

Water Baptism

1. *What is baptism?*

If there is only "one" baptism, then what is the baptism of the Holy Ghost?

Must we be baptized to be saved?

How must we be baptized? Father Son and Holy Ghost, or Lord Jesus Christ?

What does baptism do? Is it a form and ritual, or does something spiritual happen?

What is water baptism?

Mark 1:8 (KJV) I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost. Mark 1:8 (HG) . men:G3303 . baptizo:G907 . . hudor:G5204 . . . baptizo:G907 . . . hagios:G40 pneuma:G4151

3303. men, men; a prim. participle; prop. indic. of affirmation or concession (in fact); usually followed by a contrasted clause with G1161 (this one, the former, etc.):--even, indeed, so, some, truly, verily. Often compounded with other particles in an intensive or asseverative sense.

907. baptizo, bap-tid'-zo; from a der. of G911; to make whelmed (i.e. fully wet); used only (in the N.T.) of ceremonial ablution, espec. (techn.) of the ordinance of Chr. baptism:--baptist, baptize, wash.

5204. hudor, hoo'-dore; gen. hudatos from the base of 5205 water as if rainy lit or fig water

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40. hagios, hag'-ee-os; from hagos (an awful thing) [comp. G53, H2282]; sacred (phys. pure, mor. blameless or religious, cer. consecrated):--(most) holy (one, thing), saint.

4151. pneuma, pnyoo'-mah; from G4154; a current of air, i.e. breath (blast) or a breeze; by anal. or fig. a spirit, i.e. (human) the rational soul, (by impl.) vital principle, mental disposition, etc., or (superhuman) an angel, daemon, or (divine) God, Christ's spirit, the Holy Spirit:--ghost, life, spirit (-ual, -ually), mind. Comp. G5590.

baptizo, "to baptize", primarily a frequentative form of bapto, "to dip," was used among the Greeks to signify the dyeing of a garment, or the drawing of water by dipping a vessel into another, etc., Plutarchus uses it of the drawing of wine by dipping the cup into the bowl (Alexis, 67) and Plato, metaphorically of being overwhelmed with questions (Euthydemus, 277d). Vines expository Dictionary of Biblical Words p 50, c1b.

It means to dip, and completely wet. such as dyeing of a garment so you and I come out colored with Him.

Where did sprinkling come in if Baptism is to dip and make fully wet?

Baptism was normally by immersion either in the river or in the bath-house of a large house. The person was normally immersed three times, in response to the three questions about belief in the three persons of the Trinity. From the early second century, baptism by pouring of water was allowed in cases of emergency or sickness. From the third century, the baptismal service also included the laying on-of-hands by the chief minister of the church (the bishop), with a prayer that the candidate would receive the Holy Spirit. Baptism seems normally to have taken place on Sundays. At first baptism was probably only administered to adults (scripture limits baptism to those who have received Jesus *Acts 10 Cornelius' household*). The first definite mention of child-baptism comes early in the third century, and infant baptism was beginning to be widespread by the mid-third century. Both adult and infant baptism were practised until the sixth century, after which, normally, only infant baptism was practised. (*The History of Christianity, p 29-30, article by Michael A. Smith.*)

Who could be baptized?

Acts 10:43-44 (KJV) To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. 44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

Acts 10:45-46 (KJV) And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

Acts 10:47-48 (KJV) Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

(Philip and the Eunuch)

Acts 8:36-38 (KJV) And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? 37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. 38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

Is there only One Baptism - then what is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost?

Eph 4:5 (KJV) One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Remember God is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Faith is saving faith, the measure of faith, and the gift of faith.

Baptism is: The Holy Ghost Baptizes us into the Body of Christ:

Gal 3:27 (KJV) For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

(Remember Cornelius and his household were born again & received the HS before water baptism.)

1 Cor 10:2 (KJV) And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

1 Cor 12:13 (KJV) For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Baptism in Water in obedience to His Commands. -- into His Death Burial and resurrection.

Mark 16:15-16 (KJV) And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Acts 2:38-39 (KJV) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Acts 2:41 (KJV) Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Christ then Baptizes us in the Holy Spirit:

Acts 19:3-5 (KJV) And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 19:6-8 (KJV) And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. 7 And all the men were about twelve. 8 And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

Acts 8:14-17 (KJV) Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: 15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might

receive the Holy Ghost: 16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) 17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

Must we be baptized to be saved?

