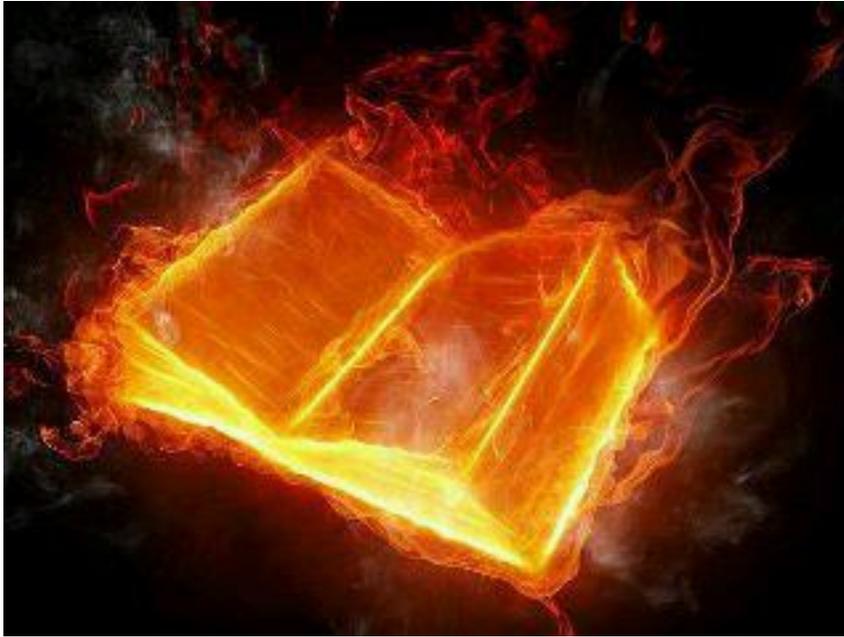


## SIX DOCTRINES OF BAPTISM (MIKVAH/TVILA)



In the context of the bible, it speaks of six types of baptisms.

- 1) **BAPTISM OF PURIFICATION (CLEANSING)**---(Acts 21:23-24, John 11:55, Luke 2:22, Lev. 12:2-4)
- 2) **JOHN THE BAPTIST TYPE BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE**--- (Mark 1:4, Acts 1:5, Matt. 3:1-2,11,)
- 3) **THE COMMON (CHRISTIAN) TYPE BAPTISM OF WATER TO BE IDENTIFIED WITH YESHUA** (Acts 2:38, 8:16, 36-38, 10:48, 16:33, 19:5, John 14:13). This is the most misunderstood of all baptisms.
- 4) **THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**--- (Acts 1:8)
- 5) **THE BAPTISM OF FIRE**---(Matt. 3:11)
- 6) **THE BAPTISM OF SUFFERING**--- (Luke 12:50)

All Six of these baptisms can be summarized as Baptism with the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) of Yeshua. We are baptized in the Spirit of Yeshua.

The Hebrew word “mikveh” (meaning “running water”), has been incorrectly translated into the Greek “baptizo”, Strong's #907. This Greek word comes laden with concepts. It is the Hebrew word mikveh that is most commonly referred to, yet the reality is, the word “tvila” is the correct Hebrew word representing water baptism. Either word will do, but actually “tvila” is correct.

**Eph. 4:5 “one Yahveh, one faith, one baptism”**, The question shouldn't be: “Is baptism (spiritual and water baptism), necessary for salvation”. The question should be: “Why wouldn't you want to get baptized immediately after accepting Yeshua”. If there were not so many different denominational misconceptions concerning the custom of baptism this could be fulfilled. But as long as there are anti-Semitic understandings of the Scriptures, and a refusal to go back and study the Scriptures in their original culture and context, this verse will not be a reality on this earth, (with the exception of those who care enough to study themselves), approved before Yahveh.

**Col. 2:12 *having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of Yahveh, who raised Him from the dead.*** This is not speaking of a water baptism here either, but symbolism of being purified and made free in Him by what He did for all Believers. It is repentance and the faith in Him that brings us into His death, resurrection, His glory, and His kingdom.

