

## “Were the Apostles Baptized? ”

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Not everything in the Bible is laid out in one neat sentence.

Sometimes, the Lord gives us a **line here and a line there**, a glimpse in one book and a confirmation in another.

And that’s not by accident.

The Bible says:

### **Isaiah 28:9–10 (KJV)**

“Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine?

them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.

For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept;

line upon line, line upon line;

here a little, and there a little:”

God designed His Word to **require study**.

Not just casual reading. Not just surface-level skimming.

But searching. Digging. Comparing scripture with scripture.

Because truth is not always found in a headline—

Sometimes, it's hidden in the **patterns**, in the **types and shadows**, in the **consistency of God's character**, and in the **obedience of His people**.

So when someone says, "Show me the exact verse where the apostles were baptized,"

We don't throw up our hands and say, "It's not there."

Instead, we **rightly divide the Word of truth**—

And we let scripture interpret scripture.

Because the Bible is not just a book of stories—

It is a spiritual puzzle, and when the pieces are fitted together, it reveals **one clear, undeniable doctrine**.

Many people have asked, "If baptism is so essential, then why doesn't the Bible clearly say that Peter, James, John, and the other apostles were baptized?"

It's a fair question.

We read in Acts 2:38 that Peter preached baptism as essential to salvation. We see throughout the book of Acts that every believer was baptized in the name of Jesus. Yet we don't find a single verse that says, "Peter was baptized," or "John was baptized in Jesus' name."

But just because the Bible doesn't list it explicitly, does that mean it didn't happen?

Let's walk slowly through the scriptures and see what's really there.

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### **John 1:35–37 (KJV)**

“Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;

And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.”

These two disciples—one of whom was **Andrew**—left John the Baptist and followed Jesus. Later in verse 41, Andrew finds his brother **Simon Peter** and brings him to Jesus.

That means **Andrew and Peter** were **originally disciples of John the Baptist**.

Now what did John the Baptist do?

### **Matthew 3:5–6 (KJV)**

“Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,

And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.”

John’s entire ministry was centered on **baptism unto repentance**. If Peter and Andrew were his disciples, and followed him before Jesus appeared, then they would have been **baptized by John**.

We also know **James and John** were close with Andrew and Peter—they were partners in fishing (Luke 5:10)—so it is highly likely that they too were baptized by John.

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### **John 3:22 (KJV)**

“After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judaea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized.”

### **John 4:1–2 (KJV)**

“When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John,

(Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)”

This is key: Jesus didn’t physically baptize people Himself, but His **disciples did**.

Now pause and think: Would Jesus let His disciples **baptize others** if they had **not first been baptized themselves**?

It's extremely unlikely.

Throughout scripture, the one doing the ministry is someone who has **first experienced** the thing themselves. You don't preach what you haven't obeyed. You don't baptize others while refusing baptism yourself. That would make them hypocrites, not apostles.

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### **Matthew 3:13–15 (KJV)**

“Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness...”

Jesus was sinless. He didn't *need* baptism. But He submitted to it anyway, as part of fulfilling righteousness.

If Jesus Himself was baptized, are we to believe that His disciples weren't?

If even Jesus—the spotless Lamb of God—walked into the water, how much more should His disciples have followed?

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### **Acts 2:38 (KJV)**

“Then Peter said unto them, 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.”

Peter didn’t say “some of you.” He said “**every one of you.**”

That includes himself.

It would be absolutely inconsistent for Peter to preach that **every person** needed to be baptized, while he and the rest of the apostles had not done it themselves.

The apostles not only believed in baptism, they practiced it, preached it, and built the foundation of the New Testament church upon it.

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### **Acts 1:21–22 (KJV)**

“Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

Beginning from the baptism of John...”

When the apostles were seeking someone to take Judas' place, they declared that the qualification was that he had been with them **since the baptism of John**.

That proves that the apostles had been involved from the very beginning—**when baptism was the very heart of John's message**.

This is strong evidence that they had been baptized during John's ministry and continued in Jesus' ministry of baptism.

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The apostles were not halfway Christians. They were **examples** to the church. They gave up everything. They were **filled with the Holy Ghost**. They **preached the Gospel without fear**. And they followed **everything Jesus commanded**.

### **Luke 6:40 (KJV)**

“The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.”

They followed their Master in **suffering**, in **preaching**, in **obedience**, and surely in **baptism**.

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That's a fair question.

Here's the answer: **The Bible does not record every personal detail** of every disciple.

Even in the Gospels, most of the focus is on Jesus—not the private experiences of the disciples.

As John wrote:

### **John 21:25 (KJV)**

“And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one,

I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written.”

The Bible gives us enough to believe, enough to obey, and enough to know truth. It may not tell us every moment of Peter's life, but it gives us more than enough to know that he followed Jesus fully—including baptism.

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Even if we didn't have the evidence above, we have this:

### **John 3:5 (KJV)**



“Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”

If **no one** can enter without being born of **water and Spirit**, then that includes **the apostles**.

They were baptized in water.

They were filled with the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

And they preached the very same to everyone who came after.

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Were the apostles baptized?

Absolutely. Scripture doesn't give us a play-by-play list, but it gives us overwhelming **evidence** and **pattern**:

- They followed John the Baptist
- They baptized others under Jesus
- They preached baptism as essential
- They were obedient to all righteousness
- They were filled with the Holy Ghost
- And they were with Jesus from the baptism of John until the Ascension

They were not exempt from obedience—they were the **first partakers of it**.

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If even the apostles needed to be baptized...

If Jesus Himself was baptized...

If everyone in the book of Acts was baptized in Jesus' name...

Then **you** must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.

And just as the apostles were filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues—you can be too.

The apostles didn't preach one Gospel and live another.

They obeyed the same Gospel they preached.

And we must do the same.