTs-qJ2ruNAxVUmbAFHdaGK5oQxccNegQIbhAB&mstk=AUtExfBMjqreSHHtJtqwoFcY7W9YG63QAr8eRpwKqXP3AoovoPlrqRPRggX2sUBPHycuR8X2u5KLt-vuTxbSFyvjARNpdI7aPsFj9cQLwKdnzSkImGulXEHvLE3l8TA9r7mhFTculldgf7jWi5W0QQ4eHKV4Dp8SYZ3073T-7qysf-2ac_vZyH6IlJHeXZ19X71fg4oJJ-YmIWkLp7lcAGpGdyFh46URkN-6QpKhS_aKQMl6h_Mgmf8Sr3G1PG5H9XxdopAyDtGUgURDMaEdUuG11EDH&csui=3)**:**

The quote is taken from Isaiah, where the prophet prophesies that God will harden the hearts of the people, causing them to hear but not understand, and see but not perceive.

* **Spiritual Hardening:**

The verse suggests that some individuals have a spiritual hardening that prevents them from understanding the true meaning of Jesus' teachings and the significance of his miracles.

* **Fulfilled Prophecy:**

Jesus states that this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled in the people who are hearing him but not understanding.

Revelation 1:8 identifies Jesus as "the Alpha and the Omega," symbolizing the beginning and the end, and also as the one who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty. This verse emphasizes Jesus' eternal existence and sovereign power over all things.

Elaboration:

* [**Alpha and Omega**](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=73452592aa508339&hl=en&biw=1912&bih=954&sxsrf=AHTn8zrNojHf5jn9Jxkz52geItBB-ud45w%3A1746969786159&q=Alpha+and+Omega&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjKhqbMwZuNAxWnSDABHfOkPJQQxccNegQIMxAB&mstk=AUtExfBA4BubqFHdeYpQ2vk9r-mpI6S5MVESru4cYvvIXzI-1b27BHRX3-30ZPWapZ-JJMMQBMR2AhKIkop6MzsxquvsG4Tv-26Kq4mMymT5nyfRqwNGHKtTX5wppefBUPZWRbm-APM7NRRuV6mB5mBRBAmHk8ToLxrMC8p9gYw4ZxELRRaSiN16Q1yvYlKMUy8d--__Yu8RQUVGm5znxTlwIsdZ8XCdX-ao7ZsWM0vyvqjovbGf4YcdRiu7OxoYa5E0Z4Zk_GgcCuxdMTkpEukgmpQr&csui=3)**:**

These are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, representing the entirety or the whole. In this context, they signify that Jesus is the ultimate source and destination of all things.

* **"Who is, and who was, and who is to come":**

This phrase highlights Jesus' eternal and unchanging nature. He existed before the beginning of time, continues to exist now, and will continue to exist in the future.

* **"**[**Almighty**](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=73452592aa508339&hl=en&biw=1912&bih=954&sxsrf=AHTn8zrNojHf5jn9Jxkz52geItBB-ud45w%3A1746969786159&q=Almighty&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjKhqbMwZuNAxWnSDABHfOkPJQQxccNegUIhAEQAQ&mstk=AUtExfBA4BubqFHdeYpQ2vk9r-mpI6S5MVESru4cYvvIXzI-1b27BHRX3-30ZPWapZ-JJMMQBMR2AhKIkop6MzsxquvsG4Tv-26Kq4mMymT5nyfRqwNGHKtTX5wppefBUPZWRbm-APM7NRRuV6mB5mBRBAmHk8ToLxrMC8p9gYw4ZxELRRaSiN16Q1yvYlKMUy8d--__Yu8RQUVGm5znxTlwIsdZ8XCdX-ao7ZsWM0vyvqjovbGf4YcdRiu7OxoYa5E0Z4Zk_GgcCuxdMTkpEukgmpQr&csui=3)**":**

This title, a translation of the Greek word "pantokrator," emphasizes Jesus' absolute power and authority over all creation. He is the sovereign ruler of the universe, and nothing is beyond his control.

* **Implications:**

This verse assures believers that Jesus is the one who is in control of all of history, both past and future. He is the source of their strength and the one they can trust. He is also the one who will ultimately triumph over all evil and suffering.

