

The Teachings of Baptisms

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. 3 And this we will do if God permits. Heb 6:1-3

As one carefully sifts through the NT there are five baptism described. In the order in which they were introduced they are:

1. The Baptism of John. Matthew 3:6-13; 21:25 Mark 1:4ff

*But He answered and said to them, I also will ask you one thing, and answer Me: 4 The **baptism of John**-- was it from heaven or from men? Luke 20:3-4*

2. Holy Spirit Baptism Matthew 3:11;

*I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, Upon whom you see the Spirit DESCENDING, and remaining on Him, this is He who **baptizes with the Holy Spirit**. 34 And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God. John 1:33-34*

3. Baptism of Fire Matthew 3:11

*John answered, saying to all, I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will **baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire**. 17 His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire. Lk 3:16-17*

4. Baptism of Suffering Luke 12:50

*But Jesus said to them, You do not know what you ask. Can you drink the cup that I drink, and **be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with**? 39 They said to Him, We are able. So Jesus said to them, You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; Mk 10:38-39*

*"But **I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished!** Lk 12:50*

5. Baptism in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Mt 28:19

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. Matt 28:18-20

Today there is but ONE baptism!

*There is **one body** and **one Spirit**, just as you were called in **one hope** of your calling; 5 **one Lord, one faith, one baptism**; 6 **one God** and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. Eph 4:4-6*

This passage was written while Paul was in prison in Rome. So by the time of that writing all other baptism were either in the past: (1) John's baptism(Acts 19:1-5); (2) The baptism of the Holy Spirit (3)Jesus baptism into suffering. Or they were in the future: (4) The baptism of fire when thrown into the lake of fire(Rev 20:14-15).

This left the baptism Jesus told His apostles to use until the end of the age.

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Acts 8:36-38 The Eunuch was baptized in **water**.
Eph 5:25 Church sanctified by washing of **water**.
I Pet 3:20-21 The **water** of baptism now saves us.
Heb 10:22 Our bodies were washed with pure **water**.
John 3:3-5 Born of **water** and the Spirit to enter kingdom.

The one baptism, The baptism in the name of Jesus Christ is water baptism. Therefore, anytime the word is used and it is unqualified, this is the baptism under consideration. When it is Holy Spirit baptism, God calls it such.

1. Baptism **in the name of Jesus Christ** is for remission of sins and to receive gift of the Holy Spirit.

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit Acts 2:38

2. The Samaritans were baptized **in the name of the Lord Jesus** but did not receive any miraculous abilities from the Holy Spirit as he had not yet fallen on any of them. Acts 8:12-16

But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized. 13 Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done. 14 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, 15 who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. 16 For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. 18 And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, 19 saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit." Acts 8:12-19

3. Philip preached Jesus to the Eunuch and when he saw water and he asked to be baptized. Instead of correcting him, Philip stopped the chariot, they both went into the water and Philip baptized him.

Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. 36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" 37 Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." 38 So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. 39 Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. Acts 8:35-38

4. When Peter saw that the Gentiles were baptized with the Holy Spirit as they had been at the beginning, he commanded them to be baptized in water **in the name of the Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins.

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. 45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, 47 "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days. Acts 10:44-48