



FUNDAMENTAL GRACE BIBLE STUDY

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)

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

2. Israel’s Ceremonial Washings (Wet)

- These were carnal ordinances under the first (old) testament – Heb6:1-2, 9:10, Ex40:12

3. Israel’s Baptism of Repentance (Wet)

- 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)

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

5. Holy Ghost Baptism (Dry)

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

6. Fire Baptism (Dry)

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

7. Christ’s Death Baptism (Dry)

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

8. Noah’s Flood Baptism (Dry) | Peter’s Water Baptism (Wet)

- Eight (8) souls saved by getting in the ark – 1Pet3:18-21
- Peter references water baptism, as efficacious for conscience

9. Pentecostal Water Baptism (Wet)

- 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)

- Incorrectly taught as baptism for those that died in unbelief – 1Cor15:29
- 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)

- The Holy Spirit baptizes the believer into Christ’s death – 1Cor12:13, Gal3:28, Col2:12, Rom6:3-4
- This is the one baptism Paul refers to, and properly identifies us with Christ’s death & resurrection
- 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 |