

Seven Key Doctrines of the Christian Church (Doctrine of One Baptism)

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We are currently studying Paul's list of seven doctrines that separate the Christian church from the religions of the world. In this study we will discuss the third of seven doctrines listed in Eph.4:4-6,

(Eph.4:4-6) “There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call - one Lord, one faith, **one baptism**, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all”.

This is our first lesson on our fifth doctrine listed in Eph.4:4-6, **One Baptism**. There is only One Lord and His name is Jesus Christ. This is one of the most profound doctrines of the New Covenant.

This lesson will study four aspects of Jesus' Baptism with the Holy Spirit as essential to the One Baptism.

1. In order to understand Jesus baptizing with the Holy Spirit, you must understand the prophetic introduction of it by John the Baptist in Matt.3:11-12.

- **Baptism of Holy Spirit:** “As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, **but He** (Christ) who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit** and fire.” (Matt.3:11) (First Advent of Jesus)
- **Baptism Fire:** “And His winnowing fork is in His hand, and **He will** thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and **He will** gather His wheat into the barn, but **He will** burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” (Matt.3:12) (Second Advent of Jesus)

2. Christ's baptizing with The Holy Spirit is one of five baptisms associated with Christ.

The first four are associated with His First Advent and the last one with His Second Advent.

Coming of Christ into the world:

- Jesus was baptized in water by John Baptist to identify Him as Messiah (John 1:24-34).
- Jesus was baptized into spiritual death for sin of world to identify Him as Savior of world (Luke 12:50; John 1:29; 1 Cor.11:25; John 4:42; 1 John 2:2; 4:13-15).

Leaving of Christ from the world:

- Jesus baptized believers with the Holy Spirit after His Ascension and Session to incorporate them into one body, the church and inaugurate the New Covenant ministry of the Holy Spirit (Matt.3:11; Acts 1:3-5; John 15:26-27; 1 Cor.6:19-20).

Absence of Christ from the world: (“another allos/ comforter Parakletos”) (John 14:16):

- The Holy Spirit's baptizing of church age believers (John 16:7-8, 13-15) (John 14-16).

Return of Christ to the world:

- Jesus baptizing with Fire in the Second Advent (Matt.3:12; Luke 3:17; 2 Thess.1:6-7).

3. One reason the Church age is the most unique period of biblical history is because Jesus Christ fulfilled His promise to baptize every church age believer with the Holy Spirit. The inaugurated began at Pentecost Festival of 30AD.

- Prophecy of John Baptist fulfilled at Pentecost (Matt.3:11).
- Pre-resurrection declaration by Jesus fulfilled at Pentecost (John 16:7-8; 7:37-39).
- Post-resurrection declaration by Jesus fulfilled at Pentecost (Acts 1:3-5; Luke 24:46-49/ READ).
- Post-ascension declaration by Peter that it was fulfilled at Pentecost (Acts 2:1, 16-21, 32-36).

(Acts 2:33) “Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God and having received from the Father the **promise of the Holy Spirit**, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.” (Joel 2:28-32) (Acts 2:16-17) [The last days]

The Promise of Jesus baptizing with Holy Spirit began its fulfillment at Pentecost.

(Acts 2:38-39) “Repent and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of Holy Spirit. **For the promise** is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself.” (Gal.3:14; Eph.1:13)

4. The first action taken by Jesus Christ in Session was to baptize believers with the Holy Spirit.

- **Jewish believers** attending Pentecost of Acts 2
- **Samaritans believers** of Acts 8
- **Gentiles believers** of Acts 10-11
- **12 disciples of John Baptist** in Ephesus of Acts 19.

By the end of the Book of Acts, we learn that the purpose of Jesus baptizing with The Holy Spirit was to incorporate different groups into ONE Church body, the church of Jesus Christ in the world (Eph.4:4-6).

(Gal.3:28) “There is **neither Jews nor Greek**, there is **neither slave nor free man**, there is **neither male nor female**; for you are **all ONE in Christ Jesus**.” (1 Cor.12:13)

(Eph.1:22-23) “And He put all things in subjection under His feet and **gave Him as head over all things to the Church, which is His body**, the fullness of Him who is all in all.”

Therefore, Paul can say that there are seven important New Covenant doctrines that separate the Christian Church from the religions of the world in Eph.4:4-6:

- One Body
- One Spirit
- One Hope of your Calling
- One Lord
- One Faith
- **One Baptism**
- One God and Father of All.