

# The One Baptism #2

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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.”

# Two Things are Involved

## An Action

- to dip, plunge, immerse, submerge, bury or overwhelm.”

## An Element

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

**Several baptisms are found in the Bible, only **one** is valid today!**

# “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

- **Purpose:**

- **Israel was delivered from bondage and entered into a relationship with Moses as deliverer**

# “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?**

- **Baptism here is the baptism of suffering – he is saying, “why undergo this suffering 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!” ...<sup>6</sup> and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.**

- **John preached the message of preparation of the coming Messiah; he baptized unto repentance looking forward to Jesus’ command to baptize into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

# “Baptism of the Holy Spirit”

- **Matthew 3:11**

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 and fire.**

# “Baptism of the Holy Spirit”

- He is speaking of the apostles being overwhelmed with the power of the Holy Spirit enabling them to:
  - **Preach the truth (Jno. 14:16-17, 26; 15:26-27; 16:13-14)**

# **“Baptism of the Holy Spirit”**

- **And to work miracles to confirm that truth (Heb. 2:3-4)**
- **Examples:**
  - **Speak with languages they hadn't learned (Acts 2:4)**
  - **Heal the sick (Acts 3:1-8)**
  - **Raise the dead (Acts 9:40)**

# “Baptism of the Holy Spirit”

- One special case - Cornelius  
(Acts 10:1-11:18)
  - **Purpose: to show the Jews that the Gentiles were an acceptable people (Acts 11:1-18)**

# Should we be baptized with the Holy Spirit?

- **No!**
  - **We have NOT been commanded to do so!**
  - **Baptism with the Holy Spirit has served its purpose**

# What about miraculous gifts?

- The early church had several (1 Cor. 12:4-11)
- Imparted by laying on of hands by those baptized with the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-17)
- Their purpose
  - For a sign (Mk. 16:15-20)
  - To allow the church to function until the word was revealed (1 Cor. 13:8-10)

# **“Baptism in the name of Jesus Christ 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.**

- **Note the purpose: “for the remission of sins”**

# For the Remission of sins?

- **“No”, someone says, “it is to show the world you have been saved!”**
- **If so, then**
  - **Repentance is to show the world you have been saved. Note the “and.”**
  - **Jesus’ blood was shed because our sins have been forgiven (Matt. 26:28)**
  - **Jesus was wrong (Mk. 16:16)**
  - **Peter was wrong (1 Pet. 3:21)**
  - **Ananias was wrong (Acts 22:6)**

# This the “one baptism” (Eph. 4:5)

- Because of Acts 2:39
- Because the others have served their purpose

# “Baptism of fire”

- **Matthew 3:11**  
**<sup>11</sup> 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 and fire.**
- **Final punishment for the wicked  
(Rev. 20:11-15)**