Study #9

Immersion (Baptism)

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The subject of “baptism” is supposedly one of the most confusing and controversial of all Bible doctrines. Many types of so-called “churches” have many types of so-called “baptism.” Some *sprinkle*, some *pour*, some *immerse*. Some do it to *infants*, others to *adults*. Some even “baptize” on behalf of those *deceased*. Then, others tell us it is not an important thing at all, so they practice *no baptism*. What is the truth? All cannot be the truth, can they? What am I to believe if I want to be RIGHT? Answer?

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” ***John 17:17***

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” ***Romans 10:17***

History tells us that “baptism” has been a most divisive issue throughout, evenup to this present age. Our Christian forefathers paid dearly for their stand upon the Bible truth of baptism. Millions were cruelly put to death just because they refused to have their children “*sprinkled*,” or dared to stand upon the ***teachings of God’s word***. We do not have to face such persecution today, yet, but we ought to be willing to take the same stand for the truth and what ***God say’s***.

What is Baptism?

1. How many kinds of “Scriptural baptism” are there? ***Ephesians 4:4-6*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What is baptism called in ***Colossians 2:12***? B \_ \_ ial
3. According to ***Romans 6:4***, we are B \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in the l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of Christ’s death by baptism.
4. ***Romans 6:5*** tells us that baptism pictures a P \_ \_ \_ \_ ing.
5. In your understanding, which *action* best pictures a *burial*, or a *planting*?

Immersion, Sprinkling or Pouring? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. In ***Matthew 3:6***, where did John the Baptist baptize? “…in J \_ \_ \_ \_ \_,”

What exactly is “Jordan?” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. From ***John 3:23***, what was John the Baptist’s reason for baptizing at a place called Aenon? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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1. What does your answer to letter “G” say about the *method* of baptizing? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. In ***Mark 1:10***, when Jesus was baptized, what did He *come up out of*? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Look up ***Acts 8:38,39***. When Philip baptized the Ethiopian, what was the relationship of both men to the water? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. From your honest study of these verses of Scripture, what do you conclude to be the mode (according to what God say’s) of baptism?

Sprinkling Pouring Immersion

The Greek word rendered “baptize” in your Bible is “*baptidzo*.” The meaning of “*baptidzo*” is “*dip, plunge, immerse, submerge, overwhelm*.”

Pope Stephen 2 declared the practice of “*pouring*” for baptism was valid in the case of sick candidates in the year 754 A.D. The Roman Catholic Council of Ravenna, 1311 A.D., gave the first “official” sanction of “*sprinkling*.” Prior to these times, *immersion* was the mode used. In some Roman Catholic circles, *immersion* was still practiced in the 18th Century.

The Bible teaching of practicing baptism is by ***“Immersion***.” The Scriptures do not ever show anyone, anywhere, at anytime being sprinkled, or poured upon, sick or healthy. Amen.

Who should be Baptized?

1. According to ***Matthew 3:7,8*** what did John the Baptist require from people *before* he would baptize them? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Look up ***John 4:1***. What does the relationship between the words “*made*” and “*baptized*” show concerning who should be baptized? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. In ***Acts 2:41***, what had those who were baptized *first* done? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. In ***Acts 8:12***, what had the *men* and *women* who were baptized *first* done? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Does a person lose their salvation if they are not baptized? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Look up ***Luke 23:39-43***.

Did the first malefactor believe on Jesus? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Did the second malefactor believe on Jesus? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Did either malefactor go to Paradise? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Was either malefactor baptized? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Look up ***Mark 16:16***.

Who is saved? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Who is damned? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Who is speaking? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Is baptism commanded or a choice? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Is baptism part of salvation? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Who has the authority to Baptize?

1. ***There are two facts to keep in mind.***
2. There is a “*Heinz 57*” variety of “baptisms” in the religious world today. (See the introduction to this study) ***2 Corinthians 11:3,4***
3. According to ***Ephesians 4:5***, there is only “*One Baptism*” so all cannot be right.
4. ***The authority to baptize was given to the church, the Body of Christ.***

Just before the Lord ascended back to Heaven, He left “orders” for His work to be continued. These orders are given in ***Matthew 28:19,20***; ***Mark 16:15,16***; ***Luke 24:46-48***; ***John 17:18***; ***John 20:21***; and **Acts 1:8**.

