

Doctrine and Covenants

Section 20

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Old covenants are done away-Baptism by authority in the new and everlasting covenant

D&C 20:1a Behold, I say unto you, that all old covenants have I caused to be done away in this thing; and this is a new and everlasting covenant, even that which was from the beginning.

D&C 20:1b Wherefore, although a man should be baptized a hundred times, it availeth him nothing; for you cannot enter in at the strait gate by the law of Moses, neither by your dead works;

D&C 20:1c for it is because of your dead works that I have caused this last covenant and this church to be built up unto me, even as in days of old.

D&C 20:1d Wherefore, enter ye in at the gate as I have commanded, and seek not to counsel your God. Amen.