

BIBLICAL BAPTISMS

Lesson 3

Introduction – When you think of *baptism*, what comes to mind? Most of us would say, water baptism. Did you know that there are actually three major baptisms in the Bible? They are:

- **BAPTISM INTO THE BODY**
- **WATER BAPTISM**
- **HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM**

1. BAPTISM INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST

1 Cor 12:13 – “For we were all **baptized by one Spirit into one body – whether Jews, Greeks, slave or free – and we were all given one Spirit to drink”*

- A. This happens when one is “born again” of the Holy Spirit. At that moment we become a part of the “Body of Christ”.
- B. This is most likely the “one baptism” Paul refers to in Eph 4:4-5.

2. BAPTISM IN WATER

Mark 16:15-16 – “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to all creation. Whoever believes and is **baptized will be saved. Whoever does not believe will be condemned.”*

A. DOES WATER BAPTISM SAVE US? → NO, BUT...

Acts 2:38 – “Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ **“for” the remission of sins...”*

1 Cor 1:17 – “Christ did not send me to **baptize, but to preach the **gospel...**”*

1 Peter 3:21 – “...and this water symbolizes baptism that now **saves you also – not the removal of dirt from the body but the **pledge of a good conscience** toward God.*

**Analogy of “Love & Marriage”*

B. WHAT SHOULD PRECEDE WATER BAPTISM?

- **REPENTANCE**

Acts 2:38 – “Repent** and be baptized everyone of you...”*

- **FAITH**

Mark 16:16 – “He that **believes and is baptized...” (cf Act 8:36-37)*

- **SOME TEACHING (EXPLAINING)**

Mt 28:19 – “Therefore go and make disciples (teach, K.J.V.**), baptizing them...”*

*(While we realize that many sincere Christians believe in what is called “infant baptism”, we also feel that it isn’t taught in the Word. However, the Word of God does indicate that babies could be dedicated to the Lord, as Jesus himself was. See: Luke 2:21-24)

C. **WHY SHOULD WE BE BAPTIZED IN WATER?**

- **TO FULFILL ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS**

**Mt 3:13-15 – “Then Jesus came ... to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ Jesus replied, ‘Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.’ Then John consented.”*

- **IT IS COMMANDED**

**Acts 10:48 – “So he (Peter) ordered that they be baptized...”*

- **IT’S PART OF THE GREAT COMMISSION**

**Mt 28:19 – “Therefore go and make disciples baptizing them...”*

- **SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE**

Rom 6:3-4 – “... don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his **death? We were therefore **buried** with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was **raised** from the dead ... we too may live a new life.”*

D. **HOW SHOULD WE BE BAPTIZED?**

- **BY IMMERSION**

**Acts 8:38-39 – “Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water ... when they came up out of the water...”*

- **IN THE NAME OF FATHER, SON & HOLY SPIRIT → JESUS**

**Mt 28:19 – “baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit...”*

**Acts 2:38 – “Repent and be baptized, everyone of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...” *(Also see: Acts 10:48, 19:5)*

E. **WHO CAN BAPTIZE?**

- **DISCIPLES OF JESUS**

**Mt 28:19 – “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...”*

3. **BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Mt 3:11 – “He (Jesus) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.”*

A. SEPARATE EXPERIENCE FROM SALVATION

- **THE DISCIPLES**

John 20:22 – “And with that he **breathed on them and said, ‘**Receive the Holy Spirit**’”*

Acts 1:8 – “But you will receive **power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my **witnesses**.”*

- **JESUS WAS A PICTURE & EXAMPLE FOR US**

1. Born of the Spirit → We are born again of the Spirit
2. Baptized in water → We are baptized in water
3. Filled with & led by Spirit → We are filled & led by Spirit

**Mt 1:18, Lu 3:21-22, 4:1 → *Jn 3:3, Acts 2:38, Acts 2:4, Rom 8:14*

- **THE SAMARITANS** *(Acts 8)

B. SEPARATE FROM THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- **SAME VEHICLE – TONGUES**

- **DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS**

1. MAN → GOD (Prayer Language)

1 Cor 14:2 – “For anyone who speaks in a tongue **does not speak to men but to God.”*

2. GOD → MAN (Gift of the Holy Spirit)

1 Cor 14:5 – “He who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, **unless he interprets, so that the church may be edified.”*

C. PATTERN SUGGEST “TONGUES” IS PRIMARY EVIDENCE

- **WIND, FIRE, TONGUES**

Acts 2:2-4 – “Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent **wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of **fire** that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to **speak with other tongues** as the Spirit enabled them.”*

- **NOTHING – SIMON SAW SOMETHING**

Acts 8: – “When Simon **saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money...”*

- **HEALED – BUT PAUL LATER SAID HE SPOKE IN TONGUES**
**Act 8:17-18 – “Placing his hands on Saul, he said, ... be filled with the Holy Spirit. Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and could see again.
 1 Cor 14:18 – “I thank God I speak in tongues more than you all.”
- **TONGUES, PRAISING GOD**
**Act 10:46 – “For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.”*
- **TONGUES, PROPHESED**
**Act 19:6 – “When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and the spoke in tongues and prophesied.”*

D. THE IMPORTANCE OF “SPEAKING IN TONGUES”

- **SUBMISSION OF UNRULY MEMBER**
**James 3:7-8 – “...no man can tame the tongue.”*
- **BUILDS YOU UP**
**Jude 20 / 1 Cor 14:4 – “...build yourselves up ... pray in the Holy Spirit.” / “He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself.”*
- **SPIRIT INTERCEDES THROUGH YOU**
**Rom 8:26 – “We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.”*
- **HELPS YOU PRAISE GOD**
**1 Cor 14:14-15 – “For if I pray in a tongue my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.”*

CONCLUSION: Remember, a disciple is one who applies and acts upon the Word. So, how would one act upon this Word?

1. If you’ve never given your life over to Jesus, trusting Him for your salvation, and being baptized into His death; why not do so tonight – thus assuring yourself of spending eternity with Him.
2. If you’ve never been baptized in water, why not set up a time to do that tonight, thus obeying our Lord’s command and following His example.
3. If you’ve never been filled with the Holy Spirit, why not allow us to lay hands upon you tonight and receive this gift and power by faith before you leave.