The Lord spoke these words to His disciples. However, if He gave this Commission only to the disciples then present, it no longer applies, because they are long dead! The Lord Jesus Christ gave the Great Commission to His church, the Body of Christ. The command and authority to preach, baptize, and teach all nations was given to His *church*, *the body of Christ*, not to man-made religious organizations. The Lord Jesus Christ walked 60 miles (from Galilee to Jordan) to receive the right baptism from the right authority (John the Baptist). He obviously thought baptism was important. It is important today and still commanded for those that believe. {Review study #3}

1. ***There are four requirements for Baptism to be Scriptural***
* Candidate must be Saved (Born-Again) ***John 3:7***
* Must be Immersed in water ***Mark 1:10***; ***Acts 8:38,39***
* Must be symbolic only-Not part of Salvation- Representing the Death, Burial, and Resurrection Romans ***6:4,5***
* Carried out by the Lords assembly-the Church-the body of Christ Matthew ***28:19,20***

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Why should we be Baptized?

Some people do not hold great importance to baptism seeing it as either unnecessary, or an “optional extra” to being a Christian.

On the other hand, the word of God places great emphasis upon this ordinance. After all, The Lord Jesus Christ commanded it! Should it be important to a Christian if their Saviour and God has commanded it? Yes, of course it should be. The “*symbol*” of Christianity is not a cross or a fish. It is the beautiful symbols of *baptism* and the *Lords Supper*.

Here are some reasons why you should be baptized.

1. ***The Lord Jesus Christ was baptized Matthew 3:13-17***
2. Jesus Christ came from G \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to J \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (60 miles) to receive baptism (***vs 13***). It was important to Him.
3. Jesus said His baptism B \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ us. (***vs 15***) That is, “It is fitting.”
4. Jesus used the little word u \_ in (***vs 15***), indicating we associate with Him when we follow Him in baptism.
5. God the Father was well p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ when God the Son was baptized (***vs 17***).
6. ***Baptism is a Command from the Lord Matthew 28:19,20***

As noted previously, the command to baptize was given to the Lord’s church, the Body of Christ, thus it follows that those who are won to Christ have a duty to be baptized.

Write out ***John 14:15***. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. ***Baptism is the Bible way***



1. Look up ***Mark 16:16*** Here the command is that “He that believeth and is

b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_...”(Not *to be saved*, but *in addition* to being saved)

1. ***Acts 8:12*** includes both m \_ \_ and w \_ \_ \_ \_ in the act of baptism.
2. ***All Christians are exhorted to be faithful in a local assembly***

We read of this command in ***Hebrews 10:25***. Can we properly follow this command and not be baptized?

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If you have been baptized

* Be sure to record the date of your baptism along with the other information on the beginning page of the ABCs of Christian Growth. Write it in your Bible along with your day of salvation if you know it. If not don’t know it don’t worry about it. Its written in Heaven along with your name. ***Luke 10:20*** Hallelujah!

If you have not been baptized

1. Write out the Question the Ethiopian asked Philip in the last part of ***Acts 8:36***.

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1. In your own words, and in your own situation, answer the question above.

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1. Why not decide now to obey the Lord command?

“And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.”

***1 Samuel 15:22,23***

Having studied the Scriptures concerning the subject of baptism and realizing this step of obedience is ordered of me by the Lord in His word ***Mark 16:16***, I hereby determine by the grace of God that I will unashamedly present myself for baptism, and publicly associate myself with the Lord Jesus Christ. ***Romans 10:11*** I will then assemble ***Hebrews10:25*** with a local Bible believing church and endeavor to serve my Lord there to the best of my ability ***Colossians 3:23,24***according to His word.

Signed. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

This concludes our study on Immersion (Baptism). Thank you for studying God’s word.

Reading Assignment:

* Read ***Matthew 3*** and ***Acts 8***

Memory Verse:

* ***1 Samuel 15:22***

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