



DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS

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Hebrews 6:1 is the basis for the treating all baptisms as a “doctrine.” Therefore, the purpose of this study lesson is to understand the special emphasis which has been placed on each kind of baptism, as recorded for us in the Bible. The Greek word for “baptismo” means to “to identify with.” Substitute this meaning each time you read the word “baptism” during your study of the seven baptisms.

I. BAPTISM OF JOHN

1. What is the basis of John’s baptism? (Mark 1:4,5 and Luke 3:3)

2. The Old Testament concept of baptism was based upon what ‘action’ of the water? (Psalm 51:2,7)

3. John’s baptism was really a transition from the “old” to the “new” because Paul tells (in Acts 19:3,4) that John added a new “ingredient” to the traditional O.T. baptism. What was this new “ingredient?”

II. NEW TESTAMENT BAPTISM

4. Would you agree that immersion in water is inferred from the following scriptures? (Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Acts 8:36-38)

5. If full immersion in water is the method of the N.T. baptism, then we can see a new meaning to this ordinance. The new meaning actually has two parts - the going under the water and the coming out of the water. What is the meaning of being submerged in water? (Romans 6:3,4; Colossians 2:12)

6. What is the meaning of coming out of the water? (Romans 6:4,5; Colossians 2:12)

6. What condition must be met by a person before he/she can be baptized?
(Acts 8:37)

7. How old was Christ when He was baptized? (Luke 3:21-23)

8. How old must a person be to be baptized?
(Acts 2:37,38; 2:41; 8:12; 18:8)

III. BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

9. The promise of the Holy Spirit was given 800 years before the birth of Jesus. Who was to receive the promise of the Holy Spirit?
(Isaiah 44:3; Joel 2:28,29)

10. Who does the baptizing? (Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33)

11. When the Holy Spirit was first given to the N.T. church, what evidence was there that this was the work of the Holy Spirit? (Acts 2:1-4)

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(3) _____

12. Were the apostles given the Holy Spirit prior to the day of Pentecost?
(John 20:22)

13. When did Jesus say that they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit?
(Acts 1:3-5)

14. Jesus was crucified during the feast of the Passover. The feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was first given to the N.T. church, was how many days after the feast of the Passover? (Leviticus 23:15,16)

15. What is one of the things that the Holy Spirit does?
(1 Corinthians 12:8-11)
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16. Why does the Holy Spirit give spiritual gifts? (1 Corinthians 12:7)
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17. Is there a N.T. commandment that you should be filled with the Holy Spirit?
(Ephesians 5:18)
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18. What must you do to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit? (Luke 11:9-13)
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IV. BAPTISM INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST

19. This baptism forms the spiritual body of Christ by uniting believers to Christ, the risen and glorified Head, and to each other. Who is the one that baptizes us into the body of Christ? (1 Corinthians 12:12-14)
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20. This relationship with Christ and with all other believers makes us the true descendants of whom? (Galatians 3:26,29)
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V. BAPTISM UNTO MOSES

21. This baptism was a forerunner of the N.T. baptism because the concept of being immersed and then coming up out of the water was present. What did the water represent into which the people were “immersed” and “came out of?” (1 Corinthians 10:1-4)
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VI. BAPTISM UNTO SUFFERING

22. The baptism spoken of by Jesus in Matthew 20:22,23 is symbolic of being plunged into the same kind of suffering that Jesus was faced with. Did James and John agree to this kind of baptism?
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VII. BAPTISM OF FIRE

Every “born again” Christian undergoes trials and tribulations during his spiritual walk. In John 16:33, Jesus said that we would have these trials and tribulations.

23. The principle of being chastened is given to us in Hebrews 12:5-11. What is the final result of our chastening?

24. Exactly what is being tested? (1 Peter 1:7)

25. Who is the baptizer of fire? (Matthew 3:11; Luke 3:16)

26. Which is more important to God, your faith or gold? (1 Peter 1:7)

27. What is the reward of your continued faith? (1 Peter 1:8)

28. What does God advise people to do? (Revelation 3:17,18)

29. Would we be happy that God is chastening us? (Romans 8:28
Philippians 4:4; 1 Thessalonians 5:18)

30. There is a reason why we are chastened in our present spiritual walk.
What is that reason? (1 Corinthians 11:31,32)

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