

# The Doctrine of Baptisms

Hebrews 6:1-3

Therefore, leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,<sup>2</sup> Of the **doctrine of baptisms**, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

Notice the term is plural – more than one

1. Baptism of John
2. Christian Baptism
3. Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Greek word for baptism is literally immersion – the idea of going fully into water, going under the water and coming out of the water fully immersed.

## The Baptism of John – Mark 1:2-5

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way,<sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare<sup>[c]</sup> the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”

<sup>4</sup> John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

- John’s baptism was preparing the way for the Messiah to come
- John’s baptism was of repentance for the forgiveness of sins
- John’s baptism was impacting Judea and Jerusalem
- John’s baptism require confession of sin

Note: God sent Jesus after there was a spiritual awakening that began with repentance and confession of sin.

John’s ministry ended one dispensation (Law and the Prophets) and began a second dispensation (Grace and the Gospel) He prepared the way for Messiah to come

John was technically the last prophet of the Old Testament Matthew 11:1-13

John’s baptism required:

1. Repentance
2. Public confession of sin
3. Evidence of a changed life - Note Matthew 3:7-9

Note: baptism followed repentance, it did not cause repentance but was rather the seal of affirming one's repentance.

#### Limitations of John's baptism

1. Did not produce the new birth
2. After Pentecost the baptism of John was no longer adequate – Acts 19:1-5

#### Christian Baptism – Matthew 3:13-17

- The Father – spoke
- The Spirit descended
- The Son obeyed to fulfill all righteousness

Not a baptism for forgiveness of sin – Jesus had no sin to repent of

Was to fulfill righteousness – in Jesus we have been acquitted, declared not guilty, we have peace with God.

Baptism follows belief in Jesus Christ as savior and accepting His death on the cross for our sins.

Mark 16: 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved

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

Romans 6 – death, burial and resurrection

Acts 2:38 – what must we do? –

Urgency of Baptism as a response to faith and believing on Jesus for salvation

Acts 2 – 3000

Acts 8 – Ethiopian Eunuch

Acts 10 – Gentile believers

Acts 16 – Philippian jailer and his family

Three Renunciations

Three Affirmations

#### Two Old Testament References to Baptism

1. Noah's Ark – way of escape from judgment – entered new life
2. Red Sea – way of escape from Pharaoh – entered new life

#### **The Baptism In the Holy Spirit**

- John the Baptist – All Four Gospels
- The Promise of the Father - Luke 24:46-53

#### **Two Sundays**

**Resurrection Sunday – John 20:19-22** On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews,<sup>[c]</sup> Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands

and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

- They received divine breath that gives life and salvation.
- They received eternal life.
- They received authority to forgive sins.
- They moved from death to life.
- Romans 10:9,10 – confess, believe, saved.
- Jesus breathed His new life into them, just as God breathed new life into Adam Gen. 2:7
- They received the Holy Spirit for salvation and new life.
- They were victorious over sin (forgiven), Satan (delivered from penalty of sin) and death (eternal life).
- This was wonder but incomplete:
  - No real direction – Peter went fishing.
  - No impact on Jerusalem – they were the temple daily, but no ministry.
  - No power – they were to tarry and wait until they received more. (Acts 1:4-8).

#### **Pentecost Sunday (49 days later, 10 days after the Ascension)**

- Promise of the Father Fulfilled
- Acts 2:1-4
- Mighty rushing wind – audible
- Flaming tongues of fire – visible and audible
- Speaking in other tongues – visible and audible
- All received – Spirit is for everyone.
- Spirit came down from above and descended (drenched completely) the disciples.
- The overflow was a supernatural language, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
- Matthew 12:34 – out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.
- Disciples received supernatural power.
- Disciples received boldness to witness.
- Disciples were released into apostolic ministry (signs and wonders).
- Disciples received insight into scripture – Peter reference to Joel.
- Immediate impact on Jerusalem
- Was manifest to others – 9 o'clock in the morning.
- 3000 became believers.
- Transformation – signs, wonders, generosity, prayer, breaking bread, fellowship, study

## **RESURRECTION SUNDAY**

Resurrected Jesus  
Spirit of God imparted/breath  
Result: Life

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Ascended and Glorified Jesus  
Spirit of God Poured Out – visible/audible.  
Result: Power

### **How To Receive the Holy Spirit**

- **Luke 11: 11-13**      **ASK.**      What father among you, if his son asks for<sup>[d]</sup> a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup> or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”
- **John 7 37-39**      **THIRST**      In the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as<sup>[f]</sup> the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” <sup>39</sup> Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.
- **Luke 3:16**      **COME TO THE BAPTIZER; JESUS**      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 fire.

### **4 SIMPLE STEPS**

1. Be Thirsty
2. Come to the Baptizer.
3. Drink
4. Release the overflow - supernatural inflow of the Spirit produces a Supernatural outflow praise.