

BAPTISMS OF THE BIBLE

Since the days that Martin Luther and Uldrich Swingli disagreed so sharply on the doctrines of the church, men have been at variance as to some of the most cardinal teachings of the New Testament. Almost every man has his own point of emphasis, his one favorite hobby. These instead of helping the world and advancing Christianity to the ends of the earth as the one panacea for the ills of all men have, and are still befogging the minds of men and leaving every generation standing at the crossroads at midnight not knowing which way to go.

The first thing that we must learn about the Bible is that it is the word of God and that it was dictated by the Holy Ghost to Holy men, themselves anointed and inspired by the Holy Ghost as they wrote. The Holy Ghost then is the only person capable of interpreting the Bible. The Bible is a closed book to any man who is not inspired by the Holy Ghost. All of the Bible is important. All of the Bible is the word of God. All of the Bible is an open book to all men whose hearts are touched and tuned by the Holy Ghost and whose minds are not warped by prejudice and pride.

I feel that it is only fair to you out there, my radio audience who through the years have listened faithfully to this radio program and who have confidence in the Gospel I preach, to point out some Biblical facts about the Baptisms of the Bible.

First, I ask the question: What is baptism? It is the act of an agent, applying an element, to a subject, for a purpose. In order to perform an act of baptism, there must be an agent to officiate. There must be an element to use. There must be a subject who receives. There must be a purpose in view. There must be a time and a place.

To understand the Scripture on Water baptism, it is necessary to define the agent employed, the element used, the subject who receives it and the purpose in view.

Thus, man is the agent, water is the element, the born again Christian is the subject, the outward manifestation of the inward work of grace is the purpose. That and no more is what is involved in water baptism. Any man who tries to make the three baptisms of the New Testament conform to the conditions, and the objectives involved in water baptism is blind to the truth. He is prejudiced by past influence or is deliberately trying to advance some denominational dogma and interests at the expense of poor innocent trusting, unsuspecting peoples eternal welfare.

Secondly, there is a baptism into the death of Jesus Christ, the one to which he referred his disciples before he went to the cross. In a word, the one he accomplished on the cross. This baptism is quite often mentioned in the epistles and is often erroneously preached as water baptism. This is the baptism that you find in the sixth chapter of Romans and in the twelfth chapter of 1st Cor. and I quote: For by one spirit are we all baptised into one body, whether we be Jew or Gentile, whether

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we be bond or free and have been all made to drink into one spirit.

Now listen, if you think that that is water baptism you are just whistling in the dark. This is a baptism into the oneness with Christ, which cannot be possible without a baptism into his death. Now, here is how it works; the Holy Ghost is the agent, the Blood of Christ the element, the Believer is the subject, the bringing into the body of Christ in the sense of Holiness is the purpose in view.

Now I quote from Romans: Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should not serve sin.

Knowing this, our old man is crucified with him that the body of sin might be destroyed that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Now some of you take that to preach water baptism by emersion, and you talk about being buried with him in baptism. You talk about a watery grave and the virtue of emersion.

Now brother, before you go any farther I want to ask you one question "Where did Jesus Die--on the cross or in the tomb." Where was that awful baptism into death accomplished by Christ--on the cross or in the tomb." In this you do err. You who take this to mean water are missing the real truth of the matter. You are trying to identify yourself with Christ in the tomb without going to the Old Rugged Cross with Him and dying to sin. No wonder you have taken an easy way out. You are trying to make water baptism mean everything and consequently it misses its real purpose. That's why you can join the church, be baptised and go on committing sin every day and then come up with that thread bare old complaint that nobody can live without sin.

The devil himself couldn't beat that. Brother, when you believe on Christ and bring forth fruits meet for repentance as John the Baptist required, and then are baptised in water, and come with Christ to the baptism he was baptised with; then as Paul put it have the old man crucified with him, destroying the body of sin, then when you come up out of that death you can and will walk in newness of life. You are completely freed from sin but a servant of righteousness unto God.

The baptism into Jesus Christ or in the name of Jesus Christ does not mean water baptism. But rather a cleansing with the blood from sin in the nature, as a definite second work of grace.

The third baptism of the New Testament is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. This is the baptism that the 120 received on the day of Pentecost. The baptism that St. Paul received when Annanias laid hands on him. The baptism that the people in Philips revival in Samaria received when Peter and John prayed for them. The Baptism that the twelve men at Ephesus received when Paul prayed for them. The Baptism that Cornelius and his household received when Simon Peter went and preached to them.

In this Baptism Christ is the agent, the spirit is the element, the Sanctified believer the subject, the endowment of power from on high the purpose.

Now I know that some of you cry out in desperation about there being only one baptism, and you quote Hebrews 6:2 to prove your point. But you listen to this.

The one Lord here embraces the triune God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Not three Gods.

