

Overcoming Denominational Barriers Part 2

Foundational Scripture:

Rom 6:16 ... to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Overview

God has provided the Five Baptisms to enable us to draw closer to Him by going from level to level, from glory to glory. As we continue through the Five Baptisms, we avoid the pitfalls of the denominational barriers which can occur in the revelation Waves of the Spirit 1 - 9. We are born again when we accept Jesus Christ as Savior but we continue this journey of redemption as we live in Christ Jesus. For more on the very important differences between living in Jesus (Christ) and living in Christ (Jesus), please refer to JesustheChristMadePlain.org

1. Baptism in Jesus is accepting Him as Savior. It overcomes religious barriers such as salvation by works and rigid conformance to rituals. Baptism into Jesus brings us into living under grace ushered in by the **Wave of Grace**.
 - a. Rom 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death.
 - b. Gal 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision avails any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which works by love.
 - c. John 3:3 Baptism into Jesus as Savior results in our being born again into the family of God. We live with Jesus as our Savior.
 - d. Eph 2:8 We are saved by Grace through faith, not of works.
2. Baptism into Christ is accepting Jesus as Lord and living by the Word of God and by the leading of the Holy Spirit. It is the foundation for moving from the **milk** of the Word to the **meat** and finally to **strong meat**; as such, it is the foundation to prevent all the denominational pitfalls of subsequent waves. Specifically, living with Jesus as Lord means that, if the Bible says do it, we do; and, if the Bible says don't do it, we stop doing it. This lifestyle based on obedience to the Word of God with a similar commitment to being led by the Holy Spirit will take you through the **Waves of the Spirit 2 - 9**.
 - a. Gal 3:27 You who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
 - b. 2 Co 5:17 Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
 - c. Rom 8:1 [There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.
 - d. Eph 5:25 ...Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it; v26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

3. Baptism by Water is necessary to wash away the spiritual connections to the carnality of the past and to move forward into the fulness of salvation which includes salvation of the Body. The **Wave of Baptism** resulted from the revelation that the Scriptures require teaching, believing and confession of faith before baptism in water. As a result, this revelation eliminates the baptism of infants; and also mandates evangelism, since the Gospel must be preached and received for the profession of faith. Therefore, the Wave of Baptism laid the foundation to usher in the **Wave of Evangelism**.
 - a. Mar 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
 - b. Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
 - c. Act 19:3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.
Act 19:4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.
Act 19:5 When they heard [this], they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
 - d. 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 walk in newness of life.
4. Baptism in the Holy Ghost magnifies the power of your prayers and is mandatory to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit and to operate in the Gifts of the Spirit. It brings you into the **Pentecostal Wave** for it is accompanied by speaking in tongues which is a tremendous step of faith as, for the first time, you turn your tongue over to the leading of the Holy Spirit and trust God that the sounds out of your mouth are utterances from the Holy Spirit.
 - a. Joh 1:32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. v33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.
 - b. Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.
 - c. Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
 - d. Act 19:6 And when Paul had laid [his] hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spoke with tongues, and prophesied.

5. **Baptism by Fire** is letting the Fire of our first love burn all the chaff out of our lives. The Fire of our first love for Jesus causes us to live with Him as Lord by doing whatever the Word says to do and not doing what it says that we should not do. This is the washing of the Water of the Word (Eph 5:26-27), cleansing us to be Holy Temples of a Holy God. This Fire burned through the church, causing a washing which led in rapid succession to the **Waves of Healing, Faith, Prosperity, Integrity of God's Word and finally to the Cleansing Wave.**
- a. Luk 3:16 John answered, saying unto [them] all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:
 - b. 2Ti 2:19 Let every one that names the name of Christ depart from iniquity. **Note:** For example, calls himself a follower of Christ, in other words, a Christian.
2Ti 2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.
2Ti 2:21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, [and] prepared unto every good work.
 - c. Mat 10:39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.
 - d. Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.