**1Pet. 3:21 *And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you, not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to Yahveh for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Messiah,***

**“Hebr. 4:12-13 *For the word of Yahveh is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.*”** In these verses the Holy Spirit compares the Believer to a sacrifice on the altar like in the temple days of old. The priests would tie down the sacrifice and with a special sword, cut the animal in half, to the division of the joints and marrow, exposing everything that was hidden by the outer flesh. Just as it was then, the Believer today has his soul and spirit split apart by the Word of Yah. As in the beginning, when the Word separated light from darkness, so now it works within us as a sword piercing to the separation of the soul and spirit. The Word is “**living**”, for it has living power: “**active**”,

because it knows how to work: “**sharper than any two edged sword**”, since it can pierce into the spirit. The altar of old is now represented by the stake at Calvary, therefore all those who truly desire to have their soul lead by their spirit must acknowledge Calvary, and lay themselves as a living sacrifice on the stake. They must trust their High Priest Yeshua to divide asunder between their living soul and spirit so they can be lead in spirit and in truth. We must offer ourselves to our High Priest so He can divide and guide the inner working of our spirit.

When John baptized the people, he was preparing them to come in the presence of the coming Messiah. Baptism, whether it was John's type, also seen at Mt Sinai, or otherwise, is all from the same source. It is the Ruach Hakodesh (Holy Spirit) who helps us to be prepared for the presence of the Almighty. All genuine baptism is of the Ruach Hakodesh. John said to repent and to get baptized in preparation for the coming Messiah. Those gathered at Mt. Sinai were also baptized in the water from the rock as they headed for Mt. Sinai to be in the presence of the Almighty. This is the same type of scenario. Being baptized is preparing oneself to be in the presence of the Most High. It is a preparation of getting ready to receive what the King has in store for us. In the first place the torah (word of Yah), in the second place, the Messiah Himself (the living word of Yah). We get baptized in order to prepare ourselves for the wedding gift of the Ruach Hakodesh from our groom. Repent for the remission of your sins, be baptized and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Even in todays culture, we take a bath before we go to some major event. We get prepared and are made clean before we go somewhere special. Each time we do it we are doing something symbolic of the death, burial and resurrection of Yeshua. Baptism has never changed, but today we have a fuller understanding of its significance.

Yah's Word penetrates much deeper than the soul; it reaches into the innermost spirit. After one has received the revelation of what was done for us at Calvary, the soul can assume its proper position of subjection to the spirit. But if the soul fails to become a thoroughfare to the spirit, then the former will become the latter ball and chain.

Before the spirit achieves its rightful place of pre-eminence, it is challenged persistently by the soul. While the spirit strives to gain freedom and dominion, the soul power is constantly exerted, trying to overpower the leading of the spirit.

We are to be a “living sacrifice” (Rom. 12:1), and offer ourselves up daily to the stake that our old nature dies.

**John 3:5** “Yeshua answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of YHVH.**”

**The ultimate goal of every Believer should be the Baptism Of The Holy Spirit. It does not compare with the other three baptisms as stated in the Bible.**

**NOTE:** In biblical times it was common to baptize students in the name of their Rabbi. That is what Paul is talking about in 1Cor. 1:12-15.

## 1. THE BAPTISM OF PURIFICATION, RITUAL CLEANSING (MIKVAH)



Basically speaking the Hebrew tradition of mikvah/tvila was done before one went into the presence of Yah, or just prior to one accepting Him as your King. One could never enter the Temple (be in the presence of Yah) in days of old without first being cleansed. In the temple of old priests stood at the entrance and made sure that anyone entering was literally dripping wet (from head to toe) from the tvila before they could enter into

the presence of the Most High. The mikvah represented cleansing oneself, preparing oneself for entrance into the Kingdom of Yah, being re-newed, restored, made clean, or as many would say, "born again".

Many Believers are surprised to discover that John's invitation to ritual immersion for repentance was nothing new for the Jewish people. Although scant mention is made of the practice in the Old Testament, in John's day, the custom of purification mikveh was already well developed. According to Jewish faith, one undergoes immersion if there is any question of ritual impurity. This can result from a number of causes, some a requirement of the natural course of life, e.g., after giving birth. Luke's Gospel speaks concerning the period of Mary's "purification" (Luke 2:22). This was the forty days following the birth of Yeshua (Lev. 12:2-4). It is only after this period that she was permitted to enter the Temple. Before entering the Temple precincts, Mary would have been required to submit to ritual immersion, perhaps even in one of the hundreds of ritual baths (mikveh) archaeologists have uncovered along the southern wall of the Temple Mount. It has been noted that Miriam went to the Temple to give her offering on the first day she was permitted. Since she was not obligated to go that very first day, this may be another indication of the deep religious piety of Mary and Joseph, hinting at the type of home in which Yeshua was raised.

