

Doctrine of Baptisms Pt. 1.

HEBREWS 6:1-3 NKJV

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to [a]perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. 3 And this [b]we will do if God permits.



Six foundational doctrines of Christ – Heb.6:1-3

1. Repentance from Dead works
2. Faith Towards God
3. Doctrine of Baptisms
4. Laying on of hands
5. Resurrection of the dead
6. Eternal judgement.



MATTHEW 3:11 NKJV

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit [a]and fire.

LUKE 1:76-77

“And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, 77 To give knowledge of salvation to His people By the remission of their sins,



4 Kinds of Baptisms in the New Testament

1. Christ's Baptism of Suffering. Lk.12:50; Mk.10:38;
2. The Baptism of John. Matt.3:11
3. Christian Baptism. Matt.28:19; Acts 2:38;
4. The baptism of the Holy Spirit. Acts1:8; 2:1-4;
19:6



1. Christ's Baptism of Suffering

Christ 's baptism of suffering refers to the suffering and death he had to go through for the sins of the world. He was to be immersed in suffering, buried in the tomb, and resurrected in a new body.

Lk.12:50; Mk.10:38;

LUKE 12:50 NKJV

But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished!

MARK 10:38

But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"



2. The Baptism of John

- a. The baptism of John the Baptist was related to the message of repentance. John the Baptist came as a forerunner to Jesus Christ. To go before Christ and prepare the way. LK.1:76-77;
- b. John made two demands on the people: Repentance and public confession of sins. Those who were willing to meet these requirements were baptized in the Jordan River as a public testimony. It was an outward sign that they had repented of their sins. Matt.3:7-8, 11;
- c. The phrase "baptism unto repentance and remission of sins" does not mean that these two experiences followed the act of being baptized in water. Baptism was a visible confirmation that those being baptized had already experienced repentance and forgiveness.



LUKE 16:16 NKJV

“The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it.

MATTHEW 3:7-8

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance,



MATTHEW 3:13-17 NKJV

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. 14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" 15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. 16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and [a]He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. 17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."



Things to Note About the Baptism of Jesus. Matt.3:13-17

- a. Jesus was not baptized by John as evidence that He had repented of sin because He had no sins for which to repent. Jesus was baptized to “fulfill all righteousness.” He was setting a righteous example of behavior which He wanted all believers to follow.
- b. Jesus was not baptized as a baby. Jesus was not baptized until He knew what He was doing and the reason why He was doing it.
- c. What this means is that Babies should not be baptized. Children can be presented to the Lord for dedication and blessing by the laying on of hands. But they should not be baptized until they understand the meaning of the act and have met the Biblical requirements.
- d. Jesus was baptized by immersion not sprinkling. Matt.3:16;
- e. Jesus Baptism demonstrated an outward obedience to the will of God.



Requirements for Christian Water Baptism.

1. Instruction: Those seeking to be Baptized must be taught first. Before baptism, believers should receive enough teaching to understand its meaning. After baptism, they should continue to receive instruction in order to become mature Christians.
Matt.28:19;
2. Repentance: The second condition for baptism is repentance from sin. Peter stressed this during his sermon on the day of Pentecost: Acts 2:37-38;
3. Belief: The third condition for baptism is believing (faith).
Mk.16:15-16



MATTHEW 28:19-20 KJV

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..

ACTS 2:41 NKJV

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ACTS 19:5

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.



ACTS 2:37-38 NKJV

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do? 38 Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the [a]remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit

MARK 16:15-16

And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.



ACTS 8:36-38 NKJV

Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" 37 [a]Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." 38 So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.



Summary of How the Early Church Practiced Water Baptism

1. Before baptism they taught the basic facts of the Gospel centering on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
2. They related these facts to the act of baptism.
3. They verified understanding, repentance, and confession of faith in the new believer, then baptism in water followed immediately.
4. After baptism the new believers received further instruction for spiritual development.



