

The Seven Water Baptisms

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1. The Baptism of John is the baptism of repentance:

- a. Mark 11:30, “**The baptism of John**, was it from heaven, or of men? answer me.”
- b. Luke 20:4, “**The baptism of John**, was it from heaven, or of men?”
- c. Acts 1:22, “Beginning from **the baptism of John**, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.”
- d. Acts 10:37, “That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, **after the baptism which John preached;**” and Acts 10:47, “Can any man forbid **water**, that these should not **be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost** as well as we?”
- e. Acts 18:25, “This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, **knowing only the baptism of John.**”
- f. Acts 19:4, “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.”

2. Baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost: (Recognizes the Triune Godhead)

- a. Matthew 28:19, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:”

3. Baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ is the baptism of Repentance:

- a. Acts 2:38, “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.”

4. Baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus:

- a. Acts 8:16, “(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only **they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**)”
- b. Acts 19:5, “When they heard this, **they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**”

5. Baptized in the Name of the Lord:

- a. Acts 10:48, “And he commanded them to be **baptized in the name of the Lord.** Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.”

6. Baptism into his death (Showing the death, burial & resurrection):

- a. Romans 6:3, “Know ye not, that so many of us as were **baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?** 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.**”

7. Water Baptism is NOT mentioned as required for Salvation:

- a. Acts 28:23-29, “And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them **concerning Jesus**, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, **from morning till evening.** And **some believed** the things which were spoken, and **some believed not.** And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, Saying, Go unto **this people**, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should

heal them. Be it known therefore unto you, that **the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.** And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves.”

Note: No one was baptized here even though some believed. This is the final rejection of the Jews and from this time on Paul went to the Gentiles as he was already the Apostle to the Gentiles. The trouble is that the book of Acts is not only a history of the Apostles; it is the history of the rejection by the Jews of their Messiah: the Lord Jesus Christ. Water baptism is not an issue anymore because water baptism NEVER was meant to have any significance or merit in salvation. It was started as a figure with Noah and Moses and neither of them were water baptized. It was to manifest the Lord Jesus Christ as Israel's Messiah who were offered over and over to receive their Messiah but they rejected Him over and over. This kept going through the book of Acts until it ended. The Apostolic line also ended with John after writing the book of Revelation. However at the end of Paul's life the Apostolic sign gifts were no longer usable. And all but John were murdered for their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The ONE baptism is Spirit baptism or spiritual baptism when a person is born again their spirit is born of the Spirit of God and God divests His Divine Nature in a person. John 3:5-7, “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born** of water and **of the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and **that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.** Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again.**” And 2 Peter 1:4, “Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these **ye might be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” Salvation from Hell Fire and Damnation in the New Testament is what is meant by the gospel. It is the good news that you don't have to go there to find out that it is true. The Gospel by definition is in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, “Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures...” Water baptism is a testimony that you have received the Lord Jesus Christ's death, burial and resurrection.

A) Admit you are a sinner and your own righteousness is not good enough to get you to heaven.

- a) Psalms 106:6, “We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.”
- b) Romans 3:23, “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God...”
- c) Romans 5:12, “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned...”

- d) Romans 10:3-4, “For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.”
- B) Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ by receiving Him as your payment for your wretched sinful wickedness.
- a) Acts 16:31, “And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”
- b) John 1:12-13, “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”
- c) John 3:5-7, “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.”
- d) Romans 3:24-28, “Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.”
- C) Confess the Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father and to others as testimony of what took place in your heart by faith.
- a) Matthew 10:32, “Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.” (Luke 12:8)
- b) Romans 14:11, “For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”
- c) Romans 10:9-10, “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”
- d) Romans 10:13, “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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