***Matthew 24:35*** asserts that while "heaven and earth will pass away," Jesus' words "will not pass away". This emphasizes the enduring nature of God's Word and its timeless truth, contrasting it with the temporary nature of the physical world. It highlights the importance of focusing on what lasts forever, rather than fleeting earthly things.

Here's a more detailed explanation:

* **The Context:**

Jesus is addressing the disciples' questions about the end times and the destruction of the temple.

* **The Contrast:**

The verse contrasts the temporary nature of the physical world (heaven and earth) with the eternal nature of God's Word.

* **Emphasis on Permanence:**

The verse emphasizes that God's Word, including Jesus' teachings, will endure even when the physical world undergoes change or destruction.

* **Implication:**

This verse encourages believers to prioritize God's Word and its truths, recognizing that they are more enduring and valuable than earthly possessions or fleeting events.

* **Application:**

The verse encourages believers to study, meditate, and memorize God's Word, recognizing its enduring power and importance in their lives.

***John 19:30***When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head and gave up the ghost.

***Matthew 13:14-15***And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:**15**For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

***Matthew 10:1***And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

***Matthew 28:18-20*18**And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**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:**20**Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

***John 20:21-23*21**Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.**22**And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:**23**Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

***Acts 5:32*32**And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

***Matthew 27:45-46***Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.**46**And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

***John 21:10-20\*-23, Matthew 11:1-11***

***Amos 7:7-9 Isaiah 28:17***

***Joshua 23:1-***

Acts 4:12 states, "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." This verse emphasizes that salvation is only available through Jesus Christ and is the only way for humanity to receive God's grace and be saved. It highlights the unique and essential role of Jesus in the process of salvation, as he is the only path to God.

Explanation:

* **Context:**

The verse is spoken by Peter and John after they have been arrested and questioned by Jewish leaders for healing a lame man in Jesus' name.

* **Key Idea:**

The core message is that salvation, or the ability to be reconciled with God, is not attainable through any other person or method besides Jesus Christ.

* **Why Jesus:**

Peter and John are defending their actions and declaring that Jesus is the Messiah, the one who has been sent by God to save humanity.

* **Unique Role:**

This verse emphasizes that Jesus is unique and essential for salvation. He is not just one of many paths or ways, but the only way.

* **Not about Exclusion:**

While it might seem exclusive, the verse isn't about excluding people. It's about the unique power and authority that God has given to Jesus, which is necessary for humanity to experience salvation.

* **Call to Action:**

Peter and John, and by extension, the early church, were compelled to share this truth about Jesus, even in the face of opposition.

Revelation 21:8 describes the eternal fate of those who reject God and His offer of salvation. Specifically, it states that the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and liars will have their part in the lake of fire, which is the second death. This verse serves as a warning about the consequences of living in rebellion against God and refusing to embrace His grace.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

* **The Lake of Fire:**

This refers to a place of eternal punishment for those who have rejected God and His salvation. It is described as a place where fire and sulfur burn, symbolizing the eternal suffering and separation from God.

* **The Second Death:**

This refers to eternal separation from God and the cessation of existence in a state of blessedness. It is a final, irreversible judgment for those who have refused to repent and believe in Jesus Christ.

* **Those Condemned:**

The verse lists several categories of individuals who will face this fate:

* + **Cowardly:** Those who are afraid to fully embrace and commit to God, even if it means facing persecution or hardship.
	+ **Unbelieving:** Those who do not trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior or who reject the truth of the gospel.
	+ **Abominable:** Those who are morally corrupt and live in a manner that is hateful and repulsive to God.
	+ **Murderers:** Those who have committed acts of violence and taken the lives of others.
	+ **Sexually Immoral:** Those who engage in immoral sexual practices and disregard God's standards for sexual purity.
	+ **Sorcerers:** Those who practice witchcraft and engage in occult rituals.
	+ **Idolaters:** Those who worship false gods and idols instead of the true God.
	+ **Liars:** Those who habitually tell lies and deceive others.
* **Redemption:**

The verse is also a reminder of the possibility of redemption for those who choose to turn to God and embrace His offer of salvation. By believing in Jesus Christ, individuals can escape the fate described in Revelation 21:8 and experience eternal life in the New Jerusalem.

