- C. The proper translation "into the name" reveals that water immersion represents the believer being baptized or placed into the name of YHVH. Also it meant that the believer became attached to YHVH.
- D. The proper translation "into the name" makes the following scripture reference to baptism to be synonymous in meaning.
  - 1. "baptizing them <u>into</u> the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 28:19)
  - 2. "baptized into the name of Jesus (Yeshua)" (Acts 2:38, 8:16, 10:48, 19:5)
  - 3. "baptized into Jesus (Yeshua)" (Rom. 6:3)
- E. To be immersed into the name of is the same as being immersed into person.
- F. Being immersed into the name of YHVH is the same as being immersed into the name of Yeshua, and it is the same as being immersed into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is YHVH. Yeshua is an extension of the name YHVH meaning YHVH is salvation. God has only one proper name -YHVH. When believers are immersed into Yeshua they are simultaneously immersed into the Father and the Holy Spirit.
- G. Only the physical act of water immersion is significant. The declaration of a baptismal formula has no biblical foundation. Use of a formula is not prohibited by scripture as long as it is understood that the formula is not greater than the physical act of water immersion.
- H. In ancient times the convert immersed themselves in water withour a formula.

## V. Methods of Water Immersion

- A. Literal Immersion full body submersion under the water
- B. Sprinkling A tradition developed from not having enough water for a complete body submersion.
- C. Pouring A tradition developed from not having enough water for a complete body submersion.