**5.) The Believer’s 3 Baptisms**

 **Tri-Baptisms: 3 different baptisms listed in scripture**

* The Baptism \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ, for salvation/ conversation.
* The Baptism of the Disciple in **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
* The Baptism **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** the Holy Spirit with fire is recorded in all 4 Gospels

Tonight, we will look at all 3 of these and also see how so much of the things of God are interconnected.

**1st - The Holy Spirit Baptizes Us Into Christ’s Body *(@ Conversion / Salvation)***

**1 Cor. 12:13,**  **Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.**

* We are all baptized into the body of Christ by one Spirit (Holy Spirit).
* Grammatically Speaking – This is the Baptism **OF** the Holy Spirit (into the Body of Christ)
* **Rom. 6:3-4,**  **or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.**
1. **The Baptism of the Disciple in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*(Most often it is a pastor who does it, but it doesn’t have to be.)*

* **Baptism is the translated Greek word {*Baptizo*} meaning \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

***Baptizo*** is not necessarily a religious word, but it is taken from the Greek and put into English by the translators of the King James Bible. Why?

Because the king practiced effusion / sprinkling and had asked that that immersion not be used. *To avoid embarrassing the king the translators made a new word instead of Baptiso they made it baptism.*

* **Biblical \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **is one of the most important meaningful experiences in the Christian walk.**

**Col. 2:12,** **for you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.**

* + It is not incidental, it’s fundamental.
	+ Jesus began His ministry with water baptism and concluded His earthly ministry by commanding baptism via the great commission.

**Matt. 28:19**, **therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

• Jesus and his disciples were baptized themselves, and they baptized others.

• Jesus commanded his disciple to go and make disciples and baptize them.

• Have you been baptized since you became a follower of Jesus Christ?

* **What’s the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for water baptism?**
* Water baptism says I believe in Jesus Christ, I have accepted His Salvation and I’m not ashamed of Him.
* Baptism is the confession of salvation, of faith and it identifies you with Jesus.
* Baptism conveys the message of preaching the gospel without speaking. (His Death, His Burial & Resurrection)
* **Water Baptism is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to fulfill:**

**Matthew 28:19-20, Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”**

It is fulfilling part of the Great Commission. **Therefore, go**

It is to be done in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

Water baptism is not necessary for salvation, but is done in obedience. **John 14:15, “If you love me, obey my commandments.**

**Mark 4:25, To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them.**

All comes by obedience.

* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Baptism – Immersion: Mark 1:9-10** Jesus’ baptism was of immersion. Jesus traveled to the Jordan River about sixty miles from home to be baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River because there was plenty of water for immersion.
* The early church immersed everybody sprinkling, pouring was used for the bedridden or the sick.

**Philip baptized the Ethiopian by immersion. - Acts 8:36, As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look! There’s some water! Why can’t I be baptized?”**

* During the late first to second century the Epistle of Barnabas was found and it described water baptism as *“we descend into the water full of sins and defilement but come up bearing fruit in our heart, having the fear of God and trust in Jesus in our spirit.”*
* **Baptism by Sprinkling** also called effusion began in the thirteenth century by the Roman Catholic Church. Water baptism faded in the Dark Ages (Middle) and effusion took place and it became a baptism of convenience. Sprinkling of water is used in the Old Testament and it is not used for water baptism.

**MEANING of Baptism:**

**Romans 6:4–7, 4For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. 5Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was.6We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. 7For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin.**

Water baptism gives us a picture of the work of Jesus Christ in His death, burial and resurrection. It also pictures our death, burial and resurrection with Christ. It symbolizes the saving gospel of Jesus.

**I Cor. 15:3-4**, **I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. 4He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.**

If this method is changed you destroy the picture. When you are placed under water you are placed in a liquid tomb. Water baptism identifies us with Jesus and His saving gospel.

* You should not be baptized unless you have truly had an encounter with God’s saving grace.
* 1st we are saved, then we are baptized. Baptism does not save anyone!
* If it is done before true conversion, it’s like having a funeral before dying. Why? In water baptism you are saying good-bye to the world and coming up out of the water as a new creature in Christ. Baptism pictures the ultimate glorification with Jesus for we will be like Him.
* **Summing up Bible Baptism:** The method is immersion; if you change it you destroy the meaning.
* The meaning is our identification with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.
* The motive is to confess Christ, obey Him and declare His saving grace.

**3. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the Holy Spirit**

* **Matt. 3:11,** **“I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals.**
* He (Jesus) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** Speaking – This is the Baptism IN or WITH the Holy Spirit (performed by Jesus Christ).
* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** Speaking – They are not the same.
* The Baptism OF the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ is different from the Baptism IN or WITH the Holy Spirit.
* **Remember There Are 3 Different Baptisms List In Scripture**
* The Baptism OF the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ.
* The Baptism of the disciple in water.
* The Baptism IN or WITH the Holy Spirit with fire.
* **Motive for water baptism:** Water baptism says I believe in Jesus and I’m not a shame of Him. **\*\*Baptism was the confession of salvation, of faith and it identifies you with Jesus.**
* **Motive for Holy Spirit baptism: Acts 1:8, But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”**

**\*\*Power – Power in the Holy Spirit, Boldness, Spiritual Gifts…**

**Receiving This Gift Requires: Desire, Submission & Faith.**

* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** – you have to desire to receive this gift, He will never force himself on anyone!
* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** – You need to submit yourself to God. Humble yourself. Willing to surrender anything that is a hinderance or problem within your relationship with God.
* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** – allowing the Holy Spirit to move though you will always require a step of Faith!

**~**You can ask, pray & seek, but ultimately, you have to give the Holy Spirit the voice to speak through you and that requires some Faith.