



**BULLSEYE!**  
**ACCURATE BIBLE KNOWLEDGE!**

**QUESTION: "WATER BAPTISM SHOWS YOU ARE A BAPTIST BUT NOT NECESSARILY A CHRISTIAN, CORRECT?"**

**ANSWER: YES**

**EXPLANATION:**

In the Bible there are nine baptisms each representing different functions.

The word '**baptism**' can refer to any of **four** types - **water, Holy Spirit, Holy Ghost** and **fire** baptism.

**1. BAPTISM UNTO MOSES**

The **baptism unto Moses** in the Old Testament *Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all **baptized unto Moses** in the cloud and in the sea; [1 Cor 10:1-2](#)*

Paul draws the similarity of the church of Israel in the desert and the Christian church under Paul's gospel.

Israel was under the divine covenant of being under the cloud that led them in the night and miraculously protected from the pursuing Egyptians.

The Christian church also has the divine testament of the pillar and cloud, being Jesus Christ our Saviour, while also being protected from Satan.

Just as Israel was physically baptised unto Moses through the sea, with all the laws, privileges, coverings and protection, the church also has been spiritually baptised in Christ the Saviour.

Both Israel and the church have great similarities in the eating and drinking.

Paul draws the parallel that both parties, Israel and the Christian church ... *did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. [1Co 10:3-4](#).*

The manna on which Israel fed was a type of Christ come down from heaven, upon which they could feed and live. Their drink was a stream that came from the Rock which was Christ. Christians, spiritually speaking, are in the Rock and we eat and drink from his words.

## 2. JOHN TO ISRAEL FOR REMISSION OF SINS

This is John the Baptist to **ISRAEL** with the **baptism of repentance** for the **remission** of sins that were past of cold neglect to God the Father.

*And he (John) came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the **baptism of repentance for the remission of sins**; ([Luke 3:3](#)) ... and were **baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins**. ([Matt 3:6](#))*

John called Israel to **repent** of their **PAST** sins of their **cold indifferences** to God, their going through the motions of blood sacrifices, if indeed they were still sacrificing, then get **water baptized** as an outward show of being cleansed from these sins. This turned them back to God. He was also preparing them for their coming Messiah.

## 3. JESUS' WATER BAPTISM

*And **Jesus, when he was baptized**, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: [Matt 3:16](#)*

Of course this has nothing to do with Christ being a sinner. This was a **changing of the guard** from the old priesthood of Aaron to the new priesthood of Christ the Messiah. Aaron had the water and the oil ([Ex 30:19](#), [Exo 30:29-30](#)) while Christ had the water and the dove. This baptism is **not** our example to follow saying "Well, if Christ was baptised, then we must do likewise."

## 4. PENTECOST AND ISRAEL'S BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY GHOST

*And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but **ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost** not many days hence. [Acts 1:4-5](#)*

This was a baptism **not** with fire but **AS OF fire** ([Acts 2:3](#)), but nevertheless, indicating the **wrath** of God, that Israel was now under God's judgment in that he was temporarily putting Israel aside with their exclusive access to God in the Hebrew language, and that God was now speaking to all nations in their own tongue. Salvation was open to all, Gentile and Jew alike, and not just the Jew.

## 5. CHRIST BAPTISM OF SUFFERING ON THE CROSS

*But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be **baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?** They say unto him, We are able. [Matt 20:22](#)*

The mother of James and John Zebedee is having pointed out to her, that in her wanting particular favours for her sons sitting next to Christ in heaven, there will be a price to pay. Christ tells her of the extreme suffering that he would undergo ... and that they would too.

## 6. CHRIST SENDING HIS DISCIPLES INTO ALL THE WORLD

*And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that **believeth and is baptized shall be saved**; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. ([Mark 16:15-18](#))*

Just prior to this, Christ has given the disciples a **very severe upbraiding for their unbelief** that he was alive ([Mk 16:11](#), [13](#), [14](#)). Now for the remedy for this past sin he says to them that "If you believ-**ETH** that I am resurrected, that is continuously believe all the time from now on, without let up, no gaps, but with constant belief, and then you get water baptised, you shall be saved and not be damned.

Of course, many of the disciples other than the chosen twelve, walked away by not **continuously** believing in Christ, and were damned. Of course should they repent and change their minds about this, they would go to Abraham's Bosom when they died. If not, they would go to hell upon death.

As the Baptist Church hold this very near and dear to their hearts as the Great Commission, they suddenly disappear and can't be found when they read that if they are under the Great Commission, they all will be confirming their ministry with the signs following them of casting out **devils**, speaking with new **tongues**, taking **serpents**, drinking **deadly liquids**, and last but not least, **laying hands on the sick** for their recovery. **OUCH!!!** Surely this is **not** the gospel of Paul whereby we have eternal security upon believing once.

Answer? The great Commission was for the disciples for that time only and has now been replaced by Paul.

