

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 25, 2015



ONE BAPTISM

EPHESIANS 4:5

*May these words be received in the same spirit of love
in which they were written.*

"There is ... one baptism" (Ephesians 4:4-5). Baptism is not a mysterious word. It is simply an immersion or submersion. Therefore, sprinkling and pouring—which practices many denominations have adopted—cannot be baptism. Interestingly, though, if you search the New Testament for this word, you will find that there are multiple different baptisms, or immersions. How then can Paul say, "There is ... one baptism" (Ephesians 4:4-5)? And to which of these multiple baptisms is Paul referencing?

In your search, you should be able to find (1) baptism in the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11), (2) baptism in fire (Matthew

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

**VISITORS,
WELCOME!**

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for
all ages & Pew Packers
each Sunday at 12:30

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3:11), (3) a baptism of suffering and persecution (Matthew 20:22), (4) the baptism of John (Matthew 21:25), and (5) the one baptism (Ephesians 4:5). Further study will reveal why I listed the one baptism as its own and not one of the other four.

Immersion in the Holy Spirit applied to a limited group. John said that Jesus would be the one to administer said baptism (Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33). Jesus told His apostles that they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit a few days after His ascension (Acts 1:4-5). On said occasion, the apostles would receive "power," or abilities, from God when the Holy Spirit came upon them—immersed them (Acts 1:8). All of this occurred and was fulfilled on that special Pentecost day, which events are recorded in Acts 2. Simply put, Christians today are not immersed in the Holy Spirit—it was for a particular and limited group.

Immersion in fire is believed by many to refer to eternal punishment in hellfire. Since Jesus is the Judge (2 Corinthians 5:10; John 12:48), then it will be He who administers baptism in fire, just as John said (Matthew 3:11; Luke 3:16).

The baptism of suffering and persecution was specific to the suffering and death of Christ and that which His apostles would suffer thereafter for His sake. See Matthew 20:20-23, Mark 10:35-40, and the context surrounding Luke 12:50 for further study of this baptism.

The baptism of John was immersion in water (Luke 3:16; John 1:26; 3:23; Acts 1:5; Acts 11:16). It was a "baptism of repentance for the remission of ...

... sins" (Mark 1:4). Paul simply called it "the baptism of repentance" (Acts 19:4). John's baptism was a preparatory baptism and not a permanent one; for, following the resurrection of Christ, John's baptism was no longer authorized (Matthew 28:18-19; Acts 2:38; Acts 19:1-5).

The "one baptism" of Ephesians 4:5 is most akin to John's baptism, yet it is not John's baptism (Acts 19:1-5). Like John's, it is immersion in water (Acts 8:36-39; 10:47; 22:16; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Ephesians 5:26; Titus 3:5; John 3:3-5), but the "one baptism" is specifically in the name of—by the authority of—Christ (Acts 2:38; 19:5), which authority is united with that of the Father and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:18-19). Furthermore, the "one baptism" is for—in order to obtain—remission (forgiveness) of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). The "one baptism" is the point at which a person contacts the blood of Christ (Acts 22:16; Revelation 1:5; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14; Romans 6:3). The "one baptism" is the point at which a person is added to the "one church" by the Lord (Acts 2:47). Finally, the "one baptism" is the point at which a person may confidently say, "I am saved" (Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21).

Clifton Angel

Therefore, my beloved brethren,
be ye stedfast, unmoveable,
always abounding in the work of the Lord,
forasmuch as ye know that
your labour is not in vain
IN THE LORD.

1 Corinthians 15:58

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Jeanna Wadsworth, responded to invitation seeking to be more fruitful, may we all follow her example; **Wiley Tuggle**, pinched nerve in back; **Seth & Jan Daniel**; **Betty Tuggle**; **Helen Bowman**.

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Family & Friends

Ron Hendrix, successful cancer surgery, lost father **Ray Hendrix** on same day; **Wanda Coats**, Rachel's aunt, mastectomy scheduled Nov 5; **Shirley Perkins**; **Bill Fleming**, Billie Martin's father, receiving treatments, admitted to hospital again; **Danny & Peggy Walker**; **Ashley Hendrix-Sanders family**; **Henretta Newsom**, Toranda's mother; **Pat Neal**, Clifton's neighbor, recovering from spinal neck surgery; **Jackie Kalback**; **Family of Connie Whitt**; **Steve Angel**; **Tammy Powell**, Janie Brister's daughter; **Sharon Brewer**, Chris' sister; **Claire Webster**; **Lawton O'Brien**; **Doris Easley**; **Pat Hardison**; **Tasha Higginbotham**; **Walter Huffman**; **Beverly Whitecotton**; **Jack Higginbotham**; **John & Anita Simpson and family**; **Peggy Hunt**; **Billie Kid**; **Jason Spencer**; **Joy Angel**; **John Smith**; **Elizabeth Baker**; **Paul Perkins**; **Janie Brister**; **Carole Livsey**; **Amanda Cummings**; **Danielle Key**; **Ava Roten**; **Brett Rutherford**; **Frankie Burfield**; **James Cooper**; **Renee Loya**; **Eli Williams**; **Ray Maples**; **Martha Hatfield**; **Virginia Johnson**; **Mac Owen**; **Bob Spurlin**.

Birthdays

10/3	Mischel Jackson	10/16	Titus Wilkes
10/5	Lynn Wilkes	10/17	Abby Kate Haynes
10/15	Georgia Bayless	10/20	Sarah Norris
10/16	Jared Brown	10/31	Billy Bland

Anniversaries

10/27 Marc & Ashley Strickland

Get Involved!

Sardis church of Christ Bible Series-Oct 25 – 27

See postcard on bulletin board for details

Convalescence Center Devo – Oct 28 – 10 AM

Trunk R Treat – Oct 28 – 5:30 PM

Bring finger foods for fellowship meal to follow

Coldwater Singing Night – Oct 28 – 7 PM

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior – Nov 1
Between Services

Southaven Ladies Retreat – Nov 6 – 7

Providence Place Devo – Nov 8 – 2 PM

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, October 25

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jeffrey Ferrell
Announcements	Andy Ratliff
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
	Tim Wilkes II
Assist	Terry Davis
	Noah Davis
Opening Prayer	Marc Strickland
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Jeremy Moore

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Joe Owen
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
	Tim Wilkes II
Closing Prayer	Chris Martin

Wednesday, October 28

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Ron Johnson
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jared Brown