

Hebrews 6.1-3

Baptized Into

Knowing the basic teaching of the Scripture is foundational for the understanding of all that God desires us to be. We cannot grow or please Him in any fashion without having our minds shaped and transformed by His Word in every manner. And no place is it more important than in the doctrine that we teach and profess both before God and before man. Doctrine is life, theology IS life. What we believe about God and about what God has said comes out in every part of our lives. Even in what some would consider the more academic issues of doctrine, we must understand that all of what we believe about God matters. Baptism is no exception. The writer of Hebrews includes baptism in his list of basic truths that we must have firmly grasped and grounded in scripture as it is lived out in our lives.

I. PLURALITY OF BAPTISMS

- a. The writer uses the plural form of the word, so we must understand him to be speaking of more

than one "baptism". Scripture mentions 3 distinct types of Baptism

- b. Water
- c. Spirit
- d. Suffering

II. WATER –

- a. A profession of new beginning

Mark 1:4 (NKJV)

4 John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

Acts 2:36–39

1 Peter 3:21–22 (NKJV)

21 There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience

toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

b. the initiation into the body of Christ,

Matthew 28:19–20 (NKJV)

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Galatians 3.26-29

c. an outward sign of the inward work of the Spirit of God

Acts 8.35-40

Romans 6.3-11

Colossians 2.11-15

- d. The teaching and training of new converts into the truth of the faith

Ephesians 4.1-6

Ephesians 5:25–27 (NKJV)

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

III. SPIRIT

This is NOT a separate issue given at a later time from salvation. There are NO born again believers in Christ who do not have the Spirit dwelling inside of them. It is the first item of our inheritance, the certificate of our inclusion in the family of God and our authentication from God that we have been forgiven.

Romans 8.9-17

It is important to remember that the book of Acts is narrative, NOT normative. When the Spirit is given out in incremental increase to the body it is because it was a new thing and God was beginning this work. At each new extension of the gospel the new work was verified. But the epistles ARE normative. They define what we are to know and understand. Just as the narrative in the Old Testament shows what the people did but does not always give God's approval, but often His approbation.

a. Indwelling

Acts 2.1-4

b. Power

Acts 1.4-8

c. Understanding

John 14:26 (NKJV)

26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 16:13–15 (NKJV)

13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

d. Sanctification

1Corinthians 6.1-9

Philippians 3.7-11

Titus 3.4-7

Hebrews 2.10-12

1Peter 5.8-11

IV. AFFLICTION

a. Sufferings of Christ

Mark 10.35-45

b. Suffering for Christ –

Romans 8.12-18

Philippians 1.27-30

1 Peter 4:19 (NKJV)

19 Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

c. Suffering As the Body

Revelation 2.8-11

d. Suffering with the body –

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

e. Suffering For the body

Colossians 1.24-29

2Timothy 2.8-10

f. Suffering as a testimony

2Thessalonians 1.3-10 (cf. Acts 2.36-37)

2Timothy 1.8-12

1Peter 3.13-17