## 2. JOHN THE BAPTIST TYPE BAPTISM/OF REPENTANCE

In those days repentance was done when one presented a sacrifice at the altar. John comes along and tells people that they can repent of their sins by water baptism. John was leading the way for the coming of Yeshua. This teaching of his upset a lot of people. John the Baptist was to prepare the hearts of the people of Israel for the coming of the Messiah. John was witnessing the people being baptized for repentance. John didn't actually participate physically in these baptisms, John witnessed the thousands of people mikvehing (baptizing) themselves for repentance, from the side of the river. John was the man responsible for getting the people to repent of their heathen ways because the Feast of Pentecost was coming (Acts 1:5).

John was told by Yah that when a dove comes down on the one you witness being baptized, you will know this is the one who will come and baptize with the holy spirit and with fire.

**Matt. 3:11** "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**" We must remember that John was filled with Yah's spirit in his mother's womb. **Luke 1:13-15** But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, **and you will give him the name John.** "You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and **he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb.**" John told the Pharisees that he had met the Messiah but they didn't believe him because they were stuck in religion.



**Mark 1:3-5** "THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, MAKE READY THE WAY OF Adonai, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT." John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a **baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.** And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people

of Jerusalem; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, **confessing their sins.**" 6. John was clothed with camel's hair and [wore] a leather belt around his waist, and his diet was locusts (error: should be translated "nuts") and wild honey. 7. And he was preaching, and saying, "After me One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals. 8. **"I baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."** Johns ministry placed two demands on the people: (1) repentance, (2) the public confession of their sins. Those people who were willing to do this were baptized by John in the river and were on their way to becoming Believers. Remember John was preparing the people for the coming Messiah. Verse 8 makes it clear that John's baptism here was actually not involving the Ruach HaKodesh, directly.

**Matt. 3:13** "Then Yeshua arrived from Galilee at the Jordan {coming} to John, to be baptized by him."

**Acts 13:24** "after John had proclaimed before His coming a **baptism of repentance** to all the people of Israel."

The people who went along with Johns baptism did not receive the peace and victory over sin that Yeshua was soon to make possible for them. Their hearts were simply being prepared to receive the messages that Messiah was about to proclaim personally upon the world.

John the Baptist was helping the people prepare for the Feasts, as He was baptizing them in the river at the time when Yeshua came to Him. During this season of the Jewish calendar, each person is expected to reflect upon his or her actions during the past year.

Unlike the various styles of Christian baptism, according to Jewish practice, the candidate immerses him/herself. Of course, this formal difference raises the question about John's physical role in the baptism of Yeshua. In one fascinating piece of evidence, we have an ancient drawing from a Roman catacomb which depicts John and Yeshua at Yeshua's baptism. John is standing on the bank of the Jordan River extending a hand to Yeshua, assisting Him from the water. Not all of the Gospels are identical in their description of John's activity at Yeshua's baptism. Luke's account omits specific reference to John in the verse which describes Yeshua's baptism. **Luke 3:21** "Now it came about when all the people were baptized, that Yeshua also was baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened," R.L. Lindsey has suggested that at the root of our misunderstanding concerning John's role, is confusion underlying the passive Greek verbs, **"they were baptized/he had been baptized."** There is ambiguity in the equivalent Hebrew verb whose sense may lie behind the Greek text. In Hebrew, the verb "to baptize" can be transitive or intransitive (i.e. reflexive). Once again, we may be seeing Greek words conveying Hebrew meanings directly translated from earlier Hebrew texts.

An even more compelling argument is to remember that these were all first century Jews for whom the practice of being plunged under the water by someone else was unknown. Indeed, the passive form of the Hebrew verb, "to be immersed," in a ritual sense never occurs. In all probability, the ancient drawing has accurately depicted John's location-on the bank not in the water. He did not physically assist in the immersion of those who came to him, as we usually imagine it. Instead he functioned as a witness to those who responded to his call.

