

BAPTISM

The ONE

of Ephesians 4:5

⁴ *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were 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.*

(Ephesians 4:4–6 (NKJV))

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- ▶ An important subject because it comes from God (Mat. 21:25; 28:19; Acts 10:33,48)
- ▶ Defined by God’s word, which must form what we believe about it, and regulate our understanding and practice of it (1 Cor. 4:6; Jn 12:48)

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Definition of *baptism*



baptism *noun*

- 1
 - a : a Christian sacrament marked by ritual use of water and admitting the recipient to the Christian community
 - b : a non-Christian rite using water for ritual purification
 - c *Christian Science* : purification by or submergence in Spirit
- 2 : an act, experience, or ordeal by which one is purified, sanctified, initiated, or named

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noun [C or U] • RELIGION

US /'bæp.tɪ.zəm/ UK /'bæp.tɪ.zəm/



a Christian ceremony in which a person has water poured on their head, or is covered for a very short time in water, in order to show that that person has become a member of the Christian Church:

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baptisma (βάπτισμα, 908),
“baptism,” consisting of the
processes of immersion,
submersion and emergence
(from *bapto*, “to dip”)

Vine, W. E., Unger, M. F., & White, W., Jr.
(1996). *Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of
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baptizo (βαπτίζω, 907), “to baptize,” primarily a frequentative form of bapto, “to dip,” was used among the Greeks to signify the dyeing of a garment, or the drawing of water by dipping a vessel into another, etc.

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BAPTISM = IMMERSION



- ▶ The concept consists of both “submersion and emergence”
- ▶ The term itself does NOT specify the element into which a thing is immersed and is used metaphorically (Mt 3:7, 10-12; Mk 10:38-39; Ac 1:5-8)
- ▶ The most common usage of the term in the NT refers to being immersed in water (John 3:23; Acts 8:36-39; 10:48)

Baptisms of the Bible

Baptism	Purpose	Fulfilled?	Continues
Moses 1 Cor. 10:1-2	“Unto Moses”	Yes	No
John /Water Mt. 3:11	“remission of sins” prepare for Christ	Yes	No
Suffering Mk. 10:38-39	Christ & apostles cost of faithfulness	Yes	No
Holy Spirit Mt. 3:11	Sign on apostles & Cornelius’ house	Yes	No
Jesus /Water Acts 2:38	Salvation-Into Christ-Rom. 6:3,4	Began in Acts 2	Yes
Fire Mt. 3:7, 10-12	Punishment of Unbelievers	Ad 70 / Not Yet	Yes / No

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WATER BAPTISM = IMMERSION IN WATER

**John 3:23
(NKJV)**

²³ Now John also
was baptizing in
Aenon near Salim,
because there was
much water there.
And they came and
were baptized.

► MUCH WATER (John 3:23)

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Matthew 3:13
(NKJV)

**13 Then Jesus
came from
Galilee to John
at the Jordan to
be baptized by
him.**

- ▶ MUCH WATER (John 3:23)
- ▶ The one baptized goes TO THE WATER (Mat. 3:13; Acts 8:36)

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Acts 8:36
(NKJV)

³⁶ Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, “See, *here is* water. What hinders me from being baptized?”

- ▶ MUCH WATER (John 3:23)
- ▶ The one baptized goes TO THE WATER (Mat. 3:13; Acts 8:36)

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**Acts 8:38
(NKJV)**

³⁸ So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.

- ▶ MUCH WATER (John 3:23)
- ▶ The one baptized goes TO THE WATER (Mat. 3:13; Acts 8:36)
- ▶ The one being baptized AND the one being baptized goes “DOWN INTO THE WATER (Acts 8:38)

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Acts 8:39 (NKJV)

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**Colossians 2:12–13
(NKJV)**

¹² buried with Him
in baptism, in which
you also were raised
with *Him* through
faith in the working
of God, who raised
Him from the dead.

