The Gospel According to John

1. Last week I completed a study of Joh 1:6-13 by way of an analysis of the *Doctrine of John the Baptist*. When the clock struck 7:45 we were in the process of studying the *Doctrine of Baptism*.

2. Before continuing I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary. Let's review some of that learned last week.

3. Now for a return to the analysis of the *Doctrine of Baptism*.

1. Definition: The word Baptism as used in this doctrine has various meanings; the purpose of the doctrine is to review the uses in Scripture.

2. The verb "baptize" is a translation from the Greek "**baptizo**."

2.1 The Word can be found more than 80 times in the New Testament where in all but one case it is translated baptized-the exception being Luk 11:38 where it is translated washed.

2.2 The noun form of **Baptizo** is **Baptisma** and can be found 25 times in the New Testament where in the KJV it is translated baptism 23 times and twice it is translated washing or washings in Mar 7:8 and Heb 9:10 respectively.

3. The Scriptures speak of eight different baptisms, four of which are real and four are ritual.

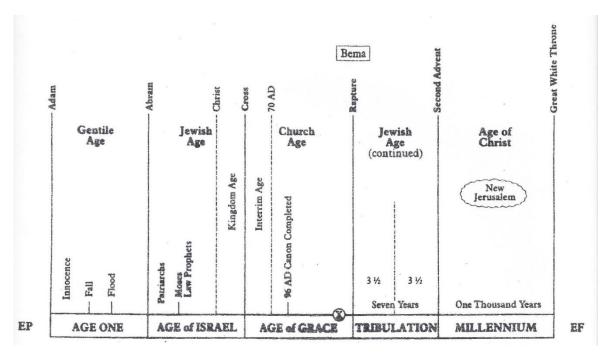
3.1 The real are: Moses at the Red Sea, sin at the cross, the universal indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the judgment of Christ called the "baptism of fire."

3.2 The ritual baptisms are: that done by John the Baptist, the Baptism of Jesus, the Baptism of early church age believers, and water Baptism done early in the interim sub-age of the Church Age.

4. Baptism of The Holy Spirit:

4.1 The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity.

4.2 To properly understand the concept, an understanding of dispensational application is necessary.



4.3 In the Gentile and Jewish Ages there was no universal indwelling of believers.

4.4 In both of these ages the Holy Spirit did come upon certain people to perform special work, such as Kings, Prophets, Artisans, etc.

4.4.1 Uniquely in the Kingdom Age He glorified the Lord Jesus and assisted in the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

4.5 Also in the Kingdom Age He was ready to indwell the followers of Christ if they would but ask Him.

4.5.1 They did not ask but to sustain them during the 40 days following His resurrection Jesus gave them the Spirit.

Joh 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

Joh 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Spirit:

4.5.2 To better understand the role of the Holy Spirit in the Kingdom Age the following Scriptures are provided:

Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Joh 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

Joh 16:8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Joh 16:9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;

Joh 16:10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

Joh 16:11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

Joh 14:25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

4.6 All believers of the Church Age receive the indwelling and the filling of the Holy Spirit at the moment of Salvation.

4.6.1 Like the disciples who did not understand the power they were forgoing, we as believers today do not understand the power of having the Spirit of God indwell and fill us.

4.6.2 The same Spirit who was and always has been part of the Trinity and Who was so instrumental in making order out of chaos during the restoration process lives in the soul of every believer and controls our life.

4.6.3 At the Eternal Life Conference in eternity past, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit designed and agreed on the execution and revelation of that plan and it is that same Spirit Who is a member of the Trinity, He has agreed to indwell and fill us. Isa 48:16-17

4.7 We soon after rebirth lose the filling but never the indwelling.

4.8 We can regain the filling by naming sin back to God as the Holy Spirit shows; this is called Rebound.

4.9 There is nothing a believer can do to lose the indwelling although we can quench and grieve the Holy Spirit; by sinning we quench the Spirit and by refusing to take in the Word of God, we grieve the Spirit.

4.10 Last week we looked at nine Scriptures that tell us of the universal and perpetual indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Joh 7:37-39; Rom 5:5, 8:9 and 11, 1C0 2:12, 6:19, and 20, 12:13; 2C0 5:5, Gal 3:2, 4:6; 1J0 3:24.

4.11 To begin the Tribulation, the Holy Spirit is removed at the Rapture because Church Age believers are removed. The Holy Spirit returns to His Jewish Age operandi, since the Tribulation is a Jewish affair.

2Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

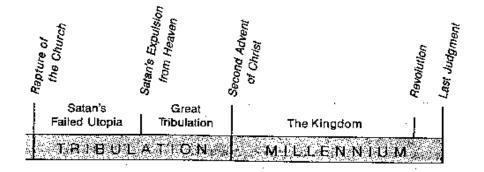
2Th 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

2Th 2:5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

2Th 2:6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

2Th 2:11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

2Th 2:12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.



4.12 In the Millennium the ministry of God the Holy Spirit seems to be a facilitator, to implement the four unconditional covenants.

4.12.1 It would seem the work of the Holy Spirit would also serve to convict of sin in this age although judgments at this point are clouded given the unique role of Christ in His Age.

4.12.2 A few Millennial Scriptures which relate to the Holy Spirit are:

Eze 36:24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out from the many nations ...

Eze 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

Isa 44:3 For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:

Eze 37:14 And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord.

Eze 39:29 Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

4.13 The universal indwelling was unique to the Church Age.

Col 1:25 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God; Col 1:26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

4.14 The indwelling was prophesied by Jesus:

Acts 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence.

4.15 The Holy Spirit takes us at the moment of faith in Christ and puts us in union with Him and this is one of the things that distinguishes Christianity from "religion."

1Co 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

4.16 The principle of retroactive identification with the Christ, a function of the Holy Spirit, makes us Royal Family.

Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should we walk in newness of life.

Col 2:12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

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