

The Seven Baptisms

1. The Baptism of Moses

Exodus 14

1 Corinthians 10:1 *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;*

Who - For the Jews

Method - Water

Purpose – To escape Egypt and Pharaoh.

2. The Baptism of John

Matthew 3:5 *Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, 6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.*

Who – For the Jews

Method – Water

Purpose – To prepare Israel for their Messiah.

3. The Baptism of Israel

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.*

Who – For the Jews

Method – Water

Purpose – To prove they were sorry for crucifying their Messiah. Did not save them.

4. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

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.*

Who – Jews/Gentiles

Method – Holy Spirit

Purpose – To secure the believer. Takes place at salvation, receiving Christ as Savior. This one saves!

5. The Baptism of Fire

Matthew 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

Who – Unbelievers

Method – Fire

Purpose – Punish those who reject Christ. Hell, unquenchable fire.

6. The Baptism of the Believer

Acts 8:37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Acts 16:33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

Who – Believers

Method – Water

Purpose – Identify with Christ, obey Christ. Outward show of inward belief. Does not save.

7. The Baptism of Suffering & Death

Matthew 20:20 Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. 21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. 22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. 23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.

Who – Believers/Martyrs

Method – Suffering/Death

Purpose – Suffering or dying for the cause of Christ.