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# ACTS

OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
THE CHURCH AGE BEGINS

**BAPTISM IN EPHESUS**  
**ACTS 19:1–8**

**Acts 19:1, “And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples**

**Acts 19:2, “he said to them, ‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?’ So they said to him, ‘We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.’ ”**

**Acts 19:3, “And he said to them, ‘Into what then were you baptized?’ So they said, ‘Into John’s baptism.’**

**Acts 19:4, “Then Paul said, ‘John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.’ ”**

**Acts 19:5, “When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**

**Acts 19:6, “And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.”**

# **The Doctrine of Baptism**

# 1. Definition

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**As an action, it signified the identification of someone with an action, a person, an object, or a new status in life.**

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**There are 8 baptisms in the New Testament.**

**Five are *real*, three are representative, ritual.**

**2. The three ritual [water] baptisms are:**

**a. The baptism of Jesus  
(Matt. 3:13–17)**

**b. The baptism of John the Baptist  
(Matt. 3:1–11)**

**c. The baptism of believers  
(Acts 2:38, 41; 8:36–38)**

### **3. The five real [dry] baptisms are:**

- a. The baptism of Noah (1 Pet. 3:20–21)**
- b. The baptism of Moses (1 Cor. 10:2)**
- c. The baptism of fire (Matt. 3:11–12)**
- d. The baptism of the cross  
(Mark 10:38–39)**
- e. The baptism of the Holy Spirit  
(1 Cor. 12:13)**

**Matt. 3:13, “Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.**

**Matt. 3:14, “And John tried to prevent Him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?’**

**Matt. 3:15, “But Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’ Then he allowed Him.”**

**Matt. 3:11, “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”**

**Matt. 3:16, “When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.**

**Matt. 3:17, “And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’ ”**

**Matt. 28:19, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,**

**Matt. 28:20, “teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.”**

**1 Pet. 3:20, “who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water.**

**1 Pet. 3:21, “And corresponding [*antitupos*] to that, baptism now saves you — not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience — through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,”**

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**A**  
**Type**



**B**  
**Antitype**

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**If B, the antitype is a Baptism, and it is.**

**Then, A, which is the type, must also be a baptism**

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# The Baptism of Moses

1 Cor. 10:2, “and all were baptized into [*eis*] Moses in [*en*] the cloud and in [*en*] the sea;”

# The Baptism of Fire

**Matthew 3:11, “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**

**Matthew 3:12, “His winnowing fan *is* in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”**

# **The Baptism of the Cross**

**Mark 10:38, “But Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?’**

**Mark 10:39, “They said to Him, ‘We are able.’ So Jesus said to them, ‘You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized;’ ”**

# **The Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

**1 Cor. 12:13, “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”**