

Water and Spirit Baptism Romans 6:1-4

I. Mankind is Sinful.

- a. ⁶We all went astray like sheep; we all have turned to our own way; and the Lord has punished Him for the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6
- b. ⁷When he(John) saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Matthew 3:7
- c. ¹²Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, in this way death spread to all people, because all sinned. Romans 5:12
- d. ²⁸And because they did not think it worthwhile to acknowledge God, God delivered them over to a corrupt mind so that they do what is not right. ²⁹They are filled with all unrighteousness,^[i] evil, greed, and wickedness. They are full of envy, murder, quarrels, deceit, and malice. They are gossips, ³⁰slanderers, God-haters, arrogant, proud, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹senseless, untrustworthy, unloving,^[s] and unmerciful. ³²Although they know God's just sentence—that those who practice such things deserve to die^[d]—they not only do them, but even applaud^[u] others who practice them. Romans 1:28-32

II. **Water Baptism symbolizes our Fresh start with Jesus**

- a. What should we say then? Should we continue in sin so that grace may multiply? ²Absolutely not! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Or are you unaware that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ

was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life. Romans 6:1-4

- b. ³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38
- c. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17
- d. ¹⁹ Therefore repent and turn back, so that your sins may be wiped out, ²⁰ that seasons of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus, who has been appointed for you as the Messiah. Acts 3:19-20
- e. ⁸ But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

III. Water Baptism symbolizes our Fresh(renewed) willingness to obey Jesus.

- a. Jesus was Baptized. ¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ But John tried to stop him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me?" ¹⁵ Jesus answered him, "Allow it for now, because this is the way for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then John allowed him to be baptized. ¹⁶ When Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water. The heavens suddenly opened for him,^[e] and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased." Matthew 3:13-17
- b. Jesus commanded us to baptize. ¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of^[e] all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember,^[f] I am with you always,^[g] to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19
- c. Obedience is the best way. ²² Then Samuel said:

- d. Does the Lord take pleasure in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord? Look: to obey is better than sacrifice, to pay attention is better than the fat of rams. ²³ For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and defiance is like wickedness and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He has rejected you as king. 1 Samuel 15:22-23

IV. Water Baptism Symbolizes the Fresh Mercy/Grace of God

- a. ²² Because of the Lord's faithful love we do not perish, for His mercies never end. ²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness! Lamentations 3:22-23
- b. ⁸ For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift— ⁹ not from works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

V. Water Baptism reminds us that Fresh Grace is unearned.

1. Remember Lord, your compassion and your faithful love, for they have existed from antiquity. ⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my acts of rebellion; in keeping with your faithful love, remember me because of your goodness, Lord. Psalms 25: 6-7
2. ¹⁵ For He tells Moses, I will show mercy to whom I will show mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ¹⁶ So then, it does not depend on human will or effort but on God who shows mercy. Romans 9:15-16
3. ⁴ But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, ⁵ He saved us—not by works of righteousness that we had done, but according to His mercy—through the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ⁶ He

poured out His Spirit on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we may become heirs with the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:4-7

VI. Spirit Baptism is necessary

- a. ¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but the One who is coming after me is more powerful than I. I am not worthy to remove His sandals. He Himself will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Matthew 3:11
- b. ⁷ Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth. It is for your benefit that I go away, because if I don't go away the Counselor will not come to you. If I go, I will send Him to you. John 16:7

VII. Spirit Baptism Gives us a fresh start in the Kingdom(family) of God.

- a. ⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. Romans 8:9
- b. ³ In Him you also were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed. ¹⁴ The Holy Spirit is the down payment of our inheritance, until the redemption of the possession, to the praise of His glory. Ephesians 1:13-14

VIII. Spirit Baptism does not guarantee you will Speak in tongues.

- a. ¹⁰ to another, the performing of miracles, to another, prophecy, to another, distinguishing between spirits, to another, different kinds of tongues, to another, interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ One and the same Spirit is active in all these, distributing to each person as He wills. 1 Corinthians 12:10-11
- b. ³⁸ So he ordered the chariot to stop, and both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of

the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him any longer but went on his way rejoicing. Acts 8:38-39

- c. ²² Speaking in tongues, then, is intended as a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is not for unbelievers but for believers. 1 Corinthians 14:22
- d. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were amazed because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues and declaring the greatness of God. Acts 10:45-46

IX. **Spirit Baptism gives us fresh power and encouragement.**

- a. "The word paraclete which Jesus used to describe the Holy Spirit is translated "Comforter" in the KJV. The Greek word) actually means "one called alongside to help."
- b. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8
- c. ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. ⁴ He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4