

Did you know the oldest recorded pickle recipe dates back to 200BC!

Nicander, a Greek poet and doctor writes in order to make a pickle, the vegetable should first be ‘dipped’ (bapto) into boiling water and then ‘baptized’ (baptizo) in the vinegar solution. Both verbs concern the immersing of vegetables in a solution. But the first is temporary. The second, the act of baptizing the vegetable, produces a permanent change. When used in the New Testament, this word “baptized” more often refers to our union and identification with Christ than to our water baptism.

‘He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.’ Mark 16:16

There must be a union with Jesus, a real change!

Read the story of John the Baptist Matthew Chapter 3

John the Baptist called the people to repent that they might washed from their sins. Those who obeyed came “confessing their sins.” Look up Matt. 28:19, and read what Jesus said about entering the Kingdom and “baptism”. _____

Baptism is to be undergone by believers, witnessing to their identification with Him in death, burial and resurrection.

Read Acts 19:5; Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:27; Gal. 2:12. Talk about what these verses say about our identity in Christ.

The phrase in Matt. 28:19, “baptizing them into (or in) the Name” would indicate that the “baptized” person was closely bound to, or became the property of, the one into whose name he was “baptized.”