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¹³ And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

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**Romans 6:3
(NKJV)**

³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

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Romans 6:4 (NKJV)

⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

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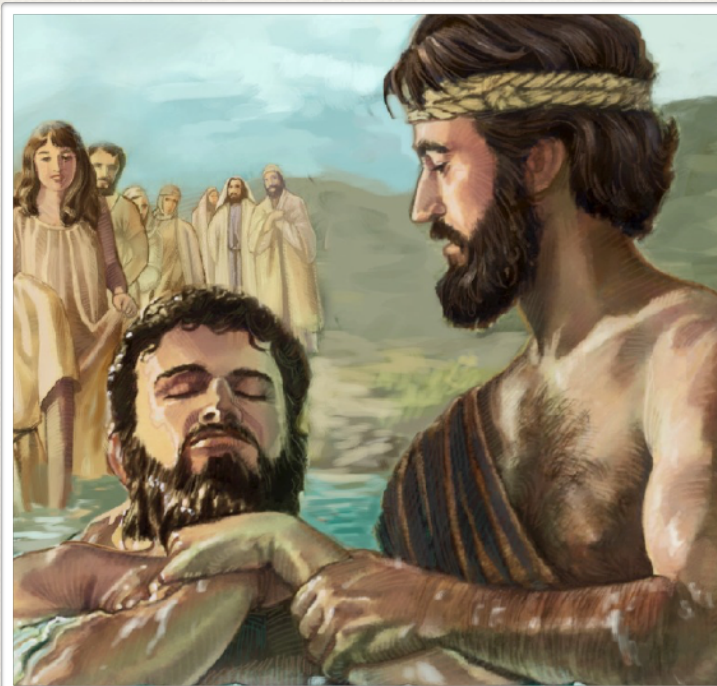
**Romans 6:17
(NKJV)**

¹⁷ But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.

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ONLY ONE BAPTISM (Eph. 4:5)



► **IS NOT The baptism of John** - Element was water / Authorized by God / A command to be obeyed / Was administered by John / Unto the remission of sins / Was UNTIL Jesus (Acts 1:5; 19:1-6; Mt 28:18; 2:38; 8:12,16; 10:48; 19:3,4)



► **IS NOT baptism of the Holy Spirit** - Element: the Holy Spirit / Promised to apostles / Given directly by Jesus / Occurred two times in the NT / Not an action of man / Not common to all (Mt. 3:11; Ac 1:5,8; 2:1-13; 10:44-46)

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27 A.D. - 41 A.D.

From Baptisms to Baptism

27 A.D. - Mt. 3:11; Mk.
1:8; Lk. 3:16

Three Baptisms (John's; Holy Spirit & Fire)

30 A.D. - Acts 1:5-8;
2:1-4, 38

Two Baptisms (*Holy Spirit & the baptism of the
great commission - in the name of Jesus.*)

41 A.D. - Acts
10:44-48; 11:15-16

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62 A.D. - Eph. 4:4-6

“One Baptism” - The baptism of the great
commission - Baptism in the name of Jesus.

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“Baptized in the name of the Lord”



- ▶ The baptism of the great commission was Commanded by the Lord and to be administered by men (Mt 28:18-20; Mk 16:15,16; Acts 2:38; 8:36-38; 22:16)
- ▶ Received by believers beginning on the day of Pentecost in obedience to the great commission (Acts 2:37-41)
- ▶ Administered throughout the book of Acts & to continue throughout this age (Mt 28:19-20; Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38,41; 8:12; 10:47,48; 19:5)