1 Cor 1:13-18 (KJV) Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius; 15 Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name. 16 And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other. **17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.** 18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

Did Paul Baptize? Acts 18:8 (KJV) And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

Acts 22:16 (KJV) And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Does Baptism save us?

1 Pet 3:21 (KJV) The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Save us from what if it is not necessary to spiritual salvation?

Rom 6:3-6 (KJV) Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: **6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.**

Why do some religions baptize for the dead?

1 Cor 15:29 (KJV) Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?

There is not one other reference in teaching, or anyplace in practice to baptism for the dead. Paul was trying to make a point about resurrection of the dead.

BAPTISM FOR THE DEAD Some Christians at Corinth denied the resurrection of the dead (1 Cor. 15:12). Paul saw that as a serious error. If there is no resurrection from the dead, then Christ was not raised, there can be no salvation, and Paul's preaching and the Corinthians' faith would all be in vain. Thus Paul argued in 1 Corinthians 15 for the reality of the resurrection of the dead. As part of his argument he mentioned a practice of some of the people at Corinth--that is, the practice of baptizing "for the dead" (1 Cor. 15:29). Two things are important to note here. First, we are not sure exactly what is entailed in the practice of baptizing for the dead. Chrysostom (an early church father) explained the practice of an early Christian group of hiding a living person under the bier of a dead person. The corpse would be approached and asked if he would like to be baptized. The person hiding underneath would answer in behalf of the corpse that he desired baptism. The living person would then be baptized for the dead one. It is possible that something along this line was being practiced in Corinth. Second, Paul was not advocating the practice of baptizing for the dead. Paul was pointing to the inconsistency in the thought of the Corinthians in trying to convince them of the reality of the resurrection of the dead. The argument seems to be: "If, as some of you Corinthians claim, there is no resurrection from the dead, then why do you go to the trouble of baptizing for the dead? Only those who hope for life after death would attempt to influence the eternal fate of those who have died. Your thinking on the subject is contradictory. You claim there is no resurrection, but your actions betray that you really believe there is something beyond this life." Other Bible students think the Corinthians believed life in the Spirit made the body unnecessary. Baptism for the

dead in this view ensured the dead would enjoy the same spiritual life as would the living but without a body.
(Holman Bible Dictionary Computer Edition - Article by Phil Logan)

What is the correct formula for water Baptism?

Mat 28:19 (KJV) Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

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Acts 8:16 (KJV) (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

Acts 10:48 (KJV) And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

Acts 19:5 (KJV) When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 19:5 (HG) . . akouo:G191 . . . baptizo:G907 . . onoma:G3686 . . kurios:G2962 iesous:G2424

2962. kurios, koo'-ree-os; from kuros (supremacy); supreme in authority, i.e. (as noun) controller; by impl. Mr. (as a respectful title):--God, Lord, master, Sir.

2424. Iesous, ee-ay-sooce'; of Heb. or. [H3091]; Jesus (i.e. Jehoshua), the name of our Lord and two (three) other Isr.:--Jesus.

Acts 2:38 (HG) de:G1161 petros:G4074 phemi:G5346 . . metanoeo:G3340 . . baptizo:G907 hekastos:G1538 onoma:G3686 . iesous:G2424 christos:G5547 . . aphasis:G859 . hamartia:G266 . . lambano:G2983 . dorea:G1431 . . hagio:G40 pneuma:G4151

3686. onoma, on'-om-ah; from a presumed der. of the base of G1097 (comp. G3685); a "name" (lit. or fig.) [authority, character]:--called, (+ sur-) name (-d).

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5547. Christos, khris-tos'; from G5548; anointed, i.e. the Messiah, an epithet of Jesus:--Christ.

859. aphasis, af'-es-is; from G863; freedom; (fig.) pardon:--deliverance, forgiveness, liberty, remission.

Kurios Iesous Christos -- greek Lord Jesus Christ

Lord - Father God

Jesus - Son

Christ - the anointing - the Holy Spirit

It is the same thing.

What Does Baptism do?

Rom 6:3-6 (KJV) Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Col 2:12-14 (KJV) Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

It is a place to "by faith" lay down the old flesh -- to "die to self" to have a public funeral before the world and before the powers of hell. To proclaim, 2 Cor 5:17 (KJV) Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

It is a command. If we cannot follow his first command, how will we follow further commands.