

Basic Christianity II

“Baptisms”

Hebrews 6:1-2 (KJV) ...doctrine of baptisms (plural)

There are many baptisms taught throughout scripture and at least three taught in the new covenant.

BAPTISM = GK (Baptizo)

= to dip/ to plunge & completely cover

W. E. Vines = baptizo was used among the Greeks to signify the dyeing of a garment. A garment of one color is baptized into the dye of a different color. The garment must be completely immersed or submerged into the new color in order to be totally changed.

[3 Old Testament examples]

1.) Baptism of Moses – 1 Corinthians 10:1-4 (KJV)

2.) Baptism of John – Matthew 21:24-27 (KJV)
References = Acts 1:22/10:37/13:24/18:25/Acts 19:1-6

3.) Baptism of Jesus – Matthew 3:13-17 (KJV)

[3 New Testament examples]

1.) Spirit Baptism into the body of Christ (Universal)
1 Corinthians 12:12 & 13 (KJV)
Act of the new creation (new-birth)

Baptizer = Holy Spirit

Baptizee = Believers

Element = Body of Christ

Romans 6:3-6 (KJV)

2.) Baptism with water (For all new testament believers)
Symbolic of death, burial & resurrection

- Acts 2:38-41 = 3,000 saved on the day of Pentecost
 - Acts 8:12 = Samaritans believed Philips preaching
 - Acts 8:29-39 = Philip baptized a eunuch from Ethiopia
 - Acts 9:17 & 18 = Paul believed & was baptized
 - Acts 10:47-48 = Cornelius & his household believed & was baptized
 - Acts 16:33 = Philippian jailer & his house believed & was baptized
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Matthew 28:19 (KJV)

Baptizer = Pastor (or other believers)
Baptizee = Believers
Element = water

3.) Baptism of the Holy Spirit (For all believers)

Matthew 3:11 (KJV)

(Mark 1:8)

Act of empowerment to be an effective witness (Acts 1:8)

Acts 1:3-5 (KJV)

Baptizer = Jesus
Baptizee = Believers
Element = Holy Ghost

Conclusion

Ephesians 4:4-6 (KJV) ...one baptism.....(How do we reconcile?)

Only one baptism makes you a new creation
Only one baptism makes you a member of one body
Only one baptism makes us Christians
Only one gives all one Father

“Spirit baptism in the body of Christ”