

Back to the basics- Three baptisms of the believer- Part 1

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TEXT: John said there was more than water baptism

Matthew 3:11-12 (KJV)

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A. Hebrews 6:1- The foundation of Baptisms-plural

Hebrews 6:1-2 (KJV)

¹ Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

² Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

B. The bible does not teach water baptism to be saved

Mark 16:15-16 (KJV)

¹⁵ 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.

C. Peter's first sermon has been used wrong. He first states how to be saved, then later he mentions a baptism.

Acts 2:21 (KJV)

²¹ And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Acts 2 is a major text used by some to teach one must be baptized into water to be saved.

Acts 2:37-39 (KJV)

³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

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.

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.

"For" should be translated "because of."

Dake: “[for] Greek: *eis* (GSN-[G1519](#)), because of remission of sins. When one repents, which is always required in Scripture before baptism, he is immediately forgiven ([1Jn. 1:9](#); [Rom. 10:9-10](#)). Only then is one a proper candidate for water baptism which is an outward symbol of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ ([1Pet. 3:21](#)). It testifies to the world that one has already repented and been forgiven by faith in Christ ([Eph. 2:8-9](#); [Rom. 1:16](#); [3:24-25](#); [5:1](#)). See note on [Mt. 3:11](#).”¹

“Peter later promised forgiveness of sins on the basis of faith alone ([5:31](#); [10:43](#); [13:38](#); [26:18](#)).”
— Tom Constable's Notes on the Bible

Peter’s next three sermons didn’t mention water baptism at all, but remission of sins by faith alone.

Mark 16:17-18 (KJV)

¹⁷ And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

¹⁸ They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Matthew 28:18-20 (KJV)

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

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:

²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you *always*, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

Nowhere in Acts do you see the apostles baptizing in water saying “in the name of the Father, Spirit and Son.” They always baptized in the name of Jesus. In the NAME OF the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. Means “by the authority of.” Or each one has authorized a “baptism.” Three different baptisms for the believer.

1 John 5:7-8 (HCSB)

⁷ For there are three that testify:

⁸ the Spirit, the water, and the blood—and these three are in agreement.

1. The Spirit
2. The water
3. The blood

¹ Dake's Annotated Reference Bible: Containing the Old and New Testaments of the Authorized or King James Version Text.

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3 Baptisms	Element baptized into?	Administrator (who is doing the baptizing)	What gifts are given? 1 Cor. 12:4-6	In whose name (who authorized it)	What part of man is affected?	1 John 5:6-7 Three that testify in: Earth Heaven
1. Baptism of salvation	Jesus- The body of Christ- Col. 2:11-14 1 Corinthians 12:12 Galatians 3:27 Romans 6:3	Holy Spirit Romans 8:9	Operations-The motivational gifts (energema) Rom. 12:1-8 1 Peter 4:11 By God	Holy Spirit Titus 3:5- the washing of regeneration 1 Cor. 6:11 Promise of the Spirit Galatians 3:13-14	Spirit 1 Cor. 6:11	Blood The Spirit Revelation 1:5 Washed in blood John 19:34 Hebrews 9:14
2. Baptism of water	Water Luke 3:15-18 Acts 10:47-48	Disciples John 1:26-33 Acts 8:12	Administrations-The ministry/office gifts (diakonia) Ephesians 4:7-13- 1 Corinthians 12:28-30- 1 Tim. 3:18 By Jesus	Jesus Matthew 28:19 Acts 19:4-5 Promise of the Son John 3:16, 11:25-26	Soul 1 Peter 3:20	Water The Word Matt. 3:13-17
3. Baptism of Holy Spirit	Holy Spirit Luke 3:15-18 Acts 1:8 Acts 2:4	Jesus Luke 3:16	Gifts (charisma) Gifts of the Spirit 1 Cor. 12:7-11 1 Peter 4:10 By the Holy Spirit	God the Father Acts 1:4 Promise of the Father Acts 1:4, 2:33,38-39	Body Romans 8:13	Spirit The Father John 15:26 John 16:13

II. Examples

A. Water Baptism: Philip and the Eunuch

Acts 8:26-38 (KJV)

²⁶ And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

²⁷ And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

²⁸ Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

²⁹ Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

³⁰ And Philip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

³¹ And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

³² The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

³³ In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

³⁴ And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

³⁶ 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.

Philip baptized the eunuch in water after he believed.

To understand the different baptism:

1. Who is doing the baptism? John, Philip, disciples, pastor
2. What is the element? Water, Spirit, Christ, cloud
3. Who authorized this particular baptism? Father, Spirit, or Son, John, the Jews

B. Spirit Baptism with the gift of the Holy Ghost: Peter at Cornelius's house

Acts 10:44-48 (KJV)

⁴⁴ While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

⁴⁵ 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,

⁴⁷ 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.

C. John's water baptism was a baptism of repentance not salvation

Matthew 3:1-6 (KJV)

¹ In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,

² And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

³ For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

⁴ And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

⁵ Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,

⁶ And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

Matthew 3:7-12 (KJV)

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

⁸ Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

⁹ And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to *our* father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

¹⁰ And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

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the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

John prophesied about a different baptism that Jesus would do.

A. Jesus' water baptism

Matthew 3:13-17 (KJV)

¹³ Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

¹⁴ But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

¹⁵ And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer *it to be so* now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

¹⁶ And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

¹⁷ And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Comment: Jesus' was baptized to fulfill all righteousness, but this is not the same reason we are baptized.

B. Moses' baptism - We don't know much about the baptism of Moses.

1 Corinthians 10:1-4 (KJV)

¹ Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

² And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

³ And did all eat the same spiritual meat;

⁴ And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

1. Cloud is the Holy Spirit
2. Sea represents water baptism
3. Baptized by Moses into the cloud and the sea

C. Baptism of fire

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D. baptism of suffering- submerged into suffering

Matthew 20:22-23 (KJV)

²² But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.

²³ And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but *it shall be given to them* for whom it is prepared of my Father.

Mark 10:38-40 (KJV)

³⁸ But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?

³⁹ And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized:

⁴⁰ But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but *it shall be given to them* for whom it is prepared.

Luke 12:50 (KJV)

⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!

E. Baptism for the dead

Paul does not condone this false teaching but says to the church “If these false teachers do not believe in a future resurrection, then why are they baptizing for the dead?”

1 Corinthians 15:29 (KJV)

²⁹ 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?

D. Jesus baptises in water with his disciples

John 3:22-23 (KJV)

²² After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judaea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized.

²³ And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.

John 3:26 (KJV)

²⁶ And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all *men* come to him.

John 4:1-2 (KJV)

¹ When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John,

² (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)

III. Verses that relate to different kinds of baptisms

A. Baptised into Christ by the Holy Spirit

The element one is being baptised into is Christ Jesus and the one doing it is the Holy Spirit

Romans 6:3-5 (KJV)

³ 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:

1 Corinthians 12:12-13 (KJV)

¹² For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also *is* Christ.

¹³ 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.

B. Water baptism by John and the baptism with/into/upon the Holy Spirit by Jesus

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Acts 1:4-8 (KJV)

⁴ And, being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

⁵ For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

⁶ When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

C. Chart from Donald Gee's 1930's book

THE THREE BAPTISMS

BAPTISM INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST

I CORINTHIANS 12:13

SUBJECT
Believers

AGENT
Holy Spirit

ELEMENT
Body of Christ



WATER BAPTISM

ROMANS 6:3-4

SUBJECT
Believer

AGENT
Minister

ELEMENT
Water



BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

ACTS 2:4

SUBJECT
Believer

AGENT
Jesus

ELEMENT
Holy Spirit



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