

Topical | 51 | Taking a Look at Baptism | 1 Peter 3:18-22

I. Intro/Review:

II. Preview:

1. Doctrine & Define - universal definition of "baptism"
2. Kinds
3. Water Baptism
4. One Baptism
 - Discuss infant baptism

III. Sermon:

1. **Doctrine & Define - universal definition of "baptism"**

1.1 - Doctrine - teaching and understanding concerning "baptism"

- Heb. 6:1-2 - "...of the doctrine of baptisms"
 1. Foundation - not laying again - perfection
 2. "baptisms" plural
- Heb. 9:6-14
 1. "first tabernacle"
 2. "holiest of all not made manifest"
 3. "a figure for the time then present - only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances"
 4. "until the time of reformation"
 5. "ashes of heifer sprinkling of the unclean - purifying of the flesh"
- **Summary**
 1. There was more than one baptism
 2. These baptisms were part of "a figure for the time then present" before Christ
 3. During Christ there were "baptisms" as part of the foundation they were not to lay again
 4. They were carnal ordinances - purifying of the flesh

1.2 - Define - A form of purification or sanctification resulting in some new identification

1. Purification/sanctification
 - To make pure or clean, free from uncleanness or pollution
 - Washing, cleansing
 - Sanctification - separation
 - Purified by what (water, ashes, fire)
2. Identification - no longer sameness of that which was prior to purification, but a sameness with that which is after the purification.
 - recognition of difference, sometimes for a new role in the eyes of God

and/or in the eyes of men

3. "baptizo"
 - To clean by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water, to wash one's self, bathe
 - To overwhelm

 - "baptisma"
 - Immersion, submersion
 - Of calamities and afflictions with which one is quite overwhelmed

 - "baptismos"
 - Mar. 7:4, 8
 - Heb. 6:2, 9:10
 - A washing, purification effected by mean of water

 - "baptistes"
 - Administer, baptizer,

2. Kinds

- Distinguished one from another not on definition, but upon who baptized, with what, in whose name, and unto whom.

- Heb. 6:2 - "...doctrine of baptisms..."
 - Heb. 9:13 - "...and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean..." (Num. 19:2, 17-18)

 - Multiple baptisms based upon
 1. Who baptizes
 2. What are they baptized with
 3. Whose name are they baptized in

2.1 - Different Baptisms

1. **Red Sea** - 1 Cor. 10:1-5
 - 1) Who baptized? - God - 1 Cor. 10:1-5
 - 2) Who was baptized - Israel
 - 3) Where were they baptized - in Red Sea
 - 4) Unto whom - Moses
 - 5) With what - passed through the sea

2. **Priesthood Baptisms** - Heb. 9:11 - "...divers washings..."
 - 1) Lev. 1:9, 13 - Washing sacrifice
 - 2) Lev. 11:25, 28 - Wash clothes if you touch carcass
 - 3) Lev. 13-14 - Washing of leprosy
 - 4) Lev. 15 - Washing of personal defilements
 - 5) Lev. 16:4, 24 - Washing of priest
 - 6) Lev. 17:15 - Washing of flesh for touching that died of itself
 - 1) Who gave these ordinances - God
 - 2) Who baptized - the Levitical Priests

- 3) Who was baptized - Israel
- 4) Where were they baptized - tabernacle/temple
- 5) With what - water, ashes of heifer

3. **John's Baptism** - Acts 19:3 - "...Unto what then were ye baptized?" And they said, "Unto John's baptism."

- Matt. 21:25 - "The baptism of John, whence was it? From heaven, or of men?"
- Acts 1:22 - "Beginning from the baptism of John"
- What was John's baptism?
 1. Who ordained it? - God
 2. Who baptized - John the Baptist - then Jesus' disciples (Jn. 4:1-2)
 3. Where was he baptizing - "wilderness of Judaea" (Matt. 3:1)
 4. Who was baptized - Jerusalem, all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan (Matt. 3:5; Acts 5:31)
 5. What did baptize with - "baptized of him in Jordan" - with water
 6. When? - Acts 13:24 - before the ministry of Christ
 - "Behold the Lamb of God" - Jn. 1:19-34
 7. Significance?
 - Matt. 3:7-8 - "fruits meet for repentance"
 - Matt. 3:11 - "with water unto repentance"
 - Matt. 9:13 - "come to call...sinners to repentance."
 - Mar. 1:4 - "preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins."
 - Luk. 15:7 - "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance."
 - Repentance - change of mind about them contrary to the Pharisees who said they had no sin, then to believe on Jesus of Nazareth, that is before him, the deity of Christ, and that He is the sacrifice the lamb of God, believe on Him.
- Eventually to the Gentiles Acts 11:18
- Acts 20:21 - "Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."
- Acts 26:20 - "...that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance."
- What was happening with John the Baptist's baptism and following
 1. Baptize with water - symbolic and a sign of cleansing - purification
 - Symbol of what - their conscience toward God
 - Repentance - change of mind about their status before God
 - A response of the conscience in light of their sin
 - Luke 7:29 - "And all the people that heard him, and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the

baptism of John. But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him.

- Baptism of John signaled the counsel of God against the nation
 - Eventually, the symbol and sign would be removed but God would still look for those to receive the counsel of God against them.

2. For the remission of sins - that they may be forgiven

- At this time "remission of sins" was based upon the heart response to the message through the forbearance of God.
- Eventually, God would impute the sacrifice of Christ to them that had the heart response to His Word.
- Use of the law - lawfully - for the unrighteous to condemn
 - Calls to circumcise their heart
 - Sacrifices of God - Ps. 51:15-17
 - The inward sacrifices had eternal ramifications
 - The outward sacrifices taught the eternal, but had only temporal ramifications
- 1 Pet. 3:18-22 - "...whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:"

4. **Christ's Baptisms** - "with Holy Ghost and fire"

- Matt. 3:11 - "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:"

1. Who is baptizing - Christ
2. When is He baptizing - Pentecost
3. Baptizing with what - Holy Ghost and fire
4. Who is He baptizing - Israel - the world

5. **One Baptism** - Eph. 4:5

1. Who baptizes - the Spirit
2. Baptizes into what - in Christ - Christ's death, burial, and resurrection (regeneration)
 - Rom. 6:1-6
 - 1 Cor. 12
 - Col. 2:10-12
 - Gal. 3:27

- Words on Infant Baptism

- Article
- Sign and Covenant
 - Circumcision - sign of Old Covenant
 - Water Baptism - sign of New Covenant
- Paul to fulfill the word of God not sent to baptize (water)
- Circumcision avail nothing
- The Spirit both circumcises and baptizes - no sign
 - Can easily make something out of the sign that isn't intended just as Israel did with circumcision and just as the church does with water baptism.

IV. Conclusion:

- No longer commanded to participate in the signs, the tutors and governors
- Even with Israel they were only imposed for a time