

## Doctrine of Baptisms – Agent and Recipient

Hebrews 6:1-6 gives us the “principles of the doctrine of Christ. One of those is “the doctrine of baptisms.” Many believers in Christ have never heard of the doctrine of baptisms, including some ordained ministers!

Notice that the Bible says “**baptisms**” not “baptism.” To be baptized means to be fully immersed.

When we accept Christ, we, our spirit and soul, are immersed into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit and we are filled with the Spirit. When we are baptized in the Holy Spirit, Jesus Himself, immerses our spirit into the Holy Spirit. Someone used an empty glass and a glass pitcher which was full of water for an example. As the glass sat empty, it represented us before we came to know the Lord. Then when we accept Christ and are born again, the water (representing the Holy Spirit) is poured into the glass until it is completely full. That represents us being saved. Then, the full glass is lifted and placed into the pitcher where it is completely full and completely surrounded. This represents being baptized (immersed) in the Holy Spirit.

| Part of Man Being Baptized  | Agent Who Does the Baptism                         | Results of this Baptism   |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Man’s Body</b><br/>1 Peter 3:21</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Baptized in Water</b></p>   | <p><b>Another Human (typically a minister)</b></p> | <p>A testimony to the world that you have been saved and have died to yourself, now you are living for Jesus Christ.</p>  |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Man’s Spirit &amp; Soul</b><br/>Ephesians 4:5; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:27</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Baptized into the Body of Christ</b></p>                 | <p><b>The Holy Spirit</b></p>                      | <p>This is a spiritual baptism that occurs at the moment of salvation. This is the <b>ONLY</b> baptism that saves us. People will confess with their mouths that Jesus Christ is their Lord!</p>                      |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Man’s Spirit</b><br/>Acts 2:1-4; Acts 8:18; Acts 10:44-46; Acts 19:6; 1 Corinthians 12; 1 Corinthians 14</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Baptism in the Holy Spirit</b></p> | <p><b>Jesus Christ</b></p>                         | <p>Can be at any time <b>AFTER</b> initial salvation. The evidence of this baptism is that the recipient speaks in other tongues. This baptism is important for all believers but is not essential for salvation.</p> |