

## There Is One Baptism

### Introduction:

1. We are presently studying a series of lessons designed to help us know the truth concerning the 7 unique subjects listed in Ephesians 4:4-6.
2. We have previously examined passages that relate to the "*one body*," the "*one Spirit*," the "*one hope*," the "*one Lord*," and the "*one faith*."
3. In this lesson we are concentrating on the "*one baptism*" mentioned in vs.5.

### Discussion:

#### I. LET US FIRST IDENTIFY THE "*ONE BAPTISM*"

- A. This is where we need to begin because we actually read about several different baptisms in the Bible.
- B. For example, the Bible speaks of:
  1. "the baptism of John the Baptist" (Mark 1:4-5) that was eventually replaced by the baptism commanded by Christ (Acts 19:3-5)
  2. "the baptism of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 3:11)
    - a. John said that Jesus would administer Holy Spirit baptism.
    - b. Holy Spirit baptism was administered on 2 occasions.
      - 1) (Acts 2) The apostles were baptized in the Holy Spirit.
      - 2) (Acts 10) Cornelius and his household received Holy Spirit baptism.
    - c. The Lord never commanded everyone to receive this baptism.
  3. "the baptism of fire," the punishment for the unsaved at the judgment (Matthew 3:11b-12)
  4. "the baptism commanded by Christ" in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).
    - a. This baptism is for "*all nations*," and it is to be administered "*unto the end of the world*."
    - b. This is the baptism that the people in Ephesus [to whom Ephesians was written] received (Acts 19:5).
- C. The "*one baptism*" that is mentioned in Ephesians 4:5 is the baptism Christ commanded in the Great Commission.

#### II. LET US IDENTIFY THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE "*ONE BAPTISM*"

- A. Prerequisites of the "*one baptism*:"
  1. It must be preceded by belief (Mark 16:16).
  2. It must be preceded by repentance (Acts 2:38).
  3. It must be preceded by a confession of Christ (Romans 10:9-10; Acts 8:36-37).
- B. The manner in which the "*one baptism*" is to be administered:
  1. It is in water (Acts 8:38).
  2. It is a burial (Colossians 2:12).
- C. The purposes of the "*one baptism*:"
  1. It is necessary for salvation (1 Peter 3:21).
    - a. Sins are washed away at baptism (Acts 22:16).
    - b. It is for the "*remission*" [removal, forgiveness] of sins (Acts 2:38).
  2. It is the point when a person gets into Christ (Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:27).
  3. It is the point when a person gets into the one body, the church (1 Corinthians 12:13).

#### III. LET US IDENTIFY PEOPLE IN ACTS WHO EXPERIENCED THE "*ONE BAPTISM*"

- A. The 3,000 in Jerusalem on Pentecost (Acts 2:37-38, 41)
- B. People in Samaria (Acts 8:5, 12-13)
- C. The eunuch of Ethiopia (Acts 8:38)
- D. Saul [Paul] (Acts 9:18)
- E. Cornelius and his household (Acts 10:48)
- F. Lydia and her household (Acts 16:14-15)
- G. The jailer in Philippi (Acts 16:33)
- H. Many Corinthians (Acts 18:8)
- I. 12 men in Ephesus (Acts 19:5)