

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1306: Are Christians Really Baptized Into Christ?

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1. How does the story of Noah and the ark illustrate baptism? How does this correspond with Christian baptism? Have you experienced “staying in the ark” of Jesus in your life? (1 Peter 3:19-21, Genesis 6 and 7)
2. Explain how the Israelites experienced baptism when they crossed the Red Sea. What elements did the Apostle Paul point to in Israel’s wilderness journey that parallel a true Christian walk? Describe the ideas behind Israel’s laws on cleansing to protect health. Did they only protect their physical health? Compare that with Jesus’ actions on our behalf. (1 Corinthians 10:1-4, Exodus 19:10-11, Leviticus 15:14-15)
3. Does the Greek word for “baptism” indicate the method of baptism? What was John the Baptist’s role in God’s plan? What did he preach? Did John’s type of baptism take away sin? How did John’s baptism reflect the cleansing rituals of the Law? Who was it *exclusively* aimed toward and at what time? (Matthew 3:6, Mark 1:1-5, Acts 13:24)
4. What was necessary on Jesus’ part before “baptism into Christ” included the remission of sin? When was true Christian baptism instituted? Why did Jesus need to be baptized by John? (Luke 3:3-4, 4:18, Matthew 3:13-17)
5. Explain John’s declaration that Jesus would baptize “with the holy spirit and fire.” How was Israel as a nation “baptized with fire”? Why did this happen? Is it forever? When did the “baptism of the holy spirit” begin? How do the rest of Jesus’ true followers receive the holy spirit? As a result of this baptism, what can the followers of Jesus expect? (Matthew 3:7-12, 23:37-39, Acts 2:3-4, Titus 3:4-6, Mark 10:38-40)
6. What does the symbol of water baptism indicate? Does this always result in the gift of the holy spirit to the person who is baptized? What should be *carefully* considered before baptism? What does baptism symbolically picture? (Luke 14:27-30, Romans 6:3-6, 12:1-2)
7. Describe in detail the act of baptism and what each step symbolizes. Does everyone need to be baptized at this present time in order to be saved? (Romans 12:1-2, 2 Timothy 2:11-12)
8. Why should we give up our present life to be baptized into Christ - to sacrificially follow Jesus? Why is this something to be sought after for those called by God? Describe the internal changes baptism represents in a faithful life as listed in Ephesians 4:1-6. (2 Corinthians 5:17-19, Galatians 3:27-29)
9. Have you prayerfully considered this step of faith? How has it changed your life, or what do you hope it will change in you?

Baptism’s Meaning: The symbol of baptism is a sacred public testimony. It is an outward demonstration of an inward response to a sacred calling from God Himself to become a part of the body of Christ. To be baptized into Christ is to surrender your life *willingly and completely* to doing only God’s will. Baptism, as this outward sign of this mature inward commitment, should never be taken lightly. Let us thank God for this sacred and wonderful opportunity!