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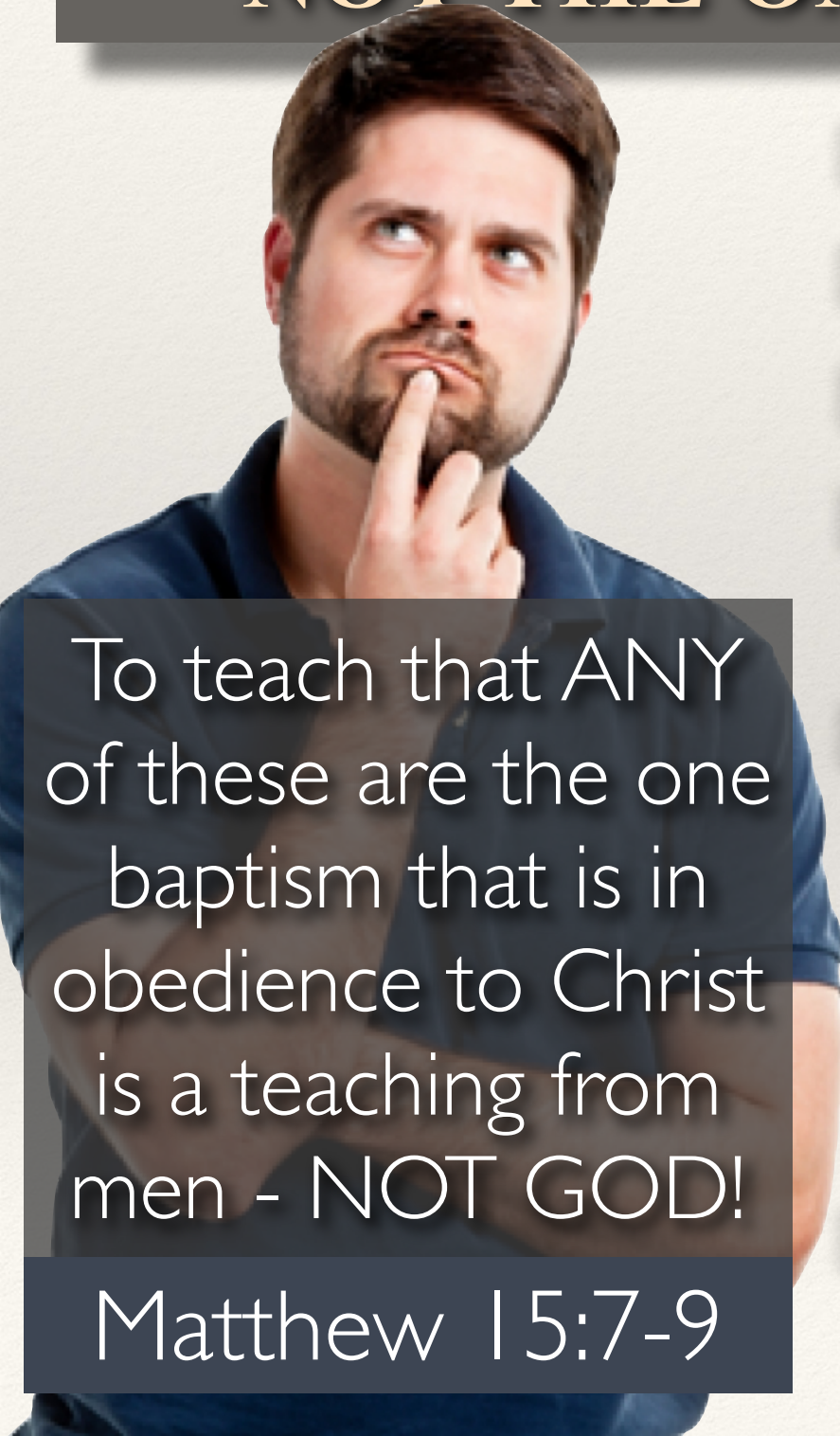
ONE BAPTISM = “Baptized in the name of the Lord”

- ✓ For (*eis*), unto the remission of sins - (Ac 22:16)
- ✓ Distinct from H S baptism, reception
- ✓ Involves water - (Acts 8:36-39; 10:47)
- ✓ A command to be obeyed requiring understanding & trust.

