

A Study of Baptisms : Lesson #3

Other Baptisms

In the previous lesson we have seen 4 different baptisms. The first baptism was the baptism of the Holy Ghost. This is the one that spiritual places someone into the body of the Lord Jesus Christ. This baptism is received the moment someone accepts the Lord Jesus Christ as their savior. Therefore this is the only baptism that deals directly with your salvation.

We also saw 3 baptisms that were water baptisms that is someone being totally immersed in water. Two of these were dealing with the nation of Israel in regards to manifesting Jesus Christ to Israel, one before the crucifixion and one after. The other water baptism is for saved people today. Remember that it has nothing to do with saving you but it is a “like figure” of what has taken place on the inside of you because of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. It is also a public profession of the fact that you are already saved.

Now in this lesson we have 3 remaining baptisms to discuss; the baptism unto Moses, the baptism of Suffering, and the baptism of Fire. We will discuss them in this order below.

The Baptism unto Moses :

This baptism takes place in the Old Testament but we find it called a baptism in **1 Corinthians 10:1-4**. This baptism takes place when the children of Israel cross the Red Sea in the book of **Exodus 14:13-28**.

You could say that this is connected with the nation of Israel being redeemed out of bondage in Egypt. Now we are not saying the baptism redeemed them but it happened immediately after they departed from Egypt. This makes sense in type because when the true redeemer (the Lord Jesus Christ) showed up he was manifested unto by baptism. (**John 1:31**)

The Baptism of Suffering :

This baptism is spoken of by the Lord Jesus Christ in **Matthew 20:22-23** and it pertains to the death and suffering of the Lord Jesus Christ. Note the context of **verses 17-19** it is Jesus is telling them about his betrayal and crucifixion.

Jesus tells James and John that they will be baptized with the baptisms that he is baptized with and drink of his cup. James and John are baptized with the Holy Ghost in **Acts 2:1-4** and remember that Jesus is said to baptize with the Holy Ghost (**Matthew 3:11**). This spiritual baptism is connected with the death of the Lord Jesus Christ (**Romans 6:3-5**).

James and John also suffer death as martyrs. James is killed with the sword by Herod in **Acts 12:2** and John is exiled on the isle of Patmos in Revelation. So we see this baptism has to do with the death and suffering of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Baptism of Fire :

John the Baptist spoke of 3 different baptisms in **Matthew 3:11**. One of those was the baptism of fire. Many today get this baptism all mixed up by trying to make it and the baptism of the Holy Ghost the same thing. This is done by miss reading **Acts 2:1-4**. The passage in Acts says “there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire.” The passage doesn’t say as fire it says like as of fire. Therefore they were not tongues of fire. This makes the baptism of fire a totally different baptism than the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

If you will look at the context of **Matthew 3:11** (remember to always keep a passage in its context) then you will see exactly what the fire is. The fire is a reference to the wrath of God and the lake of fire. Note the words “unquenchable fire” in verse 12. This is the same words that Jesus used in describing hell (**Mark 9:42-48**).

Here are two references to the Lord Jesus Christ baptizing with fire.

1) **Malachi 4:1-3**

2) **2 Thessalonians 1:8-9**

Therefore no one should be praying for or desiring this baptism!!!