Revelation 13:8 states that "all those who dwell on the earth will worship the beast, those whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain from the foundation of the world." This verse highlights that those who refuse to worship Jesus Christ and are not part of his chosen people will instead bow to the [Antichrist](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=1dda3acef72a6239&sxsrf=AHTn8zpupAAAu0naeeU3ISxT8QYD1EPRyQ%3A1746365662563&q=Antichrist&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiH_NuH94mNAxUsTjABHS06Oj0QxccNegQIMBAB&mstk=AUtExfCanJKSofldnvb-7rss05yG4XZ_qjeOIHIfZS4TJ_gHIQwLFDyqNmY4fNShOllfwSAjK45U00pi9gA7Al9U7HFQwFhGgjRvjS2cb8hHaNjX6nBu5Ubc7fKgJZVj8CUKbY1b9oEhqPhwxdrztoJ-b_cNEa4m2nsuY7qwWnql10_gcGUCAhfhuUfurCqC2IqV1bBny-CMDMFsbVq6-r0XQJzsqTay4JR8Jwo911fzr5aa6oLgJdQZEIdUQnhSbL0ZpuwJL1_7ezU-ZhGjtDuvqNc9&csui=3) during the [tribulation period](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=1dda3acef72a6239&sxsrf=AHTn8zpupAAAu0naeeU3ISxT8QYD1EPRyQ%3A1746365662563&q=tribulation+period&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiH_NuH94mNAxUsTjABHS06Oj0QxccNegQIMBAC&mstk=AUtExfCanJKSofldnvb-7rss05yG4XZ_qjeOIHIfZS4TJ_gHIQwLFDyqNmY4fNShOllfwSAjK45U00pi9gA7Al9U7HFQwFhGgjRvjS2cb8hHaNjX6nBu5Ubc7fKgJZVj8CUKbY1b9oEhqPhwxdrztoJ-b_cNEa4m2nsuY7qwWnql10_gcGUCAhfhuUfurCqC2IqV1bBny-CMDMFsbVq6-r0XQJzsqTay4JR8Jwo911fzr5aa6oLgJdQZEIdUQnhSbL0ZpuwJL1_7ezU-ZhGjtDuvqNc9&csui=3).

Explanation:

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This refers to the vast majority of humanity who will not have a relationship with Jesus Christ.

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The "beast" represents the Antichrist, a powerful and deceitful leader who will be worshiped during the tribulation.

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This refers to those who are not part of God's elect, those who have not accepted Jesus Christ as their savior and have not had their names recorded in the heavenly record of those who will be saved.

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This refers to Jesus Christ, who, according to biblical doctrine, was the lamb sacrificed for the sins of mankind, and whose sacrifice was foreordained from before creation.

In essence, Revelation 13:8 emphasizes the contrast between those who worship the Antichrist and those who worship Jesus Christ, highlighting the consequences of choosing allegiance to one or the other during the tribulation period.

1 John 5:6 states, "This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth." This verse highlights the multiple ways Jesus's identity as the Son of God was manifested and attested to.

**Key points about 1 John 5:6:**

* **"Water and blood"**: This refers to the dual testimony of Jesus's baptism (water) and his death on the cross (blood).
* **Witness of the Spirit**: The Holy Spirit confirms Jesus's identity as God's Son.
* **Objective testimony**: The verse emphasizes that faith is not based on personal feelings or subjective experiences but on objective evidence and witnesses.

Elaboration:

* **Water**:

The water refers to Jesus's baptism by John the Baptist, where the Father's voice from heaven declared Jesus to be his beloved Son. Some also see it as a reference to the water that flowed from Jesus's pierced side during his crucifixion.

* **Blood**:

The blood symbolizes Jesus's sacrificial death on the cross, where his shed blood atoned for the sins of the world.

* **Spirit**:

The Holy Spirit is the truth, and he bears witness to Jesus's identity. This includes the internal witness of the Spirit in the hearts of believers, who are led to believe in Jesus through the power of the Spirit.

* **Multiple witnesses**:

The verse emphasizes the need for multiple witnesses to confirm a truth, a concept also found in Jewish tradition. By referencing the water, the blood, and the Spirit, John is establishing a strong foundation for belief in Jesus as the Son of God.

* **Implications**:

The verse highlights the importance of recognizing Jesus's dual nature as both human and divine and the need for faith in him. It also emphasizes the role of the Holy Spirit in leading believers to a true understanding of Jesus and his message.

