

## Introduction

- ➔ There are no fewer than four different baptisms mentioned in the NT:
  - **John's** (Mt. 21:25; Acts 19:4)
  - **"Holy Spirit"** (Mt. 3:11; Acts 1:5)—*"Holy Spirit baptism" nowhere in NT.*
  - **Fire** (Mt. 3:11)—*A Telling Fact: No one argues for this today, despite being specifically & directly tied to "HS baptism."*
  - **Water** (Acts 2:38)
- ➔ However, in Eph. 4:4, the Holy Spirit-inspired apostle Paul declared that there is but **ONE baptism**.
  - Let us look to the word of God, and find **six things the NT teaches us about the one baptism**.

## The One Baptism is Accomplished in **Water**

- I. Despite multiple "baptisms" being mentioned, there is only "**one baptism**" in the new covenant (Eph. 4:4).
  - A. Since Paul said this, clearly the "**one baptism**" would be the baptism with which Paul was baptized.
  - B. Since Paul was baptized in **water** (Acts 22:16; cp. Jn. 3:5), then **water** baptism is the "**one baptism**"!

## The One Baptism is a **Burial** (i.e., *Immersion*)

- I. ROM. 6:3,4—*"Or are you ignorant that all we who were **baptized into Christ Jesus** were **baptized into His death**? Therefore we were **BURIED with Him** through **baptism unto death**..."*
- II. COL. 2:12—*"...having been **BURIED with Him in baptism**, wherein you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead."*
- III. MARK 1:9,10—*"And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was **baptized** of John **in the Jordan [River]**. And straightway **coming up out of the water**..."*
- IV. ACTS 8:36—*"And as they went on the way, they came unto a certain **water**; and the eunuch saith, 'Behold, here is **water**; what doth hinder me to be **baptized**?' ...And...they both went **down into the water**..., and he **baptized** him. And when they **came up out of the water**..."*
  - A. As noted before, the reason the word "baptize" even exists in our English language is because the King James translators **transliterated** βαπτίζω, rather than actually **translating** it.
    1. The word βαπτίζω, translated, means "to **immerse**" (i.e., to submerge or **bury** in water).

## The One Baptism is **Commanded**—By the Lord, Himself

- I. MATT. 28:19—*"Go therefore, and [disciple] all the nations, **BAPTIZING them** into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe **all things** [that] I commanded..."*
- II. MARK 16:15,16—*"Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He that believeth and is **BAPTIZED** shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned."*

## The One Baptism Results in the **Remission of Past Sins**

- I. ACTS 2:38—*"...be **baptized** every one of you...**UNTO** (εἰς) **THE REMISSION OF [YOUR] SINS**..."*
  1. εἰς—*"in order to, for, with a view to"*<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Mounce, William D. *Complete Expository Dictionary of Old & New Testament Words*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2012. p. 1133. Print. Emp. added.

- a) "...my blood...is [to be] poured out for many **εἰς** REMISSION OF SINS" (Matt. 26:28).
2. If *baptism* is "because of" remission of sins *already received*, then the Lord came to be torturously murdered "because of" remission of sins *already received*—a blasphemous doctrine, indeed!
- II. ACTS 22:16—"Arise, be **baptized**, and **WASH AWAY THY SINS**, calling on his name."
- A. Take out "be baptized," and it doesn't even change the significance!
- B. For it would still show that, *prior to being baptized*, **Saul's sins had not yet been washed away**, despite already "*believing* in" Jesus (i.e., acknowledging His Lordship) and (clearly) *repenting* of his past sins!

## Water Baptism is a **New Birth**

- I. JOHN 3:3-5—"...Except one be **BORN ANEW**, he cannot see the kingdom of God..." (3).
- A. "...Except one be born of **water** and **the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (5).
- II. 2 COR. 5:17—"...if any man is *in Christ*, he is **A NEW CREATURE**: ...; behold, they are become **NEW**."
- A. EPH. 5:25-27—"...Christ...gave himself up for [the church]; that he might *sanctify* it, having **CLEANSED IT by the washing of water with the word**..., not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing..."
- III. TIT. 3:3-5—"...he saved us, through the **WASHING OF REGENERATION** and *renewing of the Holy Spirit*."
- A. GAL. 3:27—**Baptized = In Christ**
- B. 2 COR. 5:17—**In Christ = New Creature**
- Thus, **BAPTIZED = NEW CREATURE!**

## Water Baptism **Puts One Into Christ**

- I. ROM. 6:3—"...all we who were **baptized INTO CHRIST JESUS** were baptized into his death..."
- II. GAL. 3:27—"...For as many of you as were **baptized INTO CHRIST** did *put on Christ*."
- III. 1 COR. 12:13—"For in one Spirit were we all **baptized INTO ONE BODY**, whether Jews or Greeks..."
- IV. ACTS 2:41—"They then...were **baptized**: and there were **ADDED unto them** (the body)... ≈3,000 souls."

## Water Baptism **Saves**

- I. MARK 16:16—Believe + Baptized = **SAVED**
- A. ACTS 2:41—**Baptized = Added to the Church**
- B. ACTS 2:47—**Saved = Added to the Church**
- Thus, **BAPTIZED = SAVED!**
- II. 1 PET. 3:20-22—"...when the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, ...eight souls...were *saved through water*: **BAPTISM**, which corresponds to this, **NOW SAVES YOU**, not as a removal of *dirt* from the *body* but as **an appeal to God for a good conscience**..."
- A. "Except one be born of **water** and **the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (Jn. 3:5).
- B. "...be **baptized**...unto the remission of sins; and you will receive **the gift of the Holy Spirit**" (Acts 2:38).
- C. "...having cleansed it by **the washing of water** with **the word**" (Eph. 5:27).
- D. "...he saved us, through **the washing of regeneration** and **renewing of the Holy Spirit**" (Tit. 3:5).
- E. "...in **sanctification of the Spirit**, unto **obedience** and **the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus**..." (1 Pet. 1:2).
- F. "For there are **three** that testify: **the Spirit** and **the water** and **the blood**; and these three agree (1 Jn. 5:8).