

# Lesson 5: One Baptism

## Introduction:

- Doctrine of Baptisms
  - Plural, more than one
- Divers Washings
  - More than one water baptism
- Water Baptism
  - JTB
  - Time of reformation
  - Carnal ordinance no longer imposed
- Christ's Baptism
  - Cannot follow Him into His water baptism

## Preview:

- Paul not sent to water baptize
- Why did Paul water baptize?
- One Baptism

## Sermon:

### Paul not sent to water baptize

- **1 Cor. 1:14-18**
  - Paul not sent to water baptize
  - Contrast of John the Baptist
    - **John 1:26-27, 29-31**
  - Why not?
    - Carnal ordinance under the law (Paul teaches you not under the law)
    - Imposed on Israel until the time of reformation (Paul is the apostle to the Gentiles)
      - Water Baptism for Israel
      - Only for a period of time
    - Kingdom of priests (Paul teach we are the body of Christ - never uses priesthood identity)
  - Why partake in the shadow when you have the substance?
    - **Colossians 2:10-17**

### Why did Paul water baptize?

- **1 Cor. 1:14-18**
  - The same reason the Gentiles had spiritual gifts

- **1 Cor. 1:22**
  - Carnal ordinances signified truth
  - They were a sign, the shadow of things to come
  - Jews require a sign, they were Israel's things
  - To show God's reconciled the world Himself and gone after the Gentiles
  
- **Romans 11:11-14**
  - Israel fell
  - Through fall salvation to the Gentiles
  - Provoke Israel to jealousy
  - Provoke to emulation
  
- God reconciled the world unto Himself - endure wrath with much longsuffering

**One Baptism (Eph. 4:5)**

- The baptism that we are to understand today is the "one baptism" that the apostle Paul teaches about
  - **Romans 6 (done by the Spirit of God)**
  - **1 Corinthians 12**
  - **Galatians 3:27**
  - **Colossians 2:10ff**

In Adam	In Christ
Alive to Sin, Dead to God	Dead to Sin, Alive to God
Power of Darkness, Darkness	Kingdom of Light, Light in the Lord
Children under the law	Sons under grace
Carnal	Spiritual
Temporal	Eternal

**Conclusion:**

- The baptism we need to concern ourselves is the one that took place by the Spirit the moment we believed the gospel.
  - We need to know it and learn about it, not only that it took place, but its implications
  - We don't need to go after Israel's water baptism that they were only going to partake in for a time, a carnal ordinances when we have the spiritual reality, water baptism that only purifies the flesh when we need living water inwardly to cleanse us.