

Baptisms of the Bible

TEXT: Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:16

INTRODUCTION:

A. BAPTISM IS CONTROVERSIAL.

1. Teaching is quite plain. Lots of passages.
2. Failure to **understand** & **properly apply** contributes to the problem.
3. Maybe **failing to distinguish different baptisms** is to blame.

B. IN THE NEW TESTAMENT THERE ARE 6 BAPTISMS.

1. **Ephesians 4:5**. One that all Christians have in common, **uniting** us.
2. We need to study them, what they are and how they apply.

I. BAPTISM UNTO MOSES(1 Cor. 10:1-2).

A. FIGURE DESCRIBING THE RED SEA CROSSING(**Ex. 14:5-20**).

1. A figure where comparison is useful(**1 Cor. 10:11**).
2. Refers to people's deliverance which began their **NEW LIFE**.
3. Baptism is where we are delivered and begin our **NEW LIFE**(**Rom. 6:3-4**).

B. BAPTISM **TYPICAL** OF THE ONE BAPTISM - IT ISN'T THE ONE BAPTISM.

II. BAPTISM OF JOHN(**Matt. 3:1-6, 11**).

A. JOHN'S PURPOSE - **PREPARE THE PEOPLE**(**John 1:29-34**).

1. Jews exceedingly wicked - John's purpose(**Mal. 4:5-6; Luke 1:16-17**).
2. Under the law, washing preparatory for service - Ceremonial cleansing.

B. JOHN'S BAPTISM **DIFFERED FROM** THE ONE **JESUS** COMMANDED.

1. **Acts 19:1-7**. Not acceptable.
2. John's baptism **looked to the future**(**vs. 4; Rom. 6:3-4**).
3. Christ's baptism **in his name**(**Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:38**).
4. John's baptism **for the Jews only**(**Mark 16:15-16**).
5. John's baptism was **for the remission of sins**(Luke 3:3), **BUT** ...
6. **THE BASIC FLAW**.

Didn't put one into the **right fellowship**(**Gal. 3:26-27; 1 Cor. 12:13**).

C. DOES YOUR BAPTISM HAVE ANY OF THESE FLAWS?

III. BAPTISM OF SUFFERING(**Mk 10:35-40**).

IV. BAPTISM OF FIRE(**Matt. 3:11**).

A. JOHN SPEAKING TO A **MIXED CROWD**.

1. Some were **future disciples** - some perhaps would be **apostles**.
2. Others **unbelievers**, came out of curiosity
- **Sadducees and Pharisees**(**vs. 7**).

B. WHAT IS THE BAPTISM OF FIRE?(**vs. 8-12; Matt. 25:41**).

C. **YOU DON'T WANT THIS "FUTURE" BAPTISM**.

V. HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM(**Matt. 3:11**).

A. JESUS PROMISED THE APOSTLES(**John 14:26; 16:13; Acts 1:5**).

B. GOD PROMISED(**Joel 2:28 - Acts 2:16-17**).

1. **Literally?**
 - a. Not all flesh(**animals**).
 - b. Not all people(**blasphemers**).
2. In a **figure** - **2 kinds** of flesh. **Jew and Gentile!**

- a. Jews(**Acts 2:1-4**). Apostles.
Why? New message(**vs. 32-33**).
 - b. Gentiles(**Acts 10:44-49; 11:15-18**). Cornelius.
Why? New people(**15:7-9**).
- C. DIFFERENCE IN THIS AND OTHERS RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- 1. Apostles and Cornelius **unaware until it happened**.
 - 2. The Greek word means in addition to immersion, **metaphorically to overwhelm**. They were overwhelmed - controlled by the Spirit.
 - 3. In other instances(**1 Cor. 14:26-33**).
- D. ONLY ONE BAPTISM **COMMANDED** TODAY. THIS ONE **PROMISED**.

VI. THE ONE BAPTISM(Mark 16:16).

- A. THOSE LABORING UNDER **THE GREAT COMMISSION** PREACHED WATER BAPTISM(**Acts. 8:36-39; 10:47**).
- B. **WATER** PLAYS AN IMPORTANT PART(**Eph. 5:25-27; Heb. 10:22**).
- C. WHAT IS THE **PURPOSE** OF WATER BAPTISM?
- 1. "For the remission of your sins"(**Acts 2:38**).
 - 2. Fellowship in Christ's death(**Rom. 6:3-4**). New Life.
 - 3. **1 Pet. 3:21**. Saves us - Not a fleshly cleansing.
- D. **WHO** SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?
- 1. Those who believe(**Mark 16:16**).
 - 2. Those who repent(**Acts 2:38**).
- E. **WHY** BE BAPTIZED?
- 1. Jesus commands it(**Matt. 28:19; Acts 22:16**).
 - 2. It puts one into Christ(**Gal. 3:27**).

CONCLUSION: HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED? REALLY BAPTIZED?

Acts 22:16