

## DISTINGUISHING 7 BAPTISMS OF THE BIBLE

### I. THE DOCTRINE OF BAPTISM IN THE BIBLE

#### A. DEFINING THE WORD "BAPTISM"

1. The word 'baptize' comes from the Greek 'baptizo,' which means to \_\_\_\_\_ into, to \_\_\_\_\_ with, to \_\_\_\_\_.

\* How is the word "baptism" used in the Bible?

- A key point of this lesson is do not just think " \_\_\_\_\_ " when you read " \_\_\_\_\_ ".

2. 'Baptize' is a \_\_\_\_\_, not a translation, of the Greek word 'baptizo.'

\* What is a transliteration?

- Transliteration is when you take a Greek word and you give it an English \_\_\_\_\_.

- A translation takes a word and gives it an English \_\_\_\_\_.

#### B. OBSERVING THE USE OF THE WORD "BAPTIZE' IN THE BIBLE

1. The various words for "baptism" (baptize, baptism, etc.) are found \_\_\_\_\_ times in the New Testament.
2. Of these occurrences, only a \_\_\_\_\_ can be clearly shown to represent water baptism.

### II. DRY BAPTISMS IN THE BIBLE

#### A. THE BAPTISM OF MOSES

1. The Israelites were baptized with Moses in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Corinthians 10:1-4)

\* What is the historical event being referred to here?

- The \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The subject of this baptism was the nation of \_\_\_\_\_.

\* Who got wet on this day? (Exodus 14:29; 15:19)

- The \_\_\_\_\_

3. The sphere of this baptism was the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.

\* What is the meaning of 'the cloud' and 'the sea?'

➤ Cloud- \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

➤ Sea- The \_\_\_\_\_ Sea.

4. The result of this baptism was that the Israelites were identified with \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.

## B. THE BAPTISM OF THE CUP

1. Christ spoke of the baptism of the cup of His \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 20:22; Luke 12:50).

2. The subject of this baptism was \_\_\_\_\_.

\* In what way were the disciples to be identified with Christ's suffering? (v. 23)

➤ They too, were going to \_\_\_\_\_ because of Him.

3. The sphere of this baptism was the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

\* What is the historical event being referred to here?

➤ Christ crucified on the \_\_\_\_\_ where He suffered and died.

4. The result of this baptism was that the Christ was identified with the \_\_\_\_\_ of mankind.

## C. THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Since the day of Pentecost, \_\_\_\_\_ have been baptized by the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:5; Romans 6:3,4; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:5; Galatians 3:26-28).

2. The subjects of this baptism are all believers \_\_\_\_\_.

\* What takes place when a person is 'baptized by the Spirit?'

➤ They are \_\_\_\_\_ with His **death, burial, and resurrection.**

3. The sphere of this baptism is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

\* What is the body of Christ?

➤ The \_\_\_\_\_.

4. The result of this baptism is that believers are identified with \_\_\_\_\_ as His \_\_\_\_\_.

#### D. THE BAPTISM OF FIRE

1. John the Baptist predicted that unbelievers will be baptized with fire, which represents God's \_\_\_\_\_ . (Matthew 3:11; 13:25ff; Luke 3:16b).

2. The subjects of this baptism will be all \_\_\_\_\_ .

\* What does fire symbolize in the Bible?

➤ The \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

➤ At Christ's 2nd coming He is going to \_\_\_\_\_ the wheat from the tares, the sheep from the goats.

3. The sphere of this baptism will be \_\_\_\_\_ of judgment.

\* Will believers and unbelievers experience God's judgment?

➤ Not at the \_\_\_\_\_ time.

4. The result of this baptism will be that unbelievers will be identified with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

### III. WET BAPTISMS IN THE BIBLE

#### A. THE BAPTISM OF JOHN

1. John the Baptist baptized people with water to signify \_\_\_\_\_ identification with his \_\_\_\_\_ . (Matthew 3:1-11; John 1:25-33; Acts 19:2-4)

2. The subjects of this baptism were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ disciples.

3. The sphere of this baptism was the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

\* What was John's message?

➤ John points out to them that Jesus is God's Son and that they should \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

4. The result of this baptism was identification with the \_\_\_\_\_ message of repentance.

#### B. THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

1. Jesus Christ was baptized with water to signify identification with His \_\_\_\_\_ will. (Matthew 3:13-17)

2. The subject of this baptism was \_\_\_\_\_ .

Key Term: Baptism

Key Verse: Matthew 3:4-12

\* Do believers today 'follow the Lord in baptism?'

- Christ was baptized to fulfill God's will - it had nothing to do with \_\_\_\_\_, because He had none, but demonstrated that He was identifying with the message of the kingdom to come.
- We do not "follow" the Lord by way of example. Baptism in the Dispensation of Grace pictures the forgiveness of \_\_\_\_\_ and a believer's identification with Jesus Christ.

3. The sphere of this baptism was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Father.

4. The result of this baptism was that the Christ was identified with the repentant \_\_\_\_\_ and a national manifestation of the \_\_\_\_\_ to Israel.

\* What did this commence for Him?

- His earthy, public \_\_\_\_\_.

APPLICATION:

- If you want to serve the Lord, expect to get \_\_\_\_\_ by the Devil.

### C. THE BAPTISM OF BELIEVERS

1. Believers in the Dispensation of Grace are baptized in water to proclaim \_\_\_\_\_ and identification with \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 28:19,20; Acts 2:41; 8:26-40; 10:47, 48; 18:8)
2. The subject of this baptism is \_\_\_\_\_ believers.
3. The sphere of this baptism is \_\_\_\_\_ identification with Christ.
4. The result of this baptism is public proclamation of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ.

	BAPTISM	SCRIPTURE	SUBJECT	SPHERE	RESULTS
D R Y	Baptism of Moses	1 Corinthians 10:2	Israelites who fled from Egypt	Cloud and Sea	Identified with Moses (Sea) and the Lord (Cloud)
	Baptism of Cup	Matthew 20:22 Luke 12:50	Christ	Suffering	Christ identified with sins of mankind
	Baptism by Holy Spirit	Acts 1:5; 6:3-4 1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 4:5, Gal. 3:26-28	All church-age Believers	Body of Christ	Believers identified with Christ as His body
	Baptism of Fire	Matthew 3:11 Matthew 13:25ff Luke 3:16b	All Unbelievers	Judgment Fires	Unbelievers identified with God's judgment

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W E T	Baptism of John	Matthew 3:1-11 John 1:25-33 Acts 19:2-4	John's and Jesus' Disciples (Israelites)	Kingdom	Disciples of John's or Jesus' message of repentance
	Baptism of Jesus	Matthew 3:13-17	Jesus	Will of the Father	Personal identification with repentant remnant, national manifestation of the Messiah to Israel, and divine coronation of the King
	Baptism of Believers	Matt 28:19-20 Acts 2:41, 8:26-40, 10:47-48, 18:8	Obedient believers	Public identification with Christ	Public proclamation of salvation, and identification with Christ and other believers

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