

G. K. WALLACE ON BAPTISMAL FORMULA

Now, last night, I repeatedly told you that Jesus told us what to do. He didn't tell us what to say. **There isn't a line where God told you what to say.** I asked him last night, **"Where did Jesus tell a man to say anything?"** I know what Jesus said do. In Matt. 28:19 Jesus said, "Go teach all nations baptizing into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." **That's what He said to do. What did He tell us to say?** What did he tell us to say? Now their whole system is built upon a priestly form. They take a man out in the water and the efficacy of the baptism is dependent upon what the preacher says. Not what he does, but what he says..... I picked up the book of Acts and I found three variations in describing what they did. **You can't find where they said anything.** Acts 2:38, they were baptized, "in the name of Jesus Christ." Acts 8:16, "in the name of the Lord." Acts 10:48, "in the name of the Lord." And then Acts 19:5, "in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ." There are three variations. I asked him which one of these phrases he called over a man. He did not answer.

Now, here's the point. **These are not formulas.** That's what they did. **On Pentecost the people were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. What did the preacher say while he baptized them?** Acts 8:16, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. What did the preacher say? You come up here and tell us what the preacher said, and read it. He said, "Oh, well, Brother Wallace, you think Matt. 28:19 is a formula." I never did say that was a formula. **There is no baptismal formula. None at all.** God told me what to do. **He didn't tell me what to say.** (Emp. Mine w.d.) (Wallace-Vaughn Debate, Pg. 114)