



FUNDAMENTAL GRACE BIBLE STUDY

Galatians

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Lesson 15: Chapter 3:26-4:7

Baptized Into the Body of Christ

1. Review

- a. Paul has already addressed the crucified & quickened position in Christ by faith (Gal2:19-21)
- b. Ch. 3 addresses dispensationally how Gentiles now have access to God by the Spirit – Gal3:14
- c. By providing God's dispensational function of the law, he reveals the mystery of Christ – Eph1-3:6
- d. Through the mystery, Paul teaches change in standing: "*children*"-->"*sons*", "*servants*"-->"*heirs*"

2. 3:26 – Children of God

- a. Terminology in the coming verses: *children, sons, heirs* (i.e. *known* of God)
- b. Adam was the 1st in flesh, sinned...all after were "*children of Adam*" – Rom5:12; 1Cor15:22
- c. Christ is the predestined means God will redeem peculiar people to himself – Ti2:14; Cf. 1Pe2:9
- d. Fathers have children by birth or adoption: Israel & Body of Christ are different, yet both children
 - i. God's whole family consists of **two** entities: 1) in heaven, 2) and earth – Eph3:15
 - ii. All subject to Law of faith (just. by faith) for access to God's house – Rom3:27; Eph2:19
- e. Standing: "*children of God...by faith*" our relation to God by the Son – Rom5:1,2; Cf. Heb12:5-8

3. 3:27 – Membership in the Body of Christ

- a. By faith..."*baptized into Christ*" = "*put on Christ*" = "*child of God*" = "*justified*" = "*eternal life*"
- b. Many "*churches*" wrongly require water baptism, etc. to gain "*membership*"
- c. There are at least 11 baptisms in the Bible (see below): Which is Paul referring to?
- d. The Spirit baptism, crucifies & quickens into the body of Christ – 1Cor12:13; Rom6:4; Col2:12
- e. "*have put on Christ*" speaks of clothing; complete position into perpetuity – Col2:9-15
- f. Man brought sin, nakedness; God graciously clothed, removed & awaited fulfilment – Gen3:6-24
- g. Before the world began, God purposed life through the body of Christ – 2Tim1:1,9,10
- h. Standing: we have put on Christ, but await our final clothing – Rom8:22,23; 2Cor5:1-8
- i. Members of the body of Christ will be conformed to Christ's image – Rom8:29; 1Cor15:49-56

4. 3:28 – Unity in the Body of Christ

- a. "*ye are all one in Christ*" speaks of unity in the one new man (Eph2:15), the body of Christ:
- b. Jesus spoke of Jew/Gentile (Mt10:5;15:26), but had Paul speak to both about "*neither*"
- c. The mystery body of Christ is an entirely new creature (2Cor5:17):
 - i. "*neither Jew nor Greek*" = no distinction of nationality – Cf. 1Pe2:9
 - ii. "*circumcision nor uncircumcision*" but a new creature – Rom15:8; Cf. Gal6:15
 - iii. "*...bond nor free*" = no distinction of servitude – Col3:11
 - iv. "*...male nor female*" = no positional distinction of gender
- d. Our common union is the body, blood & Spirit of Christ – 1Cor10:16,17; 12:13,14; Rom8:9

5. 3:29-4:7 – Inheritance in the Body of Christ

- a. "*tutors and governors until...*" illustration of heirs appointed to instruction for a time
- b. "*even so we, when we were children*" Paul's focus turns to the Galatians' earthly conversation
- c. "*were in bondage under the elements of the world*" course of an evil world – Eph2:1-3; Gal1:4
- d. Satan is god & natural men in bondage by the spirit of the world – 2Cor4:4; 1Cor2:12; Rom8:15
- e. We live between the "*fulness of the time*" sending Christ to redeem & "*dispensation of the fulness of times*" all things gathered together in Christ – Gal3:4; Eph1:9,10; Cf. 2Cor5:17-21
- f. Paul prays we would be spiritually enlightened to our inheritance – Eph1:15-19; 2:5-7; Col1:27
- g. "*adoption of sons*" ...members of the Head by receipt of the Spirit – Eph1:3-7,11-14,22,23
- h. Our glorification will occur at the appearing of Jesus Christ – Col3:4; 2Tim4:8; Ti2:13



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11 Baptisms in the Bible

Which one do you need?

