

One Baptism

Ephesians 4:5

Matthew 28:18-20

Introduction: Faith is Paul speaks of one baptism in *Ephesians 4:5*. The author of Hebrews mentions the plural—"baptisms"—in Hebrews 6:2.

Obviously the former is singular while the latter is plural. This may cause some momentary confusion, but it can be cleared up with a little study.

I. The Baptisms Of the New Testament.

- A.** There are eight (8) in all.
 - 1.** John's (*Matt. 3:11*).
 - 2.** Holy Spirit (*Matt. 3:11*).
 - 3.** Fire (*Matt. 3:11*).
 - 4.** Of righteousness (*Matt. 3:13-15*).
 - 5.** Suffering (*Mk. 10:37-39*).
 - 6.** Into (unto) Moses (*1 Cor. 10:2*).
 - 7.** For the dead (*1 Cor. 15:29*).
 - 8.** Christ's (*Matt. 28:19*).
- B.** A brief examination
 - 1.** John's baptism was valid at one time. However, it ceased (*Acts 19:1-6*).
 - 2.** Holy Spirit baptism administered by Christ. Never commissioned to man.
 - 3.** Fire refers to judgment. Unquenchable in **v. 12**. Lake of fire (*Rev. 20:14-15*).
 - 4.** Of righteousness. Notice the "**us**." John the forerunner of the Messiah. Jesus is the Messiah. This was revealed at His baptism (*Jn. 1:29-34*). Jesus' ministry begins at this point.
 - 5.** Jesus was preparing the apostles for suffering they would experience.
 - 6.** When Israel crossed the Red Sea.
 - 7.** Deals with false teaching at Corinth; viz., no resurrection. If the dead rise not, why be baptized. One is baptized with the promise of resurrection.
 - 8.** Instituted in the Great Commissioned and ever practiced and never ceased. For all.

II. The Mode Of The One Baptism.

- A.** Element is water (***Acts 10:47***).
- B.** Greek word “baptizo” means “immerse.”
- C.** Sprinkling and pouring are ruled out.
- D.** Proof texts.
 - 1.** ***Matthew 3:11, 16***.
 - 2.** ***Acts 8:36-38***.
 - 3.** ***Romans 6:3-4***.
 - 4.** ***Colossians 2:12***.

III. The Purpose Of The One Baptism.

- A.** For the remission of sins (***Acts 2:38***).
- B.** To wash away sins (***Acts 22:16***).
- C.** A condition for pardon of sins.
 - 1.** Blood of Christ forgives sins (***Matt. 26:28; 1 Peter 1:18-19***).
 - 2.** The blood of Christ paid the price for our sins and made pardon available. Baptism is how pardon is obtained.
- D.** Baptism does not change sin into righteousness.
 - 1.** A person who is in sin must repent or turn from sin before baptism (***Acts 2:38***).
 - 2.** Any sinful act engaged in prior to baptism is still a sin after baptism.
 - 3.** Any sinful relationship prior to baptism is still a sin after baptism.
 - 4.** Notice ***1 Corinthians 6:9-11***.

Conclusion: Have you submitted to the one baptism? If not, why not do so right now as we stand and sing.