

Water Baptism-Part 2

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Today our brother will be going through the rite of water baptism. His initial vision of baptism was to be baptized in a lake... He was the person who started the chain reaction this year that has caused so many people to be interested in water baptism... Therefore, we are here at Oxford Furnace Lake today having service in a special way for him...

Today our brother goes through the second baptism that God makes available to us as followers of Jesus Christ...

2) Current Types of Baptisms

There are 3 main types of baptisms in which Christians should participate:

1. The new birth, which occurs when we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior is one of these baptisms.

1 Corinthians 12:12-13 (Scripture 1) indicates that the new birth is a type of baptism.

¹² For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also *is* Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink [\[a\]](#) into one Spirit.

2. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is another type of baptism.

Matthew 3:11 (Scripture 2) indicates that the Lord Jesus will baptize us with the Holy Spirit. In this verse, John the Baptist speaks about Jesus Christ.

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 [\[a\]](#) and fire.

Acts 10:44-48 (Scripture 3) indicates that the baptism in the Holy Spirit and the new birth are different experiences, and therefore different baptisms:

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And [o]those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

Then Peter answered, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we *have*?” ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

3. **Water baptism** is the third main type of baptism. We do NOT get saved by getting water baptized. **Acts 8:36-38 (Scripture 4)** indicates that baptism is an external sign of an internal change that has already been achieved by having faith in the Lord Jesus. In these verses, the eunuch is born again by confessing his belief in the Lord Jesus before he gets baptized in water.

³⁶ Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, “See, *here is* water. What hinders me from being baptized?”

³⁷ [a] Then Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.”

And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

³⁸ So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.

Water baptism serves as a symbolic demonstration of what has happened in the new birth. It is a public declaration of the following:

- 1) I have died with Christ (symbolized by being placed under the water)
- 2) I was buried with Christ (symbolized by being under the water)
- 3) I was raised again with Christ, and now I have new life in Him (symbolized by being taken out of the water)

Colossians 2:11-12 (Scripture 5) affirms this symbolism.

¹¹ In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision

made without hands, by putting off the body [a]of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

As our brother gets baptized, he is saying to the everyone that he not only believes in Jesus Christ but that he is going to do his best to always follow him...

He is going to do his best not to practice the sins that keep us out of heaven...

Scripture 6: Galatians 5:19-21:

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: [a]adultery, [b]fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, [c]murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Scripture 7: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor [a]homosexuals, nor [b]sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were [c]sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Scripture 8: Revelation 21:7-8

⁷ He who overcomes [a]shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. ⁸ But the cowardly, [b]unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Scripture 9: Mark 11:25-26

²⁵ “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. ²⁶ ^[a] But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

Today our brother is also declaring that he is going to do his best to develop good things in his life, including the fruit of the Holy Spirit:

Scripture 10: Galatians 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ ^[a] gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Let us join with our brother in making a confession of faith in Jesus Christ, a confession that is based on passages like

Scripture 11: Romans 10:9-10

⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

and Scripture 12: Acts 17:30

³⁰ Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent