

"The Four Baptisms Of The Scripture,"

Matthew: 3:1-2; 11; Eph. 4:5.

Matthew 3:1-2;

In those days came John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness of Judea, (2)-Saying, repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Matthew 3:11;

I indeed baptize you with (authorized versions read-IN WATER) water unto repentance. But he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and with fire.

Ephesians 4:5;

There is one Lord, One faith, one baptism.

1-Previous to the inauguration of the new institution on the day of Pentecost, there was no such thing as Christian baptism.

2-Since there is only one Christian baptism in the New Testament (Eph. 4:5) we want to determine if possible just what that baptism is in order to know whether or not we have fulfilled all righteousness.

3-Ephesians 4:4-6;

1-There is but one body-the body of Christ.

2-One Spirit animating the one body.

3-One Lord over the one body.

4-One baptism inducting the individual into the one body. 1-Cor. 12:13 also.

5-One God and Father of all who are in the one body. Note the wonderful unity expressed here. John 17:20-21;

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word. (21)-That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me And I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that didst send me.

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4-If there is just one baptism, what is the one baptism?

1-Is it the baptism of John?

2-Is it the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

3-Is it the baptism in water. *or commission*

4-Or is it the baptism of fire, that makes us members of the one body which is the church.

5-We consider first:

1-John's Baptism:

1-The administrator-Was John the Baptizer.  
Matthew 3:5-6;

Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the regions round about Jordan, (6)-And were baptized of him in Jordan confessing their sins.

2-The Element:

1-The element was water-;

I baptize you with water. Matt. 3:11.

2-John baptized in Jordan.

3-Jesus was baptized in Jordan. Mark 1:9.

4-John did not:

-Baptize Jordan upon any one.

2-The time of John's baptism:

1-John's baptism was before the cross.

2-John's baptism was under the Jewish age.

3-John's baptism was not valid after the institution of the baptism as commanded by Peter on the day of Pentecost.

4-The disciples in Ephesus; Acts 19:5;

When they heard this they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

5-The Subject-Jews who confessed their sins

6-The design-Repentance unto remission *of sins*



6-We consider next:

1-The Baptism of the Holy Spirit:

1-The baptism of the Holy Spirit was not a command-It was a promise made to the apostles only.

2-John 14:16;

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever.

3-Acts 1:4;

For John truly baptized with water but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence.

2-The Administrator: Jesus Christ.

1-Luke 24:49;

And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with Power from on high.

3-The Element-Was the Holy Spirit.

1-It was an outward manifestation:

1-It was as the sound as of a mighty wind

2-It was cloven tongues like as of fire.

3-It filled all the house-consequently, the apostles were completely submerged,

Acts 2:2 or immersed in this wonderful power.

4-The subject-The design:

1-Subject-The apostle and Cornelius;

1-The Holy Spirit was given them with power to confirm the message which they preached with signs and wonders.

2-John 14:26;

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. No one is baptized in the Holy Spirit today.

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7-We consider next:

## 1-The Baptism of the Commission:

1-This baptism was not a promise, but a specific command.

Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:16.

## 2-The administrator-The preacher of the gospel:

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 S. Acts 8:36-39; Philip and the Ethiopian.

## 3-The Element:

1-Water-Acts 10:47-48;

Can any man forbid water that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Spirit as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.

2-It is a burial in water, symbolical of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ; Romans 6:4;

Therefore we are buried with him in 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.

## 4-The Subject:

1-A penitent believer in Christ.

2-Acts 8:12;

When they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized both men and women. Acts 8:36-37; -This excludes unknowing infants, who can neither believe nor repent.

5-The Design-The remission of sins and salvation. Acts 2:38; 1-Peter 3:21.



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1-The baptism of Fire:

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2-Remember that John's ministry was to the Jews only. Acts 13:24.

3-Of this assembly;

The apostles later were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

4-Who, then, are to be baptized in fire?

2-The administrator is Jesus Christ.

Matthew 3:12;

Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather in his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

3-The element, of course, is fire.

4-The subjects:

1-The wicked at the end of the world;

2-Fire is not a blessing, but a symbol of destruction- 1-Cor. 3:13;

Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

5-The design of the baptism of fire:

1-Those Jews to whom John was talking, that rejected Jesus of Nazareth, will be among the disobedient who will be immersed in fire when Jesus come again with His mighty angels,

"In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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