Mt 28:18-20

Baptism taught and practiced by Christ' authority

Baptism "them"...? Sinners? ... Saved?

- Division ("works" salv. "sect" grace)
- Importance (Christ' authority! Man's salvation!)

Baptize "Them"...? Mt 28:19

SINNER		BAPTISM		SAVED
Lk 19:10	Lost	1Pt 3:21	Saves	Saved
Eph 2:1	Dead	Rom 6:3,4	Raised to new life	Alive
Jn 8:24	Without Christ	Gal 3:27	Puts into Christ	Rela. with Christ Gal 3:29
Rom 3:9	Guilty of sin	Ac 22:16	Wash away sin	Justified

Commission (Mt 28:19) Applied - Acts

BEFORE		BAPTISM	AFTER	
Ac 2:37	Pierced to heart	vv 38,41	vv 42-46	Worshipping, rejoicing
Ac 8:30,31	Confused, searching	vv 35-38	v 39	Rejoicing
Ac 9:9	Mourning, fasting	v 18	v 19	Eating, relieved
Ac 16:27-30	Distraught, tremble	vv 31-33	v 34	Rejoiced greatly

Why such a difference AFTER baptism if one is saved BEFORE and WITHOUT it?

Baptize "disciples" (Mt 28:19)



Infants	Responsible adults	
Ignorant	Taught	
Impenitent	Penitent	
Sacrament	Personal commitment	

"All authority ... Teaching them to observe all that I commanded you..."

Sometimes religion more concerned about the form (proper words, place, clothes) and administrator (ordained) than Who for, Why done, Implication about life.

Mt 28:18-20 Were YOU baptized by the authority of *Christ* or *Man* ...??