

## LESSON 6

### *DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS*

#### I. WHAT IS THE DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS?

- A. The doctrine of baptisms needs to be rooted in the word of God and established in the heart of the believer. We as Christians need to lay aside tradition and beliefs that are not based on the word of God.
- B. What does the word “baptism” mean?
  - 1. It comes from the Greek word, “baptismos” which means “to cover one’s person, to be immersed or covered.”
- C. There are three baptisms spoken of in the Bible.
  - 1. Salvation: The believer is baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit.
  - 2. Water: The believer is baptized by the minister in water.
  - 3. Holy Spirit: The believer is baptized by Jesus in the Holy Spirit.

#### II. BAPTISM INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST

- A. 1 Corinthians 12:13  
“For by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body...”
- B. Romans 6:1-6 (notice especially verses 3 and 4)  
“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 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 walk in newness of life.”
- C. Baptism into Christ gives us the right to fellowship with God.
  - 1. Hebrews 10:19  
“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus...”
- D. Baptism into Christ gives us fellowship with one another.

1. Ephesians 2:11-16

“Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands — that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.”

### III. WATER BAPTISM

- A. Matthew 3:13-17. The baptism of Jesus.
- B. Water baptism is an outward picture of a spiritual event. It symbolizes the old way of life being “buried” and “rising” to a new way of life with Jesus as your Lord.
- C. Water baptism is a sign of the seal of the covenant and it is a type of the circumcision of the heart.
  - 1. Genesis 15:1-6  
Abraham is declared righteous because he believed the promise of God.
  - 2. Genesis 17:10-11  
God ordains the outward sign of the covenant between himself and Abraham.
  - 3. Colossians 2:12-13  
“Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all your trespasses.”

#### **IV. WHAT IS THE CORRECT FORMULA FOR WATER BAPTISM?**

- A. Matthew 28:19  
“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”
- B. Colossians 3:17  
“And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”

#### **V. BAPTISM IN THE HOLY GHOST (SPIRIT)**

- A. Are there any requirements for being baptized in the Holy Ghost?
  - 1. Yes. You must be born again.  
  
Acts 2:39  
“For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many the Lord our God shall call.”
- B. Why should I be filled with the Holy Ghost?
  - 1. Acts 1:4-5  
“And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.”
- C. Do I speak in other tongues when I am filled with the Holy Ghost?
  - 1. Acts 2:4  
“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”
  - 2. Acts 10:44-46  
“While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.”

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