

1 Corinthians 43 – 15:29-34

Death, Baptism, and Evil Communications

1. Things We Know About Baptism

- a. There are more than a dozen different baptisms in the Bible
- b. The word 'baptism' does not mean water, nor are all baptisms wet
- c. Baptism *defined*~ immersed for identification
- d. John's baptized to identify Israel's Messiah – Mat 3:2-7, John 1:29-31
- e. People identified with the kingdom gospel through baptism – Luke 7:26-30
- f. Peter preached baptismal remission for entrance into kingdom – Acts 2:38, 319
- g. Mormons and Church of Christ are same on required baptism – Mark 16:16
- h. Our one baptism (Eph 4:5) is the baptism into Christ's Body – 1 Cor 12:13

2. Baptism and Death

- a. Don't build a new doctrine on an obscure verse in isolation
- b. Baptism and death are not foreign to each other – Luke 12:50, Rom 6:3-4
- c. What does our baptism into Christ's death mean, if the dead do not rise?
- d. People were dying for the sake of dead Christ and dead apostles – 1 Cor 15:18

3. 15:29 – Their Baptisms Were Vain

- a. Don't forget the context: Christ's resurrection to fulfill God's purpose
- b. If Christ is dead then the kingdom is not coming - Luke 9:7-9, John 11:48-50
- c. The work of men baptized in the name of dead guys was harmless - Acts 4:34-39
- d. The Corinthians were disputing how they were identified – 1 Cor 1:11-13
- e. If the dead rise not, then their baptisms were vain – Mat 10:18-22, 19:28

4. 1 Cor 15:30-32 – Paul's Risks Are Vain

- a. Paul faced perils willingly - 2 Cor 4:8-14,, 6:4-14, 11:23-26
- b. "every hour" = "I die daily" Paul's afflictions for their sake – Col 1:24
- c. The "beasts" in Ephesus are described in Acts 19:26-28
- d. "eat, drink..." the cry of the committed sinner without judgment - Isa 22:12-14

5. 1 Cor 15:33-34 – Be not Deceived

- a. Don't be deceived by those who serve their own belly - Rom 16:18
- b. The third time he warns them of deceptive teaching - 1 Cor 3:18, 6:9, 15:33
- c. People will justify their loose lazy and worldly lifestyle even by deception
- d. The manners is the manner of life that Paul has in Christ – 2 Tim 3:10
- e. Evil communicators are those who speak wrong doctrine – Eph 4:14, 4:17-23
- f. Wrong doctrine corrupts your behavior – Eph 5:6-17
- g. The will of the Lord is their sanctification – 1 Thess 4:3-7

Baptisms in the Bible

1. **Noah's type baptism**
Peter mentions that eight people were saved by water in an ark as a type of a future baptism. (Gen 6:13; 1 Peter 3:20-21)
2. **Baptism unto Moses**
Paul presents Israel's baptism unto Moses "in the cloud and in the sea". (1 Cor 10:1-2; Exo 14:29)
3. **Israel's ceremonial cleansings**
These cleansing rituals were required under the Mosaic Law for the cleansing of the people. (Num 19:13; Lev 11:25; Exo 19:14; Exo 30:17-21; Heb 9:10)
4. **Levitical priesthood baptisms**
These washings were required in order to become a priest under the Law of Moses. (Exo 29:4; Lev 8:6; Num 8:7)
5. **Traditional Jewish baptisms**
These baptisms were not mandated under the Law but were part of Jewish tradition. (Mt 15:1-2; Mk 7:1-9; Lk 11:38)
6. **John's baptism**
John came to Israel baptizing with water for the remission of sins so that they could enter the promised kingdom. (Mt 3:5-6; Mk 1:4; Lk 3:3; Jn 1:31; Lk 7:29; Acts 10:37)
7. **Jesus' baptism by John**
Jesus, who knew no sin, was baptized by John to fulfill all righteousness. (Mat 3:13-17; Mk 1:9-10)
8. **Baptism with fire**
Jesus would baptize the nation with fire as they went through the tribulation. This trial baptism would damn the unfaithful to hell. (Isa 4:4; Mal 3:2-3; Mt 3:11; Lk 3:16)
9. **Jesus' baptism unto death**
Jesus' second baptism which he accomplished at the cross where he was identified with the sins of Israel and the world. (Mt 20:22-23; Mk 10:38-39; Luke 12:50)
10. **Pentecostal water baptism**
Peter's presentation of water baptism for the remission of sins in the name of Jesus. (Acts 2:38; Mk 16:16; Mt 28:19; Acts 22:16; Eze 36:25)
11. **Pentecostal Spirit baptism**
This is the baptism with the Holy Spirit by Jesus Christ from heaven poured out upon the believing remnant of Israel with signs and powers following. (Isa 44:3; Mt 3:11; Mk 1:8; Lk 24:49; Acts 2:17-18, 38; Acts 8:15-17; Acts 11:16)
12. **Gentile baptism of Cornelius**
Cornelius was baptized with the Holy Spirit as a sign to Peter. Peter subsequently baptizes Cornelius and the other Spirit-filled Gentiles with water. (Acts 10:45-48)
13. **Baptism for the dead**
This baptism is debated heavily and is most likely synonymous with one of the other baptisms. This baptism would be in vain if the dead do not rise (1 Cor 15:29)
14. **Baptism into Christ**
The only baptism taught by Paul which identifies the believer with Christ, his death, and resurrection. This baptism is performed by the Spirit and does not include water. (1 Cor 12:13; Eph 4:5; Col 2:12; Gal 3:27; Rom 6:3-4)