

ANSWERING THE KEY QUESTIONS ABOUT WATER BAPTISM

We believe at DBC in 2 Ordinances for Believers in Christ in the Dispensation of Grace during the Church Age:

1. Is water baptism scriptural? (Matthew 28:16-20)
2. What does “baptize” mean?
3. How many baptisms are in the Bible?

SEVEN BAPTISMS OF THE BIBLE					
	BAPTISM	SCRIPTURE	SUBJECT	SPHERE	RESULTS
D R Y	Baptism of Moses	1 Corinthians 10:2	Israelites who fled from Egypt	Cloud and Sea	Identified with Moses (Sea) and the Lord (Cloud)
	Baptism of Cup	Matthew 20:22 Luke 12:50	Christ	Suffering	Christ identified with sins of mankind
	Baptism by Holy Spirit	Acts 1:5; Rom. 6:3-4 1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 4:5 Gal. 3:26-28;	All church-age believers	Body of Christ	Believers identified with Christ as His body
	Baptism of Fire	Matthew 3:11 13:25ff Luke 3:16b	All unbelievers	Judgment Fires	Unbelievers identified with God's judgment
W E T	Baptism of John	Matthew 3:1-11 John 1:25-33 Acts 19:2-4	John's and Jesus' Disciples (Israelites)	Kingdom	Disciples of John's or Jesus' message of repentance — Kingdom message
	Baptism of Jesus	Matthew 3:13-17	Jesus	Will of the Father	Personal identification with repentant remnant, national manifestation of Messiah to Israel, and divine coronation of the King
	Baptism of Believers	Matthew 28:19-20 Acts 2:41; 8:26-40 10:47-48; 18:8	Church-age believers	Public identification with Christ	Public proclamation of salvation, and identification with Christ and other believers

4. Is water baptism necessary for eternal salvation? (1 Cor. 1:17-18; 1 Cor. 15:1-4, 11, Rom. 3:28)
5. Does water baptism make a person a child of God? (John 1:12-13)
6. Does water baptism regenerate a lost sinner? (John 3:3-18)
7. Does water baptism give a person the Holy Spirit? (Ephesians 1:13-14)
8. Does water baptism grant a person the forgiveness of sins? (Acts 10:43)
9. What are 3 fatal errors when one requires water baptism for eternal salvation?
 - a. It violates and nullifies _____. (Rom.11:6; Eph. 2:8-9; Gal. 2:21)
 - b. It requires ____ ways of salvation – one in the OT and another in the NT. (Rom. 4:1-11, 16)
 - c. It requires that you view numerous salvation verses as _____. (John 3:16, 3:36; 5:24)

10. Should babies or infants be water baptized? Why? (Acts 16:30-34; Luke 18:15-17; Matt. 18:3-6)
11. Did the early church practice water baptism? Why? It was practiced by ...
- a. _____ believers in Christ. (Acts 2:41)
 - b. _____ believers in Christ. (Acts 8:12)
 - c. _____ believers in Christ under Peter's & Paul's ministries. (Acts 10:48; 18:8)
 - d. _____ who became believers in Christ under Paul's ministry. (Acts 19:1-5)
12. What does water baptism picture or proclaim? Water baptism acts as a public testimony or identification of ...
- a. The believer's _____ or _____ with/in Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 12:13; Rom. 6:3-5)
 - b. The believer in Christ having received the _____. (1 Pet 3:21; Acts 22:16)
13. What is the "one baptism" of Ephesians 4:5?
14. Why was Paul glad that he baptized none of the Corinthian Christians? (1 Cor. 1:10-16)
15. What should be true before a person is water baptized? He/she should ...
- a. Be _____ by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone (Acts 18:8).
 - b. _____ what and why he/she is getting baptized (implied in Scripture)
16. What is the biblical mode of water baptism? (Acts 8:38-39; 10: 8:12,16; 19:5)
17. When should a believer be water baptized?
18. Is water baptism necessary for church membership?
19. What question would be appropriate now for a believer in Christ to ask? (Acts 8:36)
- "What hinders _____ from being baptized?"
20. What question would be appropriate now to ask as an unbeliever?