

ROMANS 22 – 5:20-6:4

Baptized Into Christ

1. 5:20-21

- a. *“moreover the law entered...”* – After sin was already present – Rom 3:19-20
- b. *“that the offence might abound”* – not to make people righteous – 1 Tim 1:8-11
- c. *“grace did...abound”* - This is a dispensational change - Gal 3:16-24
- d. *“much more abound”* – Over sin, through Christ, grace is greater than all our sin
- e. The strength of sin is the law, the sting of sin is death – 1 Cor 15:56-57
- f. Where no law is sin is not imputed, but is still there; Christ deals with it all
- g. *“might grace reign”* – which describes the dispensation of God’s grace
- h. 5:21 - Paul ends his explanation of salvation for the ungodly with this summary

2. 6:1-2

- a. Chapter 6 starts talking about our identity (sanctification) in Christ – 2 Cor 5:17
- b. In Christ by grace separates us from death(6), judgment(7), condemnation(8)
- c. 6:1 - This is picking up the issue in Rom 3:5-8 after proving God’s righteousness
- d. The question: does sin make God’s grace abound? Shall we continue in it?
 - i. Those who say God authors sin use this faulty logic to bring God glory
 - ii. Sin never glorifies God who is never pleased nor embraces it - Rom 8:8
 - iii. We do not frustrate or make vain God’s grace - Gal 2:21, 2 Cor 6:1
- e. *“God forbid”* – Not a translation mistake, beware of those who doubt the Bible
- f. *“How shall we... live”* – Paul is beginning to talk about the grace life, our walk
- g. Life comes from doing right, forgiveness, love, grace; not the course of the world
- h. *“that are dead to sin”*- Which we learned in our study of Adam – Eph 2:1-3

3. 6:3

- a. *“know ye not?”* - Lesson 1 in the grace life = you’re identified with Christ
- b. *“so many of us”* – because it is not all of us, but those who believe the gospel
- c. Baptism does not mean water, but an *“immersion”* for the sake of identification
- d. *“baptized into his death”* – Jesus is not water, death is not what you do in the water
- e. Jesus was baptized twice! Water = Luke 3:21-22 and Death = Luke 12:50
- f. There is one baptism distinct to Paul, not total. In the Bible there are 12+!

4. 6:4

- a. Our baptism in Christ is by the Spirit received upon belief–Eph 1:13, 1 Cor 12:13
- b. *“like as Christ was raised from the dead”* – Rom 8:11, John 10:18, Rom 6:4
- c. If the *“burial”* is water, then the *“resurrection”* is a product of yourself also
- d. The baptism we have in Christ is an operation of God without hands –Col 2:11-12
- e. The point of Rom 6:4 – we’re alive in Christ and should walk in newness not sin!
- f. We must put off the old man and put on the new man daily – Col 3:9-10

Baptisms in the Bible – (Yes, there is more than one!)

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 cleansing. (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. (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)