

BIBLE STUDY LESSON #9

TEACHING ON BAPTISMS

There are many different kinds of baptisms found in the Bible. There is Old Testament washings, the baptism of John the baptist, water baptism for the Christian, baptism of the Holy Spirit, etc. We will focus on two main aspects that are the most significant for you: the baptism of the Holy Spirit and water baptism for the Christian.

I. THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

There are 5 distinct ministries of the Holy Spirit, who is God.

- (1) Regeneration: the rebirth or re-creation of fallen human beings with the divine nature, (Jn 3:1–21) Jesus in you.
- (2) The indwelling of the Holy Spirit: every believer is an dwelling place of God the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:8–9)
- (3) The baptism with the Holy Spirit: when the Holy Spirit places the believer in Christ so that the merit and standing of the Son of God is now their merit and standing (1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:27; Romans 6:3–4; Colossians 2:11–13; Ephesians 4:5; 1 Peter 3:21; Mark 16:16)
- (4) The sealing of the Holy Spirit: the work of God the Holy Spirit by which believers are made secure and cannot lose their salvation (2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 4:30)
- (5) The filling with the Holy Spirit: manifestations of the blessings and power of God by the Holy Spirit which come after salvation and are often repeated (Eph. 5:18; Acts 1:8)

1. Read 1 Corinthians 12:13 and 1 Corinthians 12:27. What does the Holy Spirit baptize us into? _____

2. When we are baptized by the Holy Spirit, who do we put on? (Galatians 3:27)

3. What 4 events of Christ's life does the Holy Spirit baptize believers into so that they become co-participators in them? (Romans 6:3-6) _____

4. In Romans 6:7-9, what things does the believer enjoy because of the baptism of the Holy Spirit into Christ's crucifixion, death, burial and resurrection? _____

When the Spirit baptizes us into Jesus Christ, we become sons and daughters of God, part of God's family, and co-heirs of all that is Jesus' as God's Son. Without everything that Jesus did for us and the baptism of the Holy Spirit, none of those blessing would be possible. All of these things are God's doing in us when we simply believe in Jesus for salvation. It happens in a moment, and you won't ever be aware of it except that God has told us about it in the Bible.

II. CHRISTIAN WATER BAPTISM

1. Read Matthew 28:18-20. Who command us to be baptized in water and baptize others in water? _____

Christian water baptism is a special ceremony that Jesus has commanded we do after believing in Him. It is an outward, physical act of obedience to Jesus' command that represents what God has already done in the spiritual realm.

2. In whose name are we to be baptized? _____

To be baptized in the name the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, is to identify with, to declare your belonging to, and to be immersed in God and who He is.

III. REVIEW

1. When does the baptism of the Holy Spirit occur? _____
2. Have you been baptized by the Holy Spirit? _____
3. Is water baptism important? Why? _____
4. Have you been through water baptism? _____