

## THE DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS

(Modified from Joe Price)

Intro.

1. **Heb. 6:1-3:** Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits.
2. **Common view:** "It will be observed that the plural form is used here--baptisms. There are two baptisms whose necessity is taught by the Christian religion--baptism by water, and by the Holy Ghost: the first of which is an emblem of the second." (Barnes Notes, Hebrews, 126)
3. BUT: **Acts 8:12-17** - Water baptism was before they received H.S.!
4. Study the Bible doctrine of baptisms.

### I. BIBLE BAPTISMS.

A. Baptism into Moses -

**1 Cor. 10:2** and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,

B. Baptism of John - Acts 1:5; 19:3-4

**Acts 1:5**

for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

**Acts 19:3-4**

And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." [4] And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus."

C. Baptism of the Holy Spirit - Matt. 3:11

Matthew 3:11

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

D. Baptism of fire - Matt. 3:11

E. Baptism of suffering -

Matthew 20:22-23

Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." [23] He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

F. Baptism for the dead - 1 Cor. 15:29

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Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf?

G. Baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus - Acts 19:5

**Acts 19:5** On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

H. Soccer ("...there is one baptism..." - Eph. 4:5. Which one shall we choose?)

**Ephes. 4:5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

I. Two is ONE too many!

J. None is ONE too few!

K. ONE is just right! WHICH ONE?

## II. **ONE BAPTISM: WATER OF HOLY SPIRIT? (Eph. 4:5)**

A. One that is for all people - Matt. 28:19

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

B. One that follows faith in Christ - Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 8:36-38

Mark 16:16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

**Acts 8:36-38** And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

C. One that saves the lost - 1 Pet. 3:21; Acts 2:38; 22:16

**1 Peter 3:21**

Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

**Acts 2:38**

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 2:16**

But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

D. One that is in the name of the Lord Jesus - Acts 10:48

**Acts 10:48**

And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

E. One that brings the sinner into contact with the death of Christ - Rom. 6:3-4

**Romans 6:3-4**

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? [4] We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

F. One by which we put on Christ - Gal. 3:27

**Galatians 3:27** For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

G. One by which we are buried with Christ - Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:4

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having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Romans 6:4

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H. One that continues until the return of Christ - Matt. 28:19-20 ( Water Baptism! - Acts 10:47-48

**Matthew 28:19-20** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

**Acts 10:47-48** "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

### III. HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM vs. GREAT COMMISSION BAPTISM.

A. Administered:

1. **HS: By Christ** - Matt. 3:11; Mk. 1:7-8; Lk. 3:16; Jno. 1:33; Acts 2:32-33

**Matthew 3:11**

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

### **Luke 3:16**

John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

### **John 1:33**

I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

### **Acts 2:32-33**

This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. [33] Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

2. **GC: By men** - Matt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 8:36-38

### **Acts 8:36-38**

And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?"

[37] [38] And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

## B. Promise or Command?

1. **HS: Promise to apostles** - Jno. 16:12-14; Lk. 24:48-49; Acts 1:1-5, 8
2. **GC: Command to all who believe** - Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 2:38-39; 8:36-38

C. Received or Obeyed?

1. HS: Promise to be received - Lk. 24:49; Acts 1:4-5, 8

Luke 24:49

And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Acts 1:4-5

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; [5] for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

2. GC: Command to be obeyed - Acts 10:48; Rom. 6:17-18

**Acts 10:48**

And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

**Romans 6:17-18**

But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, [18] and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

D. Accompanied By:

1. HS: Miraculous powers - Acts 2:1-4; 10:44-46

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. [2] And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. [3] And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. [4] And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 10:44-46

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. [45] And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. [46] For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared,

2. GC: Not accompanied by miraculous signs - Acts 8:12-17

**Acts 8:12-17**

But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. [13] Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed.

[14] Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, [15] who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, [16] for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. [17] Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

E. Purpose:

1. **HS: Revelation (Jno. 14:26; 16:13) & confirmation**  
(Acts 11:15-18; 15:6-9)

John 14:26

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

John 16:13

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

### **Acts 11:15-18**

As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. [16] And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' [17] If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" [18] When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

### Acts 15:6-9

The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. [7] And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. [8] And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, [9] and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith.

2. **GC: For salvation** - Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21

#### F. Duration:

1. HS: Ceased in first century - Eph. 4:5
  - a. One Spirit, one Baptizime
2. GC: Continues until Christ returns - Matt. 28:18-20

### **Conclusion** **until the end of age...**

- 1. Christ calls you to believe & be baptized to be saved - Mk. 16:16.**
- 2. Do not refuse Him who speaks! (Heb. 12:25)??**

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