- ▶ Acts 2:38 (NKJV) - Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- ▶ Acts 8:16 (NKJV) For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- ▶ Acts 10:47, 48 (NKJV) ⁴⁷ “Can anyone forbid water,... ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.
- ▶ Acts 19:5 (NKJV) When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

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NOT THE ONE BAPTISM of EPHESIANS 4:5

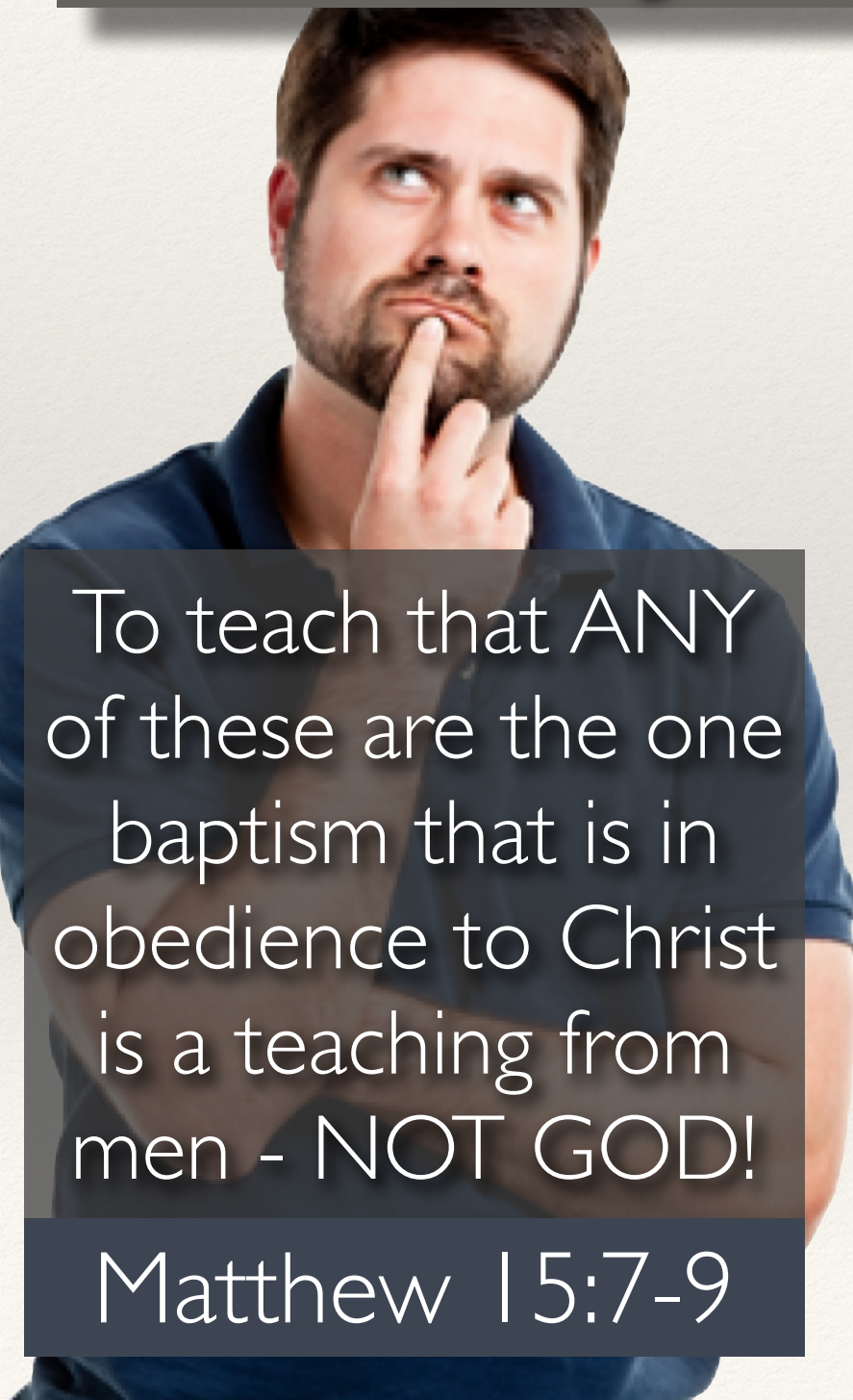


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Matthew 15:7-9

- ▶ Not Holy Spirit baptism (Acts 8:12-16)
- ▶ Not John's baptism (Acts 19:1-5)
- ▶ Not Infant "baptism" (not baptism or believers)
- ▶ Sprinkling or pouring water on someone (not baptism / not authorized by Christ)
- ▶ Baptized because already been saved (Not the baptism commanded by Jesus or His apostles [an outward sign of an inward grace] (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom 6:3-6; Gal. 3:26,27; Col. 2:12,13; 1 Pet. 3:21))
- ▶ Baptized into a denomination (Ac 2:38,41,47; 8:36-39; Rom 6:3-6; Gal 3:27; Col 2:12,13)

BAPTISM

Just Any Old Baptism Will NOT Do!



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Matthew 15:7-9

- ▶ Faith requires a knowledge of the truth - not only about the person & authority of Jesus Christ, but also knowledge of the purpose for our obedience (Rom 10:17; Acts 2:38-41; 8:12; 19:1-6)
- ▶ One cannot be taught error, believe error and obey truth (John 8:32; Acts 19:1-6)

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The One Baptism Is A Baptism of Unity!



- ▶ Enters INTO the “**one body**” (Acts 2:41,47; 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:26,27)
- ▶ Accepts what the “**one Spirit**” gives (1 Cor. 12:13; Ac 2:38; 18:8; cf. Mt. 28:19),
- ▶ Receives the call of the “**one hope**” (Eph. 4:4; Acts 2:38-41; 8:39; Titus 1:2)
- ▶ Obeys & thus belongs to the “**one Lord**” (Ep. 4:5; Mt 28:19; Rom. 6:16-18)
- ▶ Accepts the “**one faith**” becoming a believer (Acts 16:34; Rom. 1:16)
