

Unto What Then Were Ye Baptized?

Acts 19:1-6

Moses' Baptism...

- At the Red Sea – in the cloud and in the sea. (Ex. 14:13-15; 21-24; 29-31)
- Paul's use of...(I Cor. 10:1-2)
 - Only after this baptism were they saved – a work of God. (Ex. 14:30-31)
 - They were identified with Moses. (I Cor. 10:2)
 - Freed them from bondage, and began their journey to land of promise as God's people.
 - This baptism did not guarantee their arrival. (I Cor. 10:1-13)
- Jesus superior to Moses. (Heb. 3:1-6)

John's Baptism...

- John's baptism to prepare the Jews for the King and His kingdom. (Matt. 3:2,11)
 - Confessed their sins. (Matt. 3:6)
 - Repented of sins. (Matt. 3:8; Lk. 3:8-10)
 - Unto remission of sins. (Mk. 1:4)
 - Part of the counsel of God. (Lk. 7:30)
 - Required much water. (Jn. 3:23)
 - John told them to believe on the one who came after him – Jesus. (Acts 19:4)
- The baptism of Jesus. (Matt. 3:13-17)
 - Not for same reasons as the others.
 - Revealed Jesus as the Messiah. (Jn. 1:31)
 - To fulfill all righteousness. (Matt. 3:15)

Jesus' Baptism of Suffering...

- The immersion, overwhelming of pain, suffering, agony, and death that Jesus suffered for our sins. (Mk. 10:38-39; cf. Lk. 12:50)
 - Matt. 26:39 → And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou [wilt].
 - Heb. 5:8-9 → Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; 9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; (cf. Isa. 53:3-10)

Holy Spirit Baptism...

- Only two cases of Holy Spirit Baptism in the New Testament.
 - The Apostles received the baptism of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. (Matt. 3:11; Acts 1:5,8; 2)
 - Cornelius and his household received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 10:44; 11:15-17)
 - Purpose: revelation and confirmation of the word of God. (Jn. 16:13; Acts 1:8; Heb. 2:1-4)
 - God's will has been fully revealed and confirmed. (Jude 3; I Cor. 13:8-13)

Baptism Of The Great Commission

- Matt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16; Eph. 4:5 → one baptism for today.
- For the remission of sins. (Acts 2:38)
- For salvation from sin. (Mk. 16:16)
- To wash away sins. (Acts 22:16)
- To receive the benefits of the death of Jesus Christ, and be raised to walk in a newness of life. (Rom. 6:3-4)
- To put one into the body of Christ. (I Cor. 12:13)
- To make one a child of God. (Gal. 3:26-27)
- To save from past sins. (I Pet. 3:21)
 - Eph. 4:4-6 → There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, **one baptism**, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Conclusion

- A final baptism to consider: Baptism of fire.
 - Lk. 3:16-17 → John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: 17 Whose fan [is] in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.
 - Lk. 16:24 → And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.
 - Rev. 20:15 → And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.
 - Rev. 21:8 → But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.