More important than clear understanding of the form of John's actions along the Jordan River, are the innovative ideas which he attached to the rite. As mentioned, usually the practice of ritual immersion was purification for physical/ritual impurity. The need for ritual immersion did not necessarily suggest "sinfulness" on the part of the baptismal candidate. Nevertheless, John combined the rite with an accompanying need for repentance from sin. He proclaimed a "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." The relationship between ritual immersion and spiritual purification in John's ministry is spelled out more fully by the Jewish historian, Josephus Flavius.

"(John) had exhorted the Jews to lead righteous lives, to practice justice towards their fellow, and piety towards God, and so doing to join in baptism. In his view this was a necessary preliminary if baptism was to be acceptable to Yah. They must not employ it to gain pardon for whatever sins they committed, but as a purification of the body, implying that the soul was already thoroughly cleansed by right behavior" (Antiquities 18:117).

On the occasion with Yeshua, the divine voice signals that the coming of the Holy Spirit was not for purposes of purification, but anointing for prophetic ministry. **Luke 3:22** "and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well-pleased." Nevertheless, what is important, is to note that the Holy Spirit's active presence during the custom of ritual immersion is a notion which was commonly held by the Qumran sectarians and John the Baptist, and may have influenced others in the early community. Indeed the connection between water and spirit played a central role in early Believer's thinking.

"Once again we find that characters in the New Testament story belong to emerging Jewish ideas in the first century and were inseparably connected to that vital spiritual community. The message of the New Testament takes on new depth and meaning when read in light of that historical and spiritual milieu." (by R. Steven Notley).

One passage that compares the “Baptism of the Holy Spirit” and John’s “Baptism of Repentance” is found in **Acts 19:2-6** *“and he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they {said} to him, “No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.” And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” And they said, “Into John’s baptism.” And Paul said, “**John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Yeshua**” And when they heard this, **they were baptized in the name of Adonai Yeshua. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they {began} speaking with tongues and prophesying.**”*

The Pharisees and lawyers that Yeshua was scolding in Matt. 23:29-36 hadn’t been baptized of repentance, so the true Spirit of Elohim was not in them. **Luke 7:30** *“But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected YHVH’s purpose for themselves, **not having been baptized by John.**”*

### 3. BAPTISM OF IDENTIFICATION WITH YESHUA AS THE MESSIAH THE CHRISTIAN TYPE BAPTISM

What is commonly called baptism, in Christianity, is actually only one of the six mikvehs (baptisms) spoken about in our bible. This baptism is to publicly identify those being baptized with the Jewish Messiah of the bible, Yeshua.

**We are to be baptized in the name of Yeshua only.** We are to show that we are children of Yah and Believers by being baptized in public. The incorrectly translated scripture used to describe the idea of Baptizing people in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is found in Matthew.

**Matt. 28:19** *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, **baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,**”* (NAS). If you use the correct translation as found in the Complete Jewish Bible, you will see a big difference. **Matt. 28:19** *“Therefore go and make people from all nations into talmidim, (disciples), **immersing them into the reality of the Father, the Son and the Ruach HaKodesh,**”* (Holy Spirit). This bad translation has caused much confusion in churchianity. This one verse contradicts the clear verses in Acts, as follows:



**Acts 2:38** *Peter [said] to them, “Repent, and **each of you be baptized in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach** for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”*

**Acts 8:16** *For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized **in the name of Yeshua.**”*

**Acts 10:48** *And he ordered them to **be baptized in the name of Yeshua the Messiah.** Then they asked him to stay on for a few days.”*

**Acts 19:5** *When they heard this, **they were baptized in the name of Yeshua.**”*

Since Yeshua came, we are to do things in His name. Matt. 28:19 contradicts Acts 2:38, 8:16, 10:48, and 19:5)

**John 14:13** *“In fact, **whatever you ask for in my name, I will do; so that the Father may be glorified in the Son**”* This was the Messiah talking to His disciples. In Acts 10:44-48 it also says that the people were baptized in the name of Yeshua. **Acts 10:48** *“And he ordered that they be **immersed in the name of Yeshua the Messiah**”* (CJB)

In most churches today you will find people being baptized into a religious denomination, even though they claim it to be into the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In many denominations, once you become a member you must be re-baptized (if you have already been so) through that denomination.