Difference Between Christian Water Baptism and that of John the Baptist

The difference between Christian baptism and the baptism of John is that Christian baptism is to be done in the full authority of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

While John's baptism could not be done with this same authority. It was only a baptism of repentance and confession of belief in the coming Messiah. Christian baptism is a baptism confessing acceptance of the completed redemptive plan of God



ACTS 19:1-5 NKJV

And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples 2 he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” So they said to him, “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.” 3 And he said to them, “Into what then were you baptized?” So they said, “Into John’s baptism.” 4 Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.” 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.



ACTS 8:16 NKJV

For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

ACTS 10:48

And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

ACTS 19:1-5

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MATTHEW 28:19 NKJV

Go [a]therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

JOHN 5:43

I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.

COLOSSIANS 2:9 AMPC

For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature].



Why We Must Undergo Water Baptism.

1. Christ Commanded it as an essential part of our total redemption. MK.16:15-16; Matt.28:19
2. In order to follow the example of Jesus Christ and fulfill all righteousness. When John objected to Baptizing Jesus Christ, Jesus responded that water baptism was important in order to fulfill all righteousness. Matt.3:13-15;
 - a. Christ is the author and finisher of our faith, and we are redeemed to follow in his footsteps. So, if Christ needed to be baptized in water, then we all need to be baptized in water as well. Heb.12:2; 1Pet.2:21; Matt.4:19;



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HEBREWS 12:2 NKJV

looking unto Jesus, the [a]author and [b]finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

1 PETER 2:21

For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for [a]us, leaving [b]us an example, that you should follow His steps:

MATTHEW 4:19

Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."



Why We Must Undergo Water Baptism.

3. The early Church which is an example unto us engaged in the practice of water baptism religiously.

- a. 3000 were baptized on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2:41
- b. The people of Samaria were baptized under the ministry of Philip. Acts 8:12
- c. The Roman Jailer and his household were baptized by Paul. Acts 16:30-33



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ACTS 8:12

But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.



ACTS 16:30-33 NKJV

And he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” 31 So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized.



Why We Must Undergo Water Baptism.

4. It is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual experience. It is an outward or public declaration of an inward transformation. That declaration announces to the world and the kingdom of darkness the following;

- a. That you died with Christ, was buried with him and resurrected with Him unto a new life. Rom.6:1-4
- b. That you are dead to sin and alive only unto God. You are no longer living for yourself but for Christ. Rom.6:5-11
- c. That you are not shamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. That you identify with the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

Rom.1:16; Mk.8:38



ROMANS 6:1-4 NKJV

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.



ROMANS 6:5-11 NKJV

For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be [a]done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been [b]freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, [c]reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



ROMANS 1:16 NKJV

For I am not ashamed of the gospel [a]of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

MARK 8:38

For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.



Why We Must Undergo Water Baptism.

5. Water Baptism is a public vow of commitment to Christ and a pledge and sign of belonging to him and the church. It is a mark of separation. It is to the new covenant what circumcision was to the old covenant. Col.2:11-12
6. Water baptism is a mystery that empowers us to walk in the newness of life. Rom.6:4
7. Water Baptism is a mystery that destroys the dominion of sin over us. Through the mystery of water Baptism, sin has no more dominion over us. Rom.6:14



COLOSSIANS 2:11-12 NKJV

In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body [a]of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.



ROMANS 6:4 NKJV

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

GALATIANS 3:27

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

ROMANS 6:14

For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.



Why We Must Undergo Water Baptism.

8. It is a medium or channel for diverse miracles, signs and wonders. All water-based miracles in the scriptures are pointers to the mystery and power of water Baptism.

- a. Healing of all manner of sicknesses and diseases at the pool of Bethesda. John 5:1-4
- b. Healing of the man born blind by Christ through washing at the pool of Siloam. John 9:1-8
- c. Cleansing of Leprosy as in the case of Naaman the Syrian at River Jordan. 2Kg.5:1-19;



JOHN 5:1-4 NKJV

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, [a]Bethesda, having five porches. 3 In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, [b]paralyzed, [c]waiting for the moving of the water. 4 For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.



JOHN 9:6-7 NKJV

When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. 7 And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

2 KINGS 5:14

So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

