

Baptism

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Baptism (*baptisma*) simply means “to dip, or submerge.” The word is used many times in scripture, in several different contexts. The Baptism of the Spirit is a reference to the formation of the Church on the Day of Pentecost (1 Cor. 12:13). Water baptism is a ceremony that is performed by submerging a person in water. There are two types of water baptism mentioned in scripture, (1) the baptism of John and (2) Christian baptism (see Acts 19:3-4). In both cases there are similar attributes. Baptism:

- Disconnects you with something OLD
- Is “unto” or “in view of” something NEW
- Speaks of death
- Involves passing a person under water
- Puts you in the place of a disciple
- Puts you into a new testimony

References:

- Baptism in General. Heb. 6:1-2
- Kingdom Baptism. Matt. 3:6-16, Matt. 21:25, Mark 1:4-9, Mark 11:30, Luke 3:3-12, 21, Luke 7:29-30, Luke 20:4, John 1:25-33, John 3:22-23; 26, John 4:1-2; Acts 10:37, Acts 13:24, Acts 18:24-25, Acts 19:3-4
- The Lord’s Special Baptism. Matt. 20:22-23; Mark 10:38-39; Luke 12:50
- Baptism with the Holy Ghost and with Fire. Matt. 3:11; Matt. 13:40-42; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; Acts 1:4-5; Acts 2:1-4; Acts 11:16; 1 Cor. 12:13
- Christian Baptism. Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:40-41; Acts 8:12-13; Acts 10:47; Acts 8:14, 16, 35-38; Acts 16:15, 33; Acts 19:5; Acts 22:16; Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Cor. 1:14, 17; 1 Cor. 10:1-5; 1 Cor. 16:15; Gal. 3:27-28; Eph. 4:5; Col. 2:12; Titus 3:5; 1 Pet. 3:20-21