There is no comparison between the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and what we might call regular type water Baptism, as stated in the following scripture:

**Acts 8:14-16** *“Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of Yahveh, they sent them Peter and John, “who came down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; **they had simply been baptized in the name of Messiah Yeshua**”*

Some verses that reveal baptism of identification with Yeshua are as follows:

**Acts 8:37-38** *[And Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he answered and said, “**I believe that Yeshua is the Son of Yah.]**” And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him.”*

**Acts 16:33** *“And he took them that {very} hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his {household.}”*

**Acts 2:38** Peter [said] to them, *“Repent, and **each of you be baptized in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**”* Notice it says “gift” (singular), of the holy spirit. It doesn’t say you will receive gifts of the holy spirit like some would have you believe. The gifts of the holy spirit only come after one is Spirit Filled, baptized in the holy spirit (with outward evidence of tongues as proof of the infilling.)

When we are water Baptized, the “old man” is washed away, and the new man arises to follow Yeshua. The Adamic man is put to death, washed away, so that the second man (God-man), comes forth. We become like the “first fruit”, as Yeshua did at the time of His resurrection. That is what the Feast of First Fruits represents. Yeshua became the first fruit of the new man and we are to “follow Him”. Yeshua established a way (pattern) for us to follow him. **Rom. 5:1** *“Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with Yahveh through our Messiah Yeshua,”*

The Believer is immersed into the death and the resurrection by being mikvehed into the glory of Yeshua by the power of the Spirit who raised Him from the dead. This is again not in any way speaking of a water form of baptism! It is purely a symbolic act on the part of the Believer to be immersed into water to make a public statement that they have repented and received the gift of salvation.

It only takes one person to be baptized. The person being baptized can simply immerse himself for baptism, but he must have a witness of the event. Biblical baptism is an outward act of obedience (proving ones faith), by which the Believer fulfills the inward righteousness which he already enjoys in his heart, through faith in Messiah’s atoning death and resurrection. A person should be immersed in water, not just sprinkled with water. If it was good enough for Yeshua, its good enough for me! (Mark 1:10).

Many churches today still follow the tradition of infant Baptism. This practice is not at all Biblical, simply because a tiny baby cannot decide to publicly declare his or her belief in Adonai like an adult, and that is one of the main reasons for Baptism. If the infant doesn’t even know who God the Father is, how can he ask Yah into his life; a silly ritual is all it is. One of the verses the Lutheran church uses to back up this traditional manmade ritual, is found in **Acts 16:33** *“And he took them that {very} hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and **all his {household.}**”* They insinuate this included infants, which is of course foolish.

Man is not born again “of water” alone; he must be born both “of water, and of the spirit”. He must receive the gift of the Spirit of Yahveh from the Messiah, before he can have Yah’s life in him. Both John the Baptist and Yeshua preached to the people they must have repentance before they could receive the life of Yahveh in them (Mark 1:4). Repentance is closely associated with “belief” in converts. **Mark 1:15** *“and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of Yahveh is at hand; **repent and believe in the gospel.**”* Repentance delivers us from the sins that belong to all of us, and brings us into the righteous things that belong to Yahveh. This life that we obtain, is not carnal, but spiritual. As soon as we are regenerated, we receive the “right to become” children of Yah (John 1:12), and this commences a “father and son” relationship with God in life itself (Gal. 4:6, Rom. 8:15-16).

#### 4. BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

You cannot be lead directly by the Holy Spirit unless you are Baptized in the Holy Spirit. There are some rare individuals specifically anointed from birth, that are an exception to the rule.

Yeshua had authority, but had no “**POWER**” until He was Baptized in the Ruach HaKodesh. If Yeshua required this gift to do His righteous job here on earth, then I think it’s fair to say that we should strive for this wonderful gift that Adonai made available for us.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit can be described as follows: To drink or be filled with the Holy Spirit, (like at Pentecost), in which the Believer receives the fullness of the Holy Spirit within himself, which includes the gifts and fruits of the Spirit. **Acts 1:8** *“**but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part***



of the earth.” **Acts 8:15-16** “who came down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; **they had simply been baptized in the name of Adonai Yeshua.**”

In the Bible, Baptism Of The Holy Spirit also took place at Samaria. **Acts 8:12** “But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of YHVH and the name of Yeshua, **they were being baptized, men and women alike.**” The Holy Spirit was received in Ephesus!



