

The One Baptism #1

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What is baptism?

- The English word “baptism” comes from the Greek word “baptizo,” which means “to dip, plunge, immerse, submerge, bury or overwhelm.”

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An Element

- Into which one is Immersed, buried or overwhelmed
- Into *what is determined by the context* i.e. water, Holy Spirit

What is the “One Baptism”?
Eph. 4:5

“Baptized into Moses”

- **1 Corinthians 10:1-2**

Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were ***baptized into Moses*** in the cloud and in the sea,

“Baptized into Moses”

- **Calls their attention to events when Israel left Egypt (Ex. 14)**
 - **When they crossed over the Red Sea, Israel was delivered from bondage into freedom.**
 - **They entered into a covenant with God by which Moses was the mediator.**
- **Not - the one baptism (1 Cor. 10:11)**

“Baptized for the dead”

- 1 Corinthians 15:29

Otherwise, what will they do who are *baptized for the dead*, if the dead do not rise at all? Why then are they baptized for the dead?

Interpretations

- To give a second chance
 - Key doctrine of the Mormon church. They believe:
 - They are the one true church
 - All are lost who died before Mormon doctrine revealed
 - But if relatives are baptized for their dead ancestors, they can be saved
 - Must be done in the temple with three witnesses
- **Correct? No! Heb. 9:27**

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- To give a second chance No! Heb. 9:27
- Refers to a heathen practiced – argues even they believe in the resurrection
- Christ is the “dead” - argues that if Christ is dead why continue?
- The baptism here is NOT immersion in water at all, but rather a “*baptism of suffering*” (Matt. 20:20-23) - *argues that it would be foolish to suffer like we are if there is no resurrection*

“Baptism of John the baptizer”

- **Matthew 3:1-6**

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”...⁶ and *were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.*

“Baptism of John the baptizer”

- **John’s purpose**
 - **To prepare the way of Christ by calling the Jew’s to repentance (Matt. 3:7-10)**
 - **Not the “one baptism”**
 - **His baptism was for the Jews not the Gentiles**
 - **Sins forgiven looking forward to the blood of Christ (Heb. 10:4)**
 - **After Pentecost, no longer effective (Acts 19:1-5)**

“Baptism of the Holy Spirit”

- **Matthew 3:11**

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- **Two cases**
 - **Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4)**
 - **Purpose: to guide the apostles into all truth (Jno. 14:16-17, 26; 15:26-27; 16:13-14)**
 - **Cornelius (Acts 10:1-11:18)**
 - **Purpose: to show the Jews that the Gentiles were an acceptable people (Acts 11:1-18)**

“Baptism of fire”

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“Baptism of fire”

- **Final punishment for the wicked (Rev. 20:11-15)**

“Baptism for the remission of sins”

- **Acts 2:38**

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be *baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins*; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

“Baptism for the remission of sins”

- **The one baptism!**

- **Acts 2:39**

- For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.