

WHAT ABOUT GROUPS THAT BAPTISE IN THE NAME OF JESUS ONLY?

It could be argued that since Jesus said to baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, he meant in their authority and not to suggest what wording should be used. If I ask junior staff to talk to a client in my name I do not mean they have to say they are me. Jesus didn't say any words needed to be said.

You get the impression from Acts that baptism should be performed in the name of Jesus. Acts wasn't saying about baptism in the name of Jesus for brevity – Acts never worried about brevity. If words are needed then baptism must be done with this wording, “I baptise you in the name of Jesus”, and not, “I baptise you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.”

The latter wording can be used by a non-believer in Jesus who believes God is three people Father, Son and Spirit. Jesus and God the Son are not necessarily the same person. The Church says that if there had never been a Jesus there would still have been a God the Son.

Catholic baptism is invalid, for assuming Jesus commanded water baptism, it has to be done in his name only.