**Acts 19:2-5** “and he said to them, “**Did you receive the Holy Spirit** when you believed?” And they {said} to him, “No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.” And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” And they said, “Into John’s baptism.” And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Yeshua” And when they heard this, **they were baptized in the name of Adonai Yeshua.**” The Holy Spirit was received in the house of Cornelious! **Acts 10:44-48** While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message. And all the circumcision believers who had come with Peter were amazed, because **the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out upon the Gentiles also.** For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting YHVH. Then Peter answered, “Surely **no one can refuse the water**

for these to be baptized **who have received the Holy Spirit** just as we {did,} can he?" And he ordered them **to be baptized in the name of Yeshua**. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days." Here, he is speaking of baptism in the Holy Spirit of Elohim specifically, not being born again. I would also like to point out that water is not mentioned in these scriptures until AFTER the Holy Spirit had been poured out on them. Baptism of the holy spirit has nothing to do with water. After they were spirit filled, Peter makes the statement "Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized". Peter means clearly that they need the baptism of identification for the public to know that from then on they will be identified as believers in Yeshua.

When a Believer invites the Holy Spirit in (after coming to Yeshua and thirsting) John 7:37-39, he becomes living rivers from which flows out the Holy Spirit. You become a channel through which Ha Shems' Holy Spirit flows.

During the great flood of Gen. 7 the earth was "baptized". Our earth (like our old self), went threw the waters of the mikvah and was "born again" in a sense. The old earth was destroyed and the new earth arose with the rainbow and new promises for the eight surviving people of Noah's family. A new world, a new beginning for mankind. When Yeshua comes back as "King of Kings and divine ruler," the world will be "baptized with fire" (2Pet. 3:10). The baptism of fire, (Matt. 3:10), is thought by many to mean man will be able to choose between the powerful baptism of the Holy Spirit or the evil baptism of fire, representing the devil.

There is a big difference between the baptisms of water and the baptism in the Holy Spirit, as Paul explains: **Acts 11:15-16** "And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, just as {He did} upon us at the beginning. "And I remembered the word of Adonai, how He used to say, '**John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.**'"

**Acts 1:5** "For John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" You might say that the various baptisms of water are earthly outward "works" of mankind, endorsed by Adonai; whereas the baptism in the Holy Spirit is strictly "supernatural", coming directly from Elohim Himself.

## PAUL'S CONVERSION, BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Acts 9:3-5** "And it came about that as he journeyed, he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him; and he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" And he said, "**Who art Thou, Adonai?**" And He {said,} "I am Yeshua whom you are persecuting," The reason Paul cried out "Who art thou, Adonai," was because Paul wanted to know if it was the God of Mercy (Yahveh), or the God of Judgment (Elohim). Paul needed to know which part, or nature of God was dealing with him. The question "Who art thou, Adonai?" has puzzled many theologians, because it looks as if Paul is asking for a name which he already knows. He is not asking for a name. Instead, just like the Patriarchs, he knows that this is a Divine visitation, and he wants to know the nature of the one who has come. He knows that he has done wrong, so he calls for the attribute of Mercy. The spiritual visitor introduces himself as "Yeshua", and offers Mercy by appealing to his conscience.

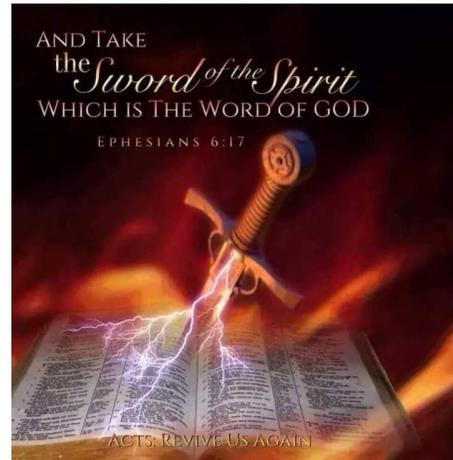
**NOTE**---One very important thing that most Believers don't seem to realize is that in order to be Baptized in the Holy Spirit, (in most cases), one must go to a holy person who has been anointed appropriately to lay hands on and breathe into you. Yah has His anointed spirit filled apostles that can lay hands on people to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This is not a light responsibility for those anointed as such. In many cases (if anointed saints aren't available), Yahveh will use other individuals as vessels through which He sends His power and authority, despite their walk. This is done so that His saints can receive His power and authority. Satan loves to use his false prophets in place of real anointed men of Yahveh (to lay hands on individuals to give them the false baptism of the Holy Spirit). This is what occurs in most Charismatic churches where untested manifestations are allowed to occur in the name of Jesus.