## 7. PETER BAPTISM TO ISRAEL FOR REMISSION OF SINS

*Then **PETER** said unto them (**ISRAEL**), **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins**, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. [Acts 2:38](#)*

Dear Reader, can we see this is exactly the same when John preached to Israel:

*And he (**JOHN**) came into all the country about Jordan (**ISRAEL**), preaching the **baptism of repentance for the remission of sins**; ([Luke 3:3](#)) ... and were **baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins**. ([Matt 3:6](#))*

Just as John the Baptist preaches to Israel *preaching the **baptism of repentance for the remission of sins unto God the Father*** ([Luke 3:3](#)), we have the same phrase and words here, as Peter says to the men of Israel *Repent, and be baptized every one of you **in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins***.

Dear Reader, can you see how John's and Peter's messages are the same? Both were for **repentance + water baptism + for the forgiveness of past sins** – with one in the name to God the Father and the other in the name to God the Son.

John was saying "Israel, turn your hearts back to God the **Father**."  
They were baptised **in the name** of God the Father.

Peter was saying "Israel, turn your hearts back to God the **Son**."  
They were baptised **in the name** of the Lord Jesus Christ.  
(Indeed, Israel at the Red Sea, had their hearts turned to Moses.  
They were baptised unto Moses, that is, **in the name** of Moses.)

As John was turning the hearts of Israel to God for the confession of their past sins to God, similarly, Peter is turning their hearts to Christ, and to confess their past sins toward him – that is their rejection of Christ and their putting him on the cross. They were pricked to the heart.

Now if the men of Israel would do this they would receive the Holy Ghost, and if they continued to follow Peter's instructions, then to follow Paul's gospel of believe with no water, they would go to heaven upon death.

Dear Reader, can you see how God has slowly refined his gospel message from John to Paul?

Could you preach that today? Of course not. "Repent of your sins towards Jesus Christ, come and get water baptised and you will get the Holy Ghost." Water baptism, a work, to get saved? Ridiculous! It's not of works, *for by grace are ye saved not of works ...* ([Eph 2:8-9](#)). This would simply send people to hell.

However, today, to get saved, you don't need to know much about Bible doctrine. People will have Peter's gospel preached to them, and being fully persuaded that Christ can save them, they will be saved.

However, once saved, if they still believe [Acts 2:38](#) is the gospel for today, then their salvation will not in jeopardy but their rewards will be in jeopardy in heaven. Furthermore, many will get weak and sickly and fall asleep ([1Cor 11:30](#)).

When Peter speaks to the men of Israel, and they are pricked to the heart, they know they must **DO** something. Peter's gospel to Israel reminded them of John's repentance needed and confession of past sins, with a water baptism signifying a symbolic washing away of sins and starting again.

That is why the men of Israel said "What shall we **DO**?" This was the jailer's question as well.

He was expecting to have to repent, get water baptised. But no! God's instructions had changed to a simple "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ".

Peter's gospel for the **remission of past sins** with **water baptism** is poles apart, chalk and cheese, when compared to Paul's gospel.

## 8. THE BAPTISM BY THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE REDEMPTION OF SINS THIS IS THE ONLY BAPTISM NEEDED THERE IS NO WATER.

For **by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body**, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. [1 Cor 12:13](#)

For as many of you as have been **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ. [Gal 3:27](#)

"...many of us as were **baptized into Jesus Christ** were baptized into his death? [Rom 6:3](#)

One Lord, one faith, **one baptism**, [Eph 4:5](#)

**Buried with him in baptism** ... [Col 2:12](#)

This is the baptism that happens when a person believes on the Lord Jesus Christ, without water baptism, and is placed into the death of Christ with eternal security.

This is Paul's gospel, a dispensation of the gospel given him ([1Cor 9:17](#)) that negates all others. This is the final, clean, pure, waterless gospel of the grace of God, for a person to enter heaven. **We must not add water!**

## 9. THE BAPTISM OF DAMNATION IN THE LAKE OF FIRE

"I indeed baptize you with 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 Ghost, and with fire:**" ([Matt 3:11](#))

And the devil that deceived them was cast into **the lake of fire and brimstone**, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. [Rev 20:10](#)

And death and hell were cast into **the lake of fire**. This is the **second death**. [Rev 20:14](#)

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into **the lake of fire**. [Rev 20:15](#)

This last one is the baptism of fire for those who have died and gone to hell (the rich man in [Luke 16:19-31](#)) and have now had their everlasting accommodation into pure literal fire.

### IN SUMMARY:

The **three** cases in which Baptist churches are **spiritually blinded** are as follows.

### JOHN TO ISRAEL FOR REMISSION OF SINS ([Matt 3:6](#))

With John, this is Israel's **confession** of the **past sins**, with **water baptism**, of having **turned their hearts away** from God the Father.

**CHRIST SENDING HIS JEWISH DISCIPLES INTO ALL THE WORLD** ([Mark 16: 15-18](#))  
 With Christ sending his Jewish disciples into the world to preach, this is their **confession** of the **past sin** of **unbelief**, with **water baptism**, about the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ.

