

7 Ones- Ephesians 4

Unity Comes from – One Baptism

1.) First Things First

- a. Baptism is a transliterated word
 - i. That means it looks about the same in Greek as it does in English
 1. “baptizo”, “baptisma”, “baptismos”, “baptistes”
 - ii. Baptisma – process of immersion, submersion and emergence (#908 – Vines)
 - iii. Baptismos – “ceremonial washing of articles” (#909)
 - iv. Baptistes – “a baptist” – is used only of John the Baptist (#910)
 - v. Baptizo (verb) – “to dip”; was used among Greeks to signify the dyeing of a garment, or drawing water by dipping a vessel into another
 1. The word itself means to go under the water and come back out again
- b. **How Many Baptisms are There? Well, actually 7**
 - i. Baptism of John (Mt 3:6-11) for repentance
 - ii. Actual Baptism of Jesus (Lk 3:21) for fulfilling all righteousness
 1. Acts 10:38 – Tells us that Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit (pertaining to His priesthood)
 - iii. Baptism of Fire (Mt 3:11) for judgment
 1. Lk 3:9; Mt 25:41; Heb 10:27
 - iv. Baptism of Moses (1 Cor 10:2) as a type of the Christ
 - v. Baptism of the Cross/Crucifixion (Mt 20:23; Mk 10:38)
 1. Mt 26:39 – let this cup pass
 2. Jn 18:11 – the will of God is accomplished by drinking it
 - vi. Baptism of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 12:13) –
 1. It is how we are made a part of the spiritual body – we are also made to drink it
 2. Mt 3:11; Lk 3:16- Jesus will baptize believers with the Holy Spirit
 3. Jn 14:16-18 – Holy Spirit is not for the world; so that we are not abandoned
 4. Eph 5:18 – “be filled with the Spirit” –
 - vii. Baptism of Believers
 1. Mt 28:18-20; Mk 16:15-16 – excludes infants, children, half-hearted (sermon)

We Can Only Directly & Physically Participate In One Baptism – the Believer’s Baptism (Mt 28; Mk 16; Acts 2; Gal 3)
The Spirit Is Obviously An Integral Aspect of Baptism (1 Cor 12:13; Acts 2:38)
Also, Water Immersion Cannot Take the Place Of God’s Grace, And It Is Part Of Our Faithful Response (Eph 2:8-10)

2.) Commissioned In The Authority of God

- a. Mt 28:18-20; Mk 16:15-16 – in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- b. Acts 19:5, in the name of Christ

3.) Response to Hearing About God’s Salvation in/through Christ & Believing it is true (Acts 2:36-38)

4.) Must Be Done In Faith, Without Faith God Is Not Pleased (Col 2:12; Heb 11:6)

5.) Physical Baptism Represents Entirety Of the Gospel Message; death, burial, and resurrection (Rom 6:3-11)

6.) “Clothed With Christ” (Gal 3:26-28)

7.) Appealing To God for a Good Conscience – through the resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Pet 3:21)

8.) Associated With the Forgiving Shed Blood of Christ to forgive our sins (Acts 2:38)

9.) Immediate Response & Can Be Commanded (Acts 22:16; Acts 10:48)

10.) No Baptism For the Dead (1 Cor 15:29-34)

11.) Apostle Paul Did Want to Baptize Everyone (1 Cor 1:13-17)