**1 John 5:7**, particularly as it's rendered in the King James Version, states that "there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." This verse is often interpreted as a clear statement of the [Trinity](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=f32044857049ffb5&sxsrf=AHTn8zoc1i1YNQl--l6gHhEIf-D7ZKI7KA%3A1747996858534&q=Trinity&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiQ-sjes7mNAxWHQjABHXidABMQxccNegQILhAB&mstk=AUtExfBvW8NLMOEFIt0oMX-jJnXB3gSBqzTKSWNlRwGjfUFgNx72lEKU11qRd9YqhdB2efTjWnP5cwLE7lNoYEXnSLEq4UZfzBzELFaxR4UtGCJ_PJbzl4CKn6DnlUfR_zDLMcWwaXTtcxV_SkOtvuSYNNnFPKeLLZwLGMkV5ip8UWRojHiqAoPFP7zQrSLnhhkQh4bhHlPITN7von6iKXQ7Mo-auKe5e84T8a9y6VV8abIZUvz1UqtjV4OL6xt2sQ2T8Rw4EeddSwg5-Tn5g2BmbW_R&csui=3), a doctrine that asserts the unity of God in three distinct persons: the Father, the Son (Word), and the Holy Spirit. Many believe this verse provides biblical support for the Trinity, demonstrating the three-in-one nature of God.

However, it's important to note that some modern translations omit the phrase "in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one," as it's not found in the oldest and most reliable Greek manuscripts. This phrase, known as the [Johannine Comma](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=f32044857049ffb5&sxsrf=AHTn8zoc1i1YNQl--l6gHhEIf-D7ZKI7KA%3A1747996858534&q=Johannine+Comma&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiQ-sjes7mNAxWHQjABHXidABMQxccNegQIQRAB&mstk=AUtExfBvW8NLMOEFIt0oMX-jJnXB3gSBqzTKSWNlRwGjfUFgNx72lEKU11qRd9YqhdB2efTjWnP5cwLE7lNoYEXnSLEq4UZfzBzELFaxR4UtGCJ_PJbzl4CKn6DnlUfR_zDLMcWwaXTtcxV_SkOtvuSYNNnFPKeLLZwLGMkV5ip8UWRojHiqAoPFP7zQrSLnhhkQh4bhHlPITN7von6iKXQ7Mo-auKe5e84T8a9y6VV8abIZUvz1UqtjV4OL6xt2sQ2T8Rw4EeddSwg5-Tn5g2BmbW_R&csui=3), is a textual variant that has been debated among scholars and theologians.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

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The KJV version of 1 John 5:7, including the phrase about the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit, is a strong statement in favor of the Trinity.

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Modern translations often omit this phrase, citing a lack of support in the oldest Greek manuscripts. This suggests that the phrase may have been added later to the text.

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Even without the controversial phrase, the verse emphasizes the importance of the Father, the Son (Word), and the Holy Spirit, and their roles in testifying to Jesus's identity as the Son of God.

**[The Trinity:](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=f32044857049ffb5&sxsrf=AHTn8zoc1i1YNQl--l6gHhEIf-D7ZKI7KA%3A1747996858534&q=The+Trinity&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiQ-sjes7mNAxWHQjABHXidABMQxccNegUIgAEQAw&mstk=AUtExfBvW8NLMOEFIt0oMX-jJnXB3gSBqzTKSWNlRwGjfUFgNx72lEKU11qRd9YqhdB2efTjWnP5cwLE7lNoYEXnSLEq4UZfzBzELFaxR4UtGCJ_PJbzl4CKn6DnlUfR_zDLMcWwaXTtcxV_SkOtvuSYNNnFPKeLLZwLGMkV5ip8UWRojHiqAoPFP7zQrSLnhhkQh4bhHlPITN7von6iKXQ7Mo-auKe5e84T8a9y6VV8abIZUvz1UqtjV4OL6xt2sQ2T8Rw4EeddSwg5-Tn5g2BmbW_R&csui=3" \t "_blank)**

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The Trinity is a central doctrine in Christianity, asserting that God is one being who exists in three distinct persons: the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit.

**Matthew 28:19,** a key part of the Great Commission, instructs followers of Jesus to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This verse emphasizes the importance of spreading the Christian message, creating believers through teaching and baptism, and doing so in the name of the Trinity.

