

Sunday, August 24, 2025

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Title: New Testament Baptisms

Text: Hebrews 6:1 - 3

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of four baptisms mention in the New Testament.

Introduction:

Hebrews 6:1 – 3, "Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, (2) and of instructions about washings (KJV and NKJV, "doctrine of baptisms"), the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. (3) And this we will do if God permits."

~ There are at least four different types (not methods) of baptisms recorded in the New Testament.

1. Baptism by John the Baptist:

~ Matthew 3:1 – 2, 6 and 11, "In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, (2) *"Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."* (6) *and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.* (11) *"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."*

~ John the Baptist was doing the baptizing.

~ The baptism was in the waters of the Jordan River.

~ It was upon the confession of personal sins.

~ John the Baptist prophesied of a great baptism coming!

2. Baptism by the Holy Spirit:

~ Galatians 3:25 – 29, *"But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, (26) for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. (27) For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (28) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."*

See also Romans 6:1 – 11; 1 Corinthians 12:12 – 13;

Colossians 2:12 – 14

~ This is the work of the Holy Spirit (verses 27 and 28) that does two simultaneous works:

~ this places Christ Jesus into the Believer

Colossians 1:27, *"To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."*

~ and places the Believer into the body of Christ Jesus

Ephesians 1:15 – 23, 2:11 – 22

~ These works no human can do, only the Holy Spirit!

3. Baptism with the Holy Spirit:

~ Acts 1:1 – 8

~ This baptism with the Holy Spirit is, without doubt, the most argued and misunderstood baptism in the New Testament. There are many who deny it as an experience subsequent to salvation; and there are some who hold to a position of the need for certain 'signs' to be present to confirm that a Believer has experienced this baptism (in some cases to the point of insulting other Believers). An examination of 1 Corinthians makes that clear.

~ The purpose is to give the individual Believer power to witness.

~ Church mission history reveals work of the Holy Spirit by various denominations that do not hold to a 'Pentecostal' or 'Charismatic' understanding of the baptism of the Holy Spirit and yet have manifested great power to witness.

~ To me, the key in my life is not trusting my flesh but actively seeking the Holy Spirit;

Ephesians 5:18, *"And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit"*.

~ "Being filled with the Spirit implies that we invite the Holy Spirit into our lives to lead us. It requires us to open out hearts and minds to His guidance and wisdom. This is not a one-time act but an ongoing process. Being filled with the Spirit means we need to be continually in tune with God, whether that is through prayer, reading Scripture, of being part of a worship community."

~ "The Greek tense of "be filled" in Ephesians 5:18 is present middle imperative, indication a continuous action. This means that believers are to be constantly filled..."

~ Am I desiring to be continuously filled with the Holy Spirit?

4. Baptism in (with) Water:

~ Acts 2:38 – 39 and 41, *"And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sin, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (39) For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." (41) So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls."*

~ Acts 10:48, *"And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days."*

~ Baptism in/with water is public confession of personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; it is an outward confession of an inward possession.

~ Matthew 10:32, *"So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven,"*