

## THE SEVEN BAPTISMS

- I. THE NUMBER OF BAPTISMS DETERMINED.
- A. There Are **many** Baptisms according to Hebrews 6:1-2 and yet in Ephesians 4:4-6 there Is Said to only Be **one** Baptism.
- B. The Following Will Show that there Is no Contradiction, Problem or Difficulty between these two Passages of Scripture and both Statements Are True.
- II. THERE ARE SEVEN DISTINCT (Separate) BAPTISMS FOUND IN THE BIBLE.
- A. Moses' "Jewish Cloud and Sea Baptism" Is Found in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10:1-2.
1. This baptism of Moses saved (protected) the Jews from the Egyptians (Exo 14:10, 13, 21-23, 26-30).
  2. Although the Jews are said to have been baptized, by being under a cloud and by walking through the Red Sea on dry ground, there is no mention of anyone ever getting wet (Exo 13:18-22; 14:22).
  3. This baptism of Moses did not save the Jews from hell. They were saved by grace through their faith in God and by their works, applying the Lamb's blood (Exo 12:1-13).
- B. John the Baptist's "Jewish Water Baptism" Is Found in John 1:29-31.
1. The purpose of this water baptism was to manifest (make known or reveal) Jesus Christ as the Messiah to the Nation of Israel (the Jews) (v.31).
  2. Works of repentance were required as proof of belief before John would baptize anyone in water (Mat 3:1-8; Mark 1:4).
- C. Jesus Christ's "Baptism of Suffering" Is Found in Matthew 20:22-23 and 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:18.
1. This baptism of suffering shows that Christians **will** suffer with Jesus Christ (Rom 8:16-18).
  2. Just as Christ's *Baptism of Suffering* glorified God, the suffering of a Christian is also said to glorify God (1 Pet 4:12-16; John 21:15-19).
- D. The Apostle Peter's "Jewish Water Baptism" Is Found in Acts 2:36-38.
1. This baptism replaced *John the Baptist's Jewish Water Baptism* for Israel, **after** Jesus Christ was crucified (Mark 1:4; Acts 2:5-10; 19:1-5).

2. Being baptized in water in the name of Jesus (Acts 2:38) was proof for the Jews and Proselytes (Gentile converts to Judaism) of their repentance and belief in Jesus Christ as the Messiah (Acts 19:1-7).
- E. The Christian's "Holy Spirit Baptism" Is Found in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:13.
1. This baptism is received by faith at salvation (Mat 3:11; Eph 1:13; Gal 3:14).
  2. The believer is placed into Jesus Christ by this *Holy Spirit Baptism* (Col 2:12-13; Rom 6:3-5).
  3. This *Holy Spirit Baptism* seals a Christian's soul for all eternity (Eph 1:13-14; 1 Cor 6:19-20).
  4. This *Holy Spirit Baptism* is the one baptism mentioned in Ephesians 4:5.
  5. Noah's Ark is a **figure** (type) of this *Holy Spirit Baptism* (1 Pet 3:20-21).
    - a. Being in the ark was a type of being saved in the present Church Age by being in Jesus Christ (2 Tim 2:10; Eph 2:5-6).
    - b. Noah and his family were rescued (saved) from judgment and sin (Gen 7:21-23) by being in the ark (a type of Jesus Christ), while those not in the ark died and were buried in water.
    - c. Noah and his family were sealed by God in the ark to keep them from death (Gen 7:13-16), like the Holy Spirit seals Church Age Believers to keep them from spiritual death (Eph 1:13; 4:30).
    - d. It is **not** water baptism that washes away sins ("not the putting away of the filth of the flesh") but the answer of a good conscience by receiving Jesus Christ, the One Who takes away sins (1 Pet 2:24; 1 John 3:5; John 1:29; Rev 1:5).
- F. The Gentile's (Christian's) "Water Baptism" Is Found in Matthew 28:19-20.
1. Belief (salvation) is required before someone can be baptized in water (Acts 8:26-28, 35-38).
  2. This *water baptism* is done by completely dunking the believer in water (Acts 8:38-39; Mat 3:16).
  3. The Holy Ghost is received before being baptized in water (Acts 10:44-48), and there is no place in the New Testament where an infant or a very young child is ever baptized in water.
  4. *Water baptism* is not part of the present Church Age Gospel according to the Apostle Paul (Gal 1:8-9; 1 Cor 1:12-18; 15:1-4; Rom 10:8-10; Acts 16:30-31; Eph 1:13).
  5. The Noahic flood is a **figure** (type) of a Christian's death and burial (1 Pet 3:20-21), and being baptized in water is also a *figure* of one's "spiritual" death, burial and resurrection with Christ (Rom 6:4; 1 Cor 12:13).

- G. The Unbeliever's "Baptism of Fire" Is Found in Matthew 3:11-12 and 18:7-9.
1. This *Baptism of Fire* (hell fire) is the result of rejecting Jesus Christ as Savior (John 8:24; Rev 21:8; Mat 23:33).
  2. The Great White Throne Judgment will take place just before this *Baptism of Fire* (Rev 20:11-15).
  3. According to Isaiah 66:24 and Mark 9:42-48, this *Baptism of Fire* is an eternal burning (one that never ends).