*“There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, **ONE baptism...**” – Ephesians 4:4-5*

Introduction: The Bible presents baptism as a part of God’s plan and purpose. Therefore, it is of great importance that we square up and get engaged in understanding its role and our response to what God’s word says about its importance to the believer *today*.

Biblical Definition: Immersion for the sake of identification. Baptism does **NOT** always mean water is involved...

Biblical Stats:
Baptism mentioned 23x in the NT
Baptize(d) mentioned 59x in the NT

Purpose: Comparing scripture with scripture to define the term “*baptism*”, identify eleven (11) types of baptisms found in scripture, and then determine the one baptism that is needed today.

Note: If you get nothing more from this study, understand this...In this dispensation of God’s grace, the person that trusts Jesus Christ’s (God manifest in the flesh) finished work on Calvary’s cross as payment for their sins and his resurrection for their eternal life (not of works) are then baptized by the Holy Spirit into Christ’s body and sealed eternally. Water baptism has no saving value, nor is our pattern of ministry for today. (1Cor15:1-4, 12:13, Eph1:12-14, 2:8-9, Rom4:4-5, 4:25, Eph5:30, 1:6, Col2:8-15)

1. Israel’s National Baptism (Dry)

- a. Israel was baptized unto Moses; however, they crossed on dry ground – 1Cor10:1,2; Ex14:19-31
- b. The only people that were water baptized here were the Egyptians

2. Israel’s Ceremonial Washings (Wet)

- a. These were carnal ordinances under the first (old) testament – Heb9:10, Ex40:12

3. Israel’s Baptism of Repentance (Wet)

- a. John the Baptist begins the ministry of baptism for remission of sins – Luke3:3, Mark1:4,5

4. Christ’s Baptism with Sinful Israel (Wet)

- a. Jesus submits to John’s baptism to identify with sinful Israel and fulfill all righteousness – Mt3:13-15

5. Holy Ghost Baptism (Dry)

- a. Prophesied event for the New Testament remnant believers – Acts2:4,16; Jer31:31, Eze36:26
- b. Incorrectly taught as the birthday of the church the body of Christ (began w/ conversion of Saul)

6. Fire Baptism (Dry)

- a. Unbelievers receive judgment poured out by God on the earth – Mt3:10-12

7. Christ’s Death Baptism (Dry)

- a. Christ was baptized twice! Which one are you to follow him in? – Luke12:50

8. Noah’s Flood Baptism (Dry)

- a. Eight (8) souls saved by getting in the ark – 1Pet3:18-21

9. Pentecostal Water Baptism (Wet)

- a. Peter preaches John’s baptism of repentance in Acts 2:38 bringing the gift of the Holy Ghost

10. Martyr’s Baptism (aka Mormon Baptism) (Dry)

- a. Incorrectly taught as baptism for those that died in unbelief – 1Cor15:29
- b. The context regards the resurrection: The act of dying for the faith is of no value if the dead rise not

11. Spirit Baptism INTO Christ (Dry)

- a. The Holy Spirit baptizes the believer into Christ’s death – 1Cor12:13, Gal3:28, Col2:12, Rom6:3-4
- b. This is the one baptism Paul refers to, and properly identifies us with Christ’s death & resurrection
- c. This dry baptism by the Spirit places us in Christ’s body, the church.



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BAPTIZER <i>Baptized of or by whom?</i>	ELEMENT <i>Baptized with or into what?</i>	FUNCTION <i>Baptized unto what?</i>	Verses
John the Baptist	Water	Repentance/Remission of Sins	Matt3:11, Mark1:4, Luke3:3, Acts2:38
Jesus	Holy Ghost	Promise/Power	Matt3:11, Luke24:49, Acts1:4-8, 2:1-4
Jesus	Fire	Judgment	Matt3:11-12, Luke3:16
Romans / Jews	Cross	Death/Sin	Luke12:50
Spirit	Christ/Cross	Death/Resurrection/Life	1Cor12:13, Rom6:3-5, Gal3:27, Eph4:5, Col2:12