



Believers Baptism

Acts 16:31-34

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Introduction:

In our reading over the past week, baptism has come up at least two times. There is a lot of confusion that surrounds the subject of baptism. Our goal in this study is to grow in our understanding of believers baptism so that we can be grounded in the Word as well as help others who have trusted Christ to take this first step of obedience.

1. Baptisms in the _____

A. The Baptism of _____ (1 Corinthians 10:1-3)

1 Corinthians 10:1-3 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;

QUOTE: Just as Christian baptism identifies the believer with Christ, so Israel's "baptism" identified the people with Moses.
— Weirsbe

B. The Baptism of _____ (Mark 1:4)

Mark 1:4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

NOTE — John's baptism was a baptism of repentance; a sign of repentance (change of mind) toward God and need of the Messiah.

Acts 19:4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

C. The Baptism of _____ (Matthew 3:13-17)

Matthew 3:13-17 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. 14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be

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baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? 15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him. 16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

NOTE — The point of the baptism of Christ was to fulfill all righteousness. Jesus identified with man in every way.

D. The Baptism of the _____ (1 Corinthians 12:13)

1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

NOTE — This speaks of the *indwelling* of the Holy Spirit at the moment of trusting in Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:3–4 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

NOTE — Believers baptism pictures physically what happened to us spiritually.

E. The Baptism of the _____ (Mark 10:35–39)

Mark 10:35–39 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire. 36 And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you? 37 They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory. 38 But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? 39 And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized:

F. The Baptism of _____ (Matthew 28:19)

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

DEFINITION—TEACH: make disciples

DEFINITION—BAPTISM: to immerse; dip under water

2. Baptism of _____

A. Believers Baptism Follows _____

See Acts 2:41–42, 8:36–39

Acts 16:31–34 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. 32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. 34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

DEFINITION—BELIEVING: trusting in Jesus

Does Mark 16:16 teach that Baptism is a requirement for salvation?

- The thief on the cross was not baptized; yet he was assured of being in Paradise with Christ (Luke 23:43).
- The Gentiles in Caesarea were baptized after they were saved (Acts 10:44–48).
- Jesus Himself did not baptize (John 4:1, 2)—a strange omission if baptism were necessary for salvation.
- Paul thanked God that he baptized very few of the Corinthians (1 Cor. 1:14–16)—an impossible thanksgiving if baptism were essential for salvation.
- Approximately 150 passages in the NT state that salvation is by faith alone. No verse or few verses could contradict this overwhelming testimony.
- Baptism is connected with death and burial in the NT, not with spiritual birth.
- What then does verse 16 mean? We believe it mentions baptism as the expected outward expression of belief. Baptism is not a condition of salvation, but an outward proclamation that the person has been saved.

(William McDonald, BKC)

NOTE — We should use the clear passages of the Bible to interpret the unclear passages of the Bible.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

NOTE — The outcome of Peter's message was that they believed and then were baptized. (Acts 2:41)

B. Believers Baptism is by _____

1 Corinthians 15:3–4 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Colossians 2:12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

NOTE — Immersion pictures the death, burial and resurrection.

NOTE — Philip went down into the water with the Ethiopian Eunuch. (Acts 8:38-39)

C. Believers Baptism should be _____

See Acts 2:41, 8:36 and Matthew 3:16

D. Believers Baptism should be as _____ as Possible

See Acts 2:41, 8:36, 16:33

Conclusion

Statement on Baptism: Christ commanded in the Great Commission that those who believe in Him be baptized (Mt. 28:19-20). This is exemplified right from the beginning of the church in Acts (Acts 2:41). Baptism is to be by immersion as a picture of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Baptism always follows conversion and it is a public declaration of a personal decision to follow Christ (Mt. 3:16, Acts 8:36-38).

