

Lesson 1: Doctrine of Baptisms

Introduction:

- One of the most confusing doctrines that resides in the church today is "baptism"
 - Usually water baptism is the focus
 - Questions
 - How should water baptism be administered?
 - When should it be administered?
 - Who can administer it?
 - Who can receive it?
 - Why do you get water baptized?
 - A witness to the world
 - Testimony of one's faith
 - A sacrament
 - Confirmation right
 - Initiation right for membership into church
 - For some it is a discount off seminary tuition
 - The reality of the case is the doctrine of baptism has sown much disagreement and discord in the church of the living God.
 - None of this discord is God's fault, but comes from a failure to "rightly divide the word of truth" and "properly handle God's Word."
 - The truth is "water baptism" is not:
 - A witness to the world
 - Testimony of one's faith
 - Sacrament
 - Confirmation right
 - Initiation right
 - Nor should it be boiled down to a discount off seminary tuition

Preview:

- Therefore, in this series we will answer these questions and many more and get a clear, biblical understanding of baptism in general and water baptism specifically.
- In this series we will examine a basic definition of baptism, the doctrine of baptism, the scope of water baptism, and the one baptism.
- This 5 part series will take a look at the plurality of biblical baptisms, divers washings, a special focus on water baptism and that it isn't what you have been taught it is, therefore, we will cover Christ's baptism, and most importantly our "one baptism".
- We are just going to set the tone for this series in this first lesson
 - Definition
 - Doctrine of Baptisms

Sermon:

Definition of Baptism

- Definition:
 - As we will see there are more than one kind of baptism in the Bible
 - Some are dry
 - Some are wet
 - Some are hot
 - Some are physical
 - Some are spiritual
 - Some are done by man
 - Some are done by Christ
 - One is done by the Spirit
 - Therefore, I want to give you a definition that works for each and every baptism that we will look at
 - Definition
 - **Baptism:** a purification unto sanctification, that results in a new identification
 - **Purification:** to make pure and clean unto something uncommon for God's holy purpose, resulting in a new identity.

Doctrine of Baptisms

- Hebrews 6:1-2
 - "doctrine of baptisms" (plural)
 - Should be able to find these in the Bible
- Hebrews 9:6-10
 - In fact, there are numerous "water baptisms"
 - "divers washings"
- Hebrews 9:13-14
 - "ashes of an heifer sprinkleth the unclean"
 - Ashes being sprinkled

- Matthew 3:11
 - 3 baptisms in one verse

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| Baptizer | In What | Receivers |
| JTB/Disciples | Water | Israel |
| Christ | In Spirit | Believing Israel |
| Christ | In Fire | World |

- Prophesied about:
 - Ezekiel 36:24-28 (water (Word) & spirit)
 - Matt. 3:11
 - Acts 2:16-21 (water (Word) & spirit, fire coming)
 - Joel 2:28-32 (spirit & fire)

- 1 Corinthians 10:1-4
 - Historical, well-known baptism
 - National baptism
 - Unto Moses
 - Dry Baptism

- 1 Corinthians 12:12-13
 - Baptized by the Spirit into the body of Christ
 - Galatians 3:27

 - Water often injected
 - Romans 6:3
 - Colossians 2:10-12

Conclusion:

- We need to question tradition if tradition doesn't line up with God's Word and baptism is one of those things we need to question.
 - What is it?
 - What is it for?
 - Should I partake?

- We will look at this and more in the next lessons..