

DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS

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HEBREWS 6:1-2

God wants us to move on from the principles of faith to the perfection of our faith. From the ABC's to spiritual maturity. This requires having a solid foundation in place, otherwise, we can make wrong choices – morally, ethically, even doctrinally. It's like moving from the first grade, to the second, etc.

BAPTISMS

EPHESIANS 4:4-5 – Does this contradict Hebrews? No, because the primary baptism of salvation is what Paul is speaking of. There are three baptizers and three baptisms spoken of in scripture.

- Defined – Baptize means to fully immerse someone into something. Historically, it meant to dip and dye, like a cloth into a vat of dye until it's completely changed.
- 1. Baptism one: the baptizer is the Holy Spirit. The medium is the body of Christ.
1 CORINTHIANS 12:13 At the time of salvation, the Spirit dips us in the fountain of blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins until we're washed whiter than snow and places us in the body of Christ. This requires no effort on our part.
- 2. Baptism two: the baptizer is Jesus; the medium is with the Holy Ghost and fire.
MATTHEW 3:11, ACTS 1:5, 2:1-4
 - A. This is not a requirement for salvation.
 - B. One should be Spirit baptized. **JOHN 7:37-39**
 - C. It produces power. **ACTS 2, 8, 9, 10, 19** (the pattern)
 - D. The first baptism qualifies us for the second.
- 3. Baptism three: the baptizer is a believer; the medium is water.
1 CORINTHIANS 1:14-16. Paul baptized in water.
 - A. This can take place any time after salvation, not before.
 - B. **ACTS 8:12, 15, 36-38; 9:18; 10:47; 16:15, 33; 19:5**
 - C. It's not essential to salvation, but it is essential to being an obedient disciple.
MATTHEW 3:13-17
 - D. To refuse can lead to forming a pattern of disobedience.
 - E. **ROMANS 6:3-4** Water baptism is an outward sign of an inward work of grace. To submit can lead to forming a life of obedience.

CONCLUSION: There are three baptizers and three baptisms spoken of in scripture. The doctrine of baptisms is one of the six principles of the doctrine of Christ. In order to move on from principles to perfection, we should submit ourselves to all three baptisms.