- ▶ Becomes a child of the “**one God**” by faith (Mat. 28:19; Gal. 3:26,27)

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How Does Baptism Save Us?



- ▶ The saving power of baptism is not in the water or in the act itself (Act 19:1-6; Gen. 6; 1 Kings 5; Josh 6)
- ▶ The saving power of baptism is not in the person baptizing you (Acts 22:16; Col 2:12-13)
- ▶ The saving power lies in what Christ has done for us, (Ro 6:3-6; 1 Pt 3:21), and our faith's response to His sacrifice, authority & promises (Col 2:12,13; 1 Pet 1:22,23)

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- ▶ When the believer is baptized in the name of Christ, the believer is:
 - ☑ Forgiven of sins by contacting the blood of Christ (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom 6:3; Col. 2:12,13)
 - ☑ Added to the body of Christ (Acts 2:38,41,47; 1 Cor 12:13; Gal. 3:26,27)
 - ☑ Raised to walk in newness of life (Jn 3:3-5; Rom 6:3-6; Col 2:12,13; Tit 3:5; 1 Pet 1:22,23)

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Have You Been Baptized?



- ▶ If So - When? – How? – Why?
- ▶ If so - were you baptized unto the remission of sins? (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Col. 2:12,13)
- ▶ If so - “into what were you baptized?” (Acts 19:1-6) [*If the baptism of John was not good enough, what makes people think the baptisms of men is?*]

The ONE **BAPTISM**

Have You Been Baptized In The Name of The Lord?

**If NOT - I pray you will not leave today
without having your sins washed away and
being added to the body of Christ!**

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1 Corinthians 12:12–18 (NKJV)

¹² For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also *is* Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. ¹⁴ For in fact the body is not one member but many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body *were* an eye, where *would be* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *would be* the smelling? ¹⁸ But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.