## 5. BAPTISM OF FIRE

Many people think there is a difference between the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the Baptism of Fire, as mentioned in: **Luke 3:16** "John answered and said to them all, "As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**" (Matt. 3:11) The Baptism spoken of here is considered the same by some people. It expresses the cleansing of our sins with fire. It's not something to be divided about, considering that they are both of the Holy Spirit, but I tend to separate the two baptisms.

Anyone who has every received the baptism of the holy spirit knows that immediately after it takes place you receive "**FIRE IN YOUR BONES**". That's the only way I can properly describe it. You feel supercharged, bold, and spiritually aware like never before. You simply cannot remain silent about all the things that you have been lied to about in Churchianity. All these pagan things that the proclaimed Believers have accepted as holy stand out like salt on toast. You can't help but want to know the truth as it is written rather than as it is taught on Sundays. It's like a whole new door opens up in front of you that you never new existed. Inside that room are the gifts and fruits of the spirit that Yah makes available to those who honestly pursue His teachings. Many open and close that door because they are not willing to pay the price of

obedience required to have these gifts and fruits. I think it's fair to say that there is a tremendous price that one must be willing to pay if one truly wants to be a servant of the Most High. There is a price for love and few are willing to pay it. This price of obedience then brings us to the next and final doctrine of baptism, the baptism of suffering because one decides to follow the Jewish Messiah Yeshua.



The following is a comparative example of what the fire of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit does to us, as compared to fire and gold.

When minerals are melted they are mixed with a substance called flux. The flux causes the impurities to cling to it and the pure gold settles to the bottom of the kettle. The pure gold remains on the bottom after the fire of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit takes place. The sins of the Believer are dealt with and he progresses into the ministry of Yah. 1Pet. 1:7, Isa. 48:10,

As explained earlier, in the beginning the earth was Baptized with the Flood. At the end of time the earth will be Baptized with fire. **Luke 12:49** *"I have come to cast fire upon the earth; and how I wish it were already kindled! 1Cor. 3:13* *"each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is {to be} revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work."*

We become the salt of the earth as we are first baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit.

**Matt. 5:13** *"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty {again} ? It is good for nothing anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men."*

When you think about it, fire has been and always will be, next to water, the most significant commodity on earth. Fire is fundamental for all mankind to exist. The baptism of fire is also fundamental to servants of Yah.

## 6. BAPTISM OF SUFFERING



Yeshua had to endure a baptism of suffering, otherwise known as Calvary. In this baptism Yeshua shed His outer shell by death, and so released life for us. **Luke 12:50** ***“But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished!”*** This baptism of suffering is what Messiah is talking about in **Matt. 16:24** ***“Then Yeshua said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his stake, and follow Me. “For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it.”***

And we see it again spoken of in the book of Mark, when the sons of Zebedee wanted the privilege of sitting at the right and left hand of Yeshua in His glory. Yeshua answered them:

**Mark 10:38** ***“But Yeshua said to them, “You do not know what you are asking for. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized”?*** Yeshua was referring to the physical surrender that lay ahead of Him at the stake, appointed to Him by the Father. These two men didn't know what was about to happen to their Messiah.

**In these verses Yeshua is making it clear that if you REALLY want to follow Him, you will suffer. You will be ostracized, shunned, ridiculed, hated, despised, and ignored like never before.** From a personal standpoint, I can honestly say that this is exactly what happened to me the moment I got spirit filled and delivered from all my curses and demons. The sad part for me was the fact that the christians shunned me more than the secular world. Anyone who experiences the baptism of the holy spirit, fire, and suffering, then realizes just how far off the teachings are in 99.9% of the proclaimed churches of this world, especially the SUNday churches. Although you can't help but feel sorry for all those who never flee Babylon..Rev. 18:4, (SUNday churches), one also finds it rather lonely as a true heir in the real kingdom of Yah. At times it feels like being in prison, separated from those you can't seem to get through to, stuck in Religion. It's like having access to an endless amount of life-jackets while the ship in front of you is sinking, and they will not accept them because their demons of deception are more powerful than their will to allow the truth to set them free.

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