**PETER'S BAPTISM TO ISRAEL FOR REMISSION OF SINS** ([Acts 2:38](#))  
 With Peter to the men of Israel, this is their **confession** of the **past sin**, with **water baptism**, of **crucifying** Christ.

**Now the question is "Why" Oh why? Oh why? Oh why,** do Baptist Churches insist on water baptism? Why add this impediment to Paul's waterless gospel?

In asking Baptists if they are Christians and saved, their reply is inevitably "Oh yes, I've been water baptised." Can you see what Baptists are trusting in the go to heaven.

The reason they give is that other Christians may know they are Christians. But this is no where to be found in scripture!

Surely water baptism is not a fruit of the Spirit? The scriptures say ***Ye shall know them by their fruits*** not their water baptism.

Could someone please write in and tell me the scripture that water baptism lets others know we are Christians.

Why not just get people to just sign a document?

In their insistence of water baptism, Baptists create a mixture in their churches and God hates mixtures. End result? A spiritual double mindedness which God rewards accordingly.

**PAUL'S GOSPEL IS WATERLESS, DRY AND CRISPY!**  
**The book of Romans has no mention of water - before or after salvation!**  
**1&2 Corinthians have no water - before or after salvation!**  
**Galatians has no water - before or after salvation!**  
**Ephesians has no water - before or after salvation!**  
**Philippians has no water - before or after salvation!**  
**Colossians has no water - before or after salvation!**  
**1&2 Thessalonians have no water - before or after salvation!**  
**1&2 Timothy have no water - before or after salvation!**  
**Titus has no water - before or after salvation!**  
**Philemon has no water - before or after salvation!**  
**Hebrews has no water - before or after salvation!**  
**James has no water - before or after salvation!**  
**1&2 Peter have no water - before or after salvation!**  
**1, 2, 3 John have no water - before or after salvation!**  
**Jude has no water - before or after salvation!**  
**Revelation has no water - before or after salvation!**

Why **ADD A STUMBLING BLOCK** for people? I scratch my head!

Why not add physical circumcision as well? It makes just as much sense! As stupid as it sounds, it just might go some way to show other Christians we really are Christians too! And make it mandatory as well!

Why not have people rub their heads and tummys at the same time and then have a secret handshake? It makes as much sense doesn't it?

Why not make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem as the requirement to show your Christianity?

How about when you walk into the church you should bow, not step on the door-line, cross yourself and say 'Three hail Marys'.

We see, how The Baptist church has struggled to get free of John's baptism of where Israel had to confess their past sins and get water baptised to get right with God.

And right here, we have the reason why Baptist tracts have the blasphemous salvation message of "Repent and turn from your sins that God may forgive you."

Furthermore, in asking Baptists if they are Christians and saved, their reply is inevitably "Oh yes, I've been water baptised."

Can you see what Baptists are trusting in the go to heaven.  
Truly they bring to nought the word of God by their tradition.

**John's commandment to Israel, Christ's commandment to his disciples, Peter's commandment to Israel have ABSOLUTELY NOTHING to do with the Christian church.**

**THEY ARE SUPERSEDED, NEGATED AND PERISHED COMMANDMENTS AND DOCTRINES, ONLY SUITABLE FOR TIMES PAST.**

**YES! WATER BAPTISM SHOWS YOU ARE A BAPTIST ...  
BUT NOT NECESSARILY A CHRISTIAN!**

**SURELY CHRIST'S INJUNCTION NOT TO OFFEND LITTLE CHILDREN SHOULD ALSO APPLY TO TEENAGERS AND ADULTS IN THE CHURCH?**

**DEAR BAPTIST, KNOWING THE TERROR OF THE LORD AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT,  
HOW WILL YOU PLEAD?**

**DO YOU THINK YOU KNOW BETTER THAN PAUL?  
YOU'LL ADD WATER WILL YOU?**

***"For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect."* ([1Co 1:17](#))**

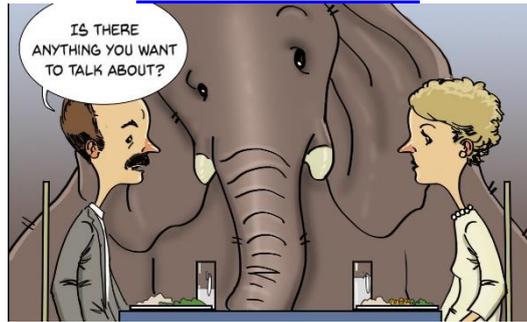
**SURELY THIS MUST RANK AS ONE OF SATAN'S  
MASTER DECEPTIONS - TO GET WATER INTO CHURCHES.**

\*\*\*\* \*

**Harley Hitchcock**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021**

## “CONTACT US”



Australian Bible Ministries, PO Box 5058 Mt. Gravatt East 4122 Qld, Australia  
[www.AustralianBibleMinistries.com](http://www.AustralianBibleMinistries.com)