

Laying The Foundation
Immersion In Water
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I. Doctrine Of Baptisms

- A. Hebrews 6:2
- B. Three different baptisms in the New Testament
 - 1. John's baptism
 - 2. Christian baptism
 - 3. Holy Spirit baptism
- C. To baptize:
 - 1. Immerse: Fully cover with water
 - a. Put something down into water
 - b. Pour water over from above
 - 2. Baptize "in" or "into"
 - a. "In" refers to element in which you are baptized
 - b. "Into" refers to result that is produced

II. John's Baptism

- A. Mark 1:2-5
 - 1. To prepare Israel for the Messiah
 - a. Messiah could not come until they were prepared
 - b. Messiah will not come again until we are prepared
 - 2. Dispensational link from law to grace
- B. Three main requirements:
 - 1. Repentance
 - a. A decision
 - b. An action
 - 2. Public confession of sins
 - 3. Evidence of a changed life (Matt. 3:7-8)
- C. Limitations:
 - 1. Did not produce new birth (Matt. 11:11)
 - 2. After Pentecost, not a substitute for Christian baptism (Acts 19:1-5)

III. Christian Baptism

- A. Pattern of how to fulfill all righteousness: Jesus (Matt. 3:13-17)
 - 1. Baptism has the approval of all 3 members of the Godhead
 - 2. Acquitted, reckoned righteous and made righteous: justified (Rom. 5:1)
- B. A commitment to life and death
 - 1. Pattern of Jesus (Luke 12:50)
 - 2. Your life does not belong to you after baptism
- C. Requirements for Christian baptism
 - 1. Hear the gospel (Matt. 28:19-20)
 - a. Jesus died
 - b. Jesus was buried
 - c. Jesus rose again
 - 2. Repentance (Acts 2:38)
 - 3. Faith/belief (Mark 16:15-16)

4. A good conscience toward God (1 Peter 3:21)
- D. Teaching for baptism does *not* take long
 1. Pentecost: 3,000 baptized that day (Acts 2:41)
 2. Ethiopian eunuch: a few hours (Acts 8:36)—the “preaching of Jesus” included baptism
 3. The household of Cornelius: the same day (Acts 10:48)
 4. The Philippian jailer: before dawn came (Acts 16:33)
- E. Spiritual significance
 1. Identification with Jesus in: (Rom. 6:3–11)
 - a. His death
 - b. His burial
 - c. His resurrection
 2. When we are baptized *we die, we are buried and we are resurrected*
 3. Dead to sin, but alive to Christ (Col. 2:11–12)
- F. Related facts
 1. Baptized into *Christ*, not a church or a denomination (Gal. 3:27)
 2. Effective only through faith (Col. 2:12)
 3. New life empowered by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 1:4)
 4. No one in New Testament was saved without being baptized (Mark 16:16)
- G. Old Testament picture of baptism: Noah’s Ark (1 Peter 3:20–21)
 1. Ark = Jesus Christ
 2. Flood = Baptism in water
 3. Out of the flood = New life