One faith--faith in God as the designer of our Salvation, Faith in Christ as the purchasing agent of our salvation. Faith in the Holy Ghost as the divine revealer of our salvation. But not three faiths. Man uses water as the element for baptism--the Holy Ghost uses the Blood of Christ as the element for cleansing. Christ uses the Holy Ghost as an element for anointing from on high. But they three agree in one. Neither contradicting the truth--one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism. Thus three baptism agreeing in one do the complete work of Christ for men and fulfill all righteousness.

THE BIBLE TEACHES THREE BAPTISMS - Rev. H. P. Robinson

1. Baptism in Water (Formula - "Father - Son - Holy Ghost) (But not method.)
2. Baptism into Jesus Christ
3. Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

DEFINITION OF BAPTISM: It is the act of an agent, applying an element, to a subject, for a purpose.

TO PERFORM A BAPTISM WE MUST HAVE:

An agent to officiate...an element to use...a subject to receive... a purpose or object in view...a time and a place.

I. SANCTIFICATION: To set apart, to dedicate, to consecrate, to make holy, to cleanse.

It's use is first found as God sanctified the Sabbath day, hallowed it and designated it as a Holy day for rest. Genesis 2:1-3

II. It Comes into prominence in the idea of the FIRSTBORN

In SALVATION - the blood is the element - Christ the agent, man the ~~object~~ *subject - Regeneration the object*

In SANCTIFICATION - Blood the element, Holy Ghost the agent, Man the ~~object~~ *subject - Carnal Nature Destroyed - obje*

In the Holy Ghost - Holy Spirit the element - Christ the agent - Man the ~~object~~ *subject - Filling of Holy Ghost - obje*

Scriptures: Gen. 17:1, Lev. 19:2, Romans 12:1, Eph. 1:4, Matt. 5:8 - Hebrews 12:14, I Cor. 6:11, Romans 15:16

IN SALVATION - There is a birth...a new life begins

IN SANCTIFICATION - A death, burial, and resurrection.

IN SALVATION - The actual transgressions are forgiven.

IN SANCTIFICATION - The proneness to evil is uprooted, and destroyed.

IN SALVATION -- The tree is cut down

IN SANCTIFICATION -- The stump is dug up.

IN SALVATION - the stream is purified.

IN SANCTIFICATION - the source is cleansed or made sweet

IN REGENERATION -- Isaac is born

IN SANCTIFICATION - Ishmael is cast out.

IN REGENERATION -- The communication is established between Jacob & d.

IN SANCTIFICATION -- The wrestler subdues Jacob and changes his name to Israel.

IN REGENERATION - The Blood is put on the door.

IN SANCTIFICATION - THE LAMB is eaten, roast with fire, with bitter herbs, and none of it is left until the morning.

even the hide, bones, and pertinence is burned up.

IN REGENERATION - You are purged with hyssop and made clean.

IN SANCTIFICATION ! You are washed and made whiter than snow.

IN REGENERATION - You have been given clean hands

IN SANCTIFICATION - You have a PURE heart.

IN REGENERATION - You become a member of Abraham's family.

IN SANCTIFICATION - You are circumcised and become an heir with Isaac.

IN REGENERATION - You become an heir of God
 IN SANCTIFICATION - You become a joint heir with Jesus Christ.

IN REGENERATION - You become a branch in the vine capable of bearing fruit,
 IN SANCTIFICATION - You are purged that you might bring more fruit.

IN REGENERATION - Isaiah becomes a prophet of God.
 IN SANCTIFICATION - A coal of fire is placed on his lips and he sees the Lord high and lifted up.

IN REGENERATION - You are separated from the world and given to Christ.
 IN SANCTIFICATION - You become one with Christ and are kept from the evils.

IN REGENERATION - You are separated from the world.
 IN SANCTIFICATION - The world is separated from you.

IN REGENERATION - You surrender your sins to Christ.
 IN SANCTIFICATION - You give yourself.

IN REGENERATION - we are given the right to HEAVEN.
 SANCTIFICATION - gives us the fitness for Heaven.

IN REGENERATION - we are pardoned by a judicial act.
 IN SANCTIFICATION - we are cleansed by a priestly function.

IN REGENERATION - war is declared on sin and Satan.
 IN SANCTIFICATION - victory is won.

Regeneration - is attained by surrender, repentance, and faith
 SANCTIFICATION - is attained by obedience, consecration, and faith.

REGENERATION - delivers from guilt and condemnation.
 SANCTIFICATION - delivers from temper and abnormal appetite.

REGENERATION - restores us to the favor of God.
 SANCTIFICATION - restores us to the Holiness and moral likeness of God.

Justification is the impartation of a spiritual nature.
 Sanctification is the crucifixion of the carnal nature.

Justification separates us from the world
 Sanctification separates the world from us.

REGENERATION - we cry, "when I would do good, evil is present."
 SANCTIFICATION - we rejoice, "there is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

SCRIPTURES ON SANCTIFICATION AS A SECOND, DEFINITE WORK OF GRACE:
 Acts. 20:32; 1 Cor. 6:11; I Thes. 5:23; Romans 15:16; John 17:16,17
 Acts 18:15-17

PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION: Proverbs 4:18; II Peter 3:18,
 Phil. 1:6