

Lessons From Bible Baptisms

Eph. 4:1-6

I. *The Baptism Unto Moses (I Cor. 10:1-2)*

- The account. (Ex. 14)
 - In the cloud and in the sea. (I Cor. 10:2; Ex. 13:21-22; 14:29)
 - Necessary for their salvation. (Ex. 14:30-31)
 - They were identified with Moses – identified as his disciples. (I Cor. 1:13; Gal. 3:26-27)
 - Their baptism delivered them from bondage and began their journey to the land of promise.
 - Their arrival in Canaan was not guaranteed. (I Cor. 10:1-13)

II. *Jesus' Baptism Of Suffering (Matt. 20:22; Lk. 12:50)*

- The immersion of injury, pain, suffering and death that Jesus endured for you and me.
 - Isa. 53:1-12 → stricken, smitten, afflicted, wounded, bruised, stripes, oppressed, cut off, an offering for sin.
 - Matt. 26:39 → "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt."
 - Heb. 5:7-8.

III. *The Baptism of John (Matt. 3:1-11)*

- Things to note about John's baptism:
 - Repentance required; kingdom at hand
 - Fruit manifested repentance.
 - In the Jordan, confessing their sins. (Jn. 3:23)
 - Baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. (Mk. 1:4)
 - Superseded. (Acts 19:3-6)

IV. *The Baptism of Jesus (Matt. 3:13-17)*

- John recognizes Jesus as the Son of God. (Jn. 1:33-34)
- To fulfill all righteousness. (Matt. 3:15) → to fulfill every righteous requirement.
- We must fully fulfill every requirement of God. (Jn. 14:15; Rev. 22:14)

V. *The Baptism of The Holy Spirit (Matt. 3:11)*

- Only two recorded cases in history:
 - The apostles on the Day of Pentecost. (Acts 2; cf. 1:5)
 - Cornelius and his household. (Acts 10:44; 11:15-16)
 - For the purpose of revealing and confirming God's word. (Heb. 2:1-4)
 - Fulfilled: all truth has been revealed and confirmed. (Jn. 16:13; II Pet. 1:3)

VI. *Baptism In The Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:20)*

- This is the one baptism that is in force and necessary for the salvation of sinners today. (Eph. 4:5)
 - Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:26-27; I Pet. 3:21

VII. *The Baptism of Fire (Matt. 3:11; Lk. 3:16-17)*

- One yet to come. One no one wants.
- Eternal punishment in hell. II Thess. 1:7-9 → in flaming fire... Luke 16:24 → I'm tormented in this flame
 - Rev. 20:15 → whosoever was not found in the book of life was cast in the lake of fire
 - Rev. 21:8 → the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone which is the second death.