

The Seven Baptisms in Scripture **Matthew 20:22; Luke 12:50**

Definition of Baptism: Baptism means to **IDENTIFY**. The mechanics is always immersion.

CATEGORIES:

1. **RITUAL** (always involves water).

A. **John**.

- Water represented the **kingdom** of God.
- Identification of John's converts with Jesus and His Kingdom.

B. **Jesus**.

- **Unique**.
- Water represented the **Father's** plan.
- Jesus identified Himself as the **Messiah**, the Lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world.

C. **Believer**.

- Water represents the **body** of Christ.
- The identification of the church age believer with the **Gospel** (the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ)
- A testimony of **personal** faith in Jesus Christ.

2. **REAL** (never involves water).

A. **MOSES**.

- A double identification of the Children of Israel at the Red Sea
1 Corinthians 10:2
 - a. With Moses.
 - b. With Cloud and with Sea; but went through **dry**.

B. **FIRE**.

- Identifies tribulational **unbelievers** with **judgment** at the end of the Tribulation at the Second Advent of Jesus Christ. (Matt.3:11; Luke 3:16-17; 2 Thess.1:7-9).

C. **SPIRIT**.

- Identifies the church age believers (Day of Pentecost to the Rapture of the church) with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Romans 6:3-5).

D. **CUP**.

- A double identification (Matt.20:22; Luke 12:50).
 - a. Christ identified **Himself** with the Cross and with our **sins**.
 - b. All the sins of the world were put in one "cup" and pour out on and identified with Christ. Father judged our sins when they were put on Him! (2 Cor.5:21)