Elaboration:

* [**Discipleship**](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=495b9ab80c09e44b&cs=0&sxsrf=AHTn8zqlght3JkIHqsPNXGyrXXn-Q07uYw%3A1747996998290&q=Discipleship&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiQm5ShtLmNAxVmQzABHdRTK3IQxccNegQIEBAB&mstk=AUtExfBCfl9sJQ8vHHaIBHstsZjh3GLAyGOJrL9DFeGMND_M9EDHwX4HZ7BpocH58fhPS_sz6-PZ_kybwkfL9usRBflrSMiLTly4tHbcKlyzM-rJDO_aCiAcmxgNJxlsFLHwDwKu0wS_Kj5xilxe2YtFl_tCzFV3EOZHkBaE6cvmdAclZf08xMyCZGTXpVhPZk7BC_OlwotUaoQ3bZah-Hi5SPAy5jEt5uopfZKmsaeFkZ3IrvRNzdCscIpOFHc6naAVNJaLlY4XCWg_2GZ0lLlgwjiV&csui=3)**:**

The verse calls for making disciples, which involves teaching new believers to follow Jesus and live according to his teachings. Discipleship is a process of learning and growing in one's faith.

* [**Baptism**](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=495b9ab80c09e44b&cs=0&sxsrf=AHTn8zqlght3JkIHqsPNXGyrXXn-Q07uYw%3A1747996998290&q=Baptism&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiQm5ShtLmNAxVmQzABHdRTK3IQxccNegQIFRAB&mstk=AUtExfBCfl9sJQ8vHHaIBHstsZjh3GLAyGOJrL9DFeGMND_M9EDHwX4HZ7BpocH58fhPS_sz6-PZ_kybwkfL9usRBflrSMiLTly4tHbcKlyzM-rJDO_aCiAcmxgNJxlsFLHwDwKu0wS_Kj5xilxe2YtFl_tCzFV3EOZHkBaE6cvmdAclZf08xMyCZGTXpVhPZk7BC_OlwotUaoQ3bZah-Hi5SPAy5jEt5uopfZKmsaeFkZ3IrvRNzdCscIpOFHc6naAVNJaLlY4XCWg_2GZ0lLlgwjiV&csui=3)**:**

Baptism, as mentioned in Matthew 28:19, is a symbolic act of publicly committing to Jesus and his teachings. It represents death to the old self and a new life in Christ.

* [**Trinitarian Formula**](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=495b9ab80c09e44b&cs=0&sxsrf=AHTn8zqlght3JkIHqsPNXGyrXXn-Q07uYw%3A1747996998290&q=Trinitarian+Formula&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiQm5ShtLmNAxVmQzABHdRTK3IQxccNegQIEhAB&mstk=AUtExfBCfl9sJQ8vHHaIBHstsZjh3GLAyGOJrL9DFeGMND_M9EDHwX4HZ7BpocH58fhPS_sz6-PZ_kybwkfL9usRBflrSMiLTly4tHbcKlyzM-rJDO_aCiAcmxgNJxlsFLHwDwKu0wS_Kj5xilxe2YtFl_tCzFV3EOZHkBaE6cvmdAclZf08xMyCZGTXpVhPZk7BC_OlwotUaoQ3bZah-Hi5SPAy5jEt5uopfZKmsaeFkZ3IrvRNzdCscIpOFHc6naAVNJaLlY4XCWg_2GZ0lLlgwjiV&csui=3)**:**

The phrase "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" highlights the Trinitarian nature of God, emphasizing the Father, the Son (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit as distinct yet unified persons in one God.

* **Authority of Jesus:**

Jesus's statement in Matthew 28:19-20 is grounded in his authority over heaven and earth. He empowers his followers to carry out the Great Commission.

* **The Commission:**

The Great Commission, as outlined in Matthew 28:19-20, is a call to spread the Gospel, make disciples, and teach believers to follow all of Jesus's commandments.

* **Importance of Discipleship:**

Discipleship is not just about evangelism, but also about the ongoing process of learning, growing, and maturing in faith, which can lead to becoming teachers of Christ.

* **Not a One-Time Event:**

Discipleship is not a one-time event, but a lifelong commitment to learning, following, and growing in Christ.

* **Global Reach:**

The Great Commission calls for making disciples of all nations, emphasizing the global impact of spreading the Gospel.