

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

When we are “born again” we receive the holy spirit within for salvation.
When we are baptized in the holy spirit it is for service.

Spirit and spirit

When “spirit” with a small “s” is used in our scriptures it means any spirit other than that of Yahveh’s. When “Spirit” is spelled with a capital “S” it means the Spirit of Adonai. The following are some examples of the differences. **Rev. 4:2** “Immediately I was in the **Spirit**; (meaning Holy Spirit), and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne.” **Hebr. 4:12** “For the word of Yahveh is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and **spirit**, (human spirit) of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” **Rev. 1:10** “I was in the **Spirit** (meaning Holy Spirit) on Adonai’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like {the sound} of a trumpet,” **1Cor. 15:44** “it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a **spiritual** (human spirit) {body.}” **1Ths. 5:23** “Now may Yah of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your **spirit** and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Adonai Yeshua.” **Ezek. 11:24** “And the **Spirit** (Holy Spirit) lifted me up and brought me in a vision by the **Spirit** of Yahveh to the exiles in Chaldea. So the vision that I had seen left me.” We also find angels being referred to as spirits. **Hebr. 1:14** “Are they not all ministering **spirits**, (angels/spirits) sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?”

BAPTISM



“To Baptize” is from which the noun “baptism” is formed. It comes from the Greek word “baptizo”, the “o” was changed to an “e” to form “baptize”. It occurs three times in the Greek text of the Renewed Testament and is translated “to dip” Luke 16:24, John 13:26 and Rev. 19:13, “to dip (immerse), something into a fluid, and then take it out again”. There are only two prepositions that ever follow “baptizo” in the Renewed Testament. One is “en” which means “in” and the other is “eis” which means “into”. No

other prepositions ever follow it anywhere in the Renewed Testament.

BAPTISM TYPOLOGY

The flood was a direct result of mans sin and rebellion, the seas and the oceans are a visible reminder of the flood and the curse on the earth. Just as the earth was baptized with the flood of Noah's time, it will be baptized with fire at the end of man's time (Rev. 18:8/20:9,10,14). It will be cleansed of all unrighteousness and made clean once again. The earth was cursed at the time of the fall and the curse will only be removed when the earth is baptized with fire. The groanings, manifestations of the curse on the earth may be what we call earth-quakes, volcanoes, etc., spoken of in **Rom. 8:22** *"For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now."*

Baptism is symbolic. When the Israelites were brought through the waters of the Red Sea it was a type of baptism. When they came through the Red Sea, they were being saved from the Pharaoh, who represented Satan (Egypt). They were brought out from under the control of Satan, (the Exodus), and given a new beginning (born again). The same waters that represented the Holy Spirit that saved the Israelites, killed the Egyptian army. The Israelites were again baptized when they went through the waters of the Jordan River, to safety. Just as it was symbolic of the flood of Noah's time, baptism is symbolic throughout the scriptures. You will find this symbolism from Genesis to Revelation.

SALVATION

There is much confusion about salvation and what it really is. Many people proclaim that once you ask Yeshua into your life you are eternally saved, but this is not correct by any exaggeration. Being saved is an ongoing process that never quits. To think that all one needs to do to be eternally saved is call upon Adonai, and never go beyond that, is simply, wishful thinking. Many claim that Adonai knows their heart and that their heart is pure; they proclaim to love El Gibor and, that He is a big part of their life. Yet they do little or nothing to truly show El Gibor that they love Him. Many consider the first part of this verse as descriptive of their innermost thoughts, but fail to read the second half of this precious verse. **Jer. 17:10** *"I, Adonai, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give to each man according to his ways, According to the results of his deeds."* Our Father searches our heart no doubt, but He also watches and assesses us for the our WORKS and DEEDS. **James 2:17-18** *"Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, {being} by itself. But someone may {well} say, "You have faith, and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works."* The new man which we became when we committed ourselves to Hashem should be obedient to the "instructions" He gave us in His Torah. **People who follow the Torah law don't do so to be saved, they do so because they are saved!**

Many believe there is a difference between being "SAVED," and being "ETERNALLY SAVED" and there are some valid thoughts on this idea. **John 6:44** *"No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day."* One must be called by Adonai to be saved, and after this happens one must walk as Yeshua walked, to be eternally saved.

Much confusion comes from the use of the Hebrew word "olam" in various contexts. This word must be carefully used, and there are many misuses of this word in the Renewed Testament. In most cases olam means: forever, everlasting, universal, etc., but it also can mean the "lifetime" of an individual or object, rather than "all eternity", depending on the context. If one looks in Exod. 21:6 and Deut. 15:17 you will see the

word olam transliterated here as meaning “forever,” and “permanently”, which is referring to the lifetime of a slave, not for all eternity. This can also be seen in Jonah 2:6. The King James Bible includes the words “forever and ever” in various places, which cannot be accurate. If you say “forever”, why would you then add to it “and ever”, you can’t make forever more than that by adding other words.

Those who believe in the “**once saved always saved doctrine**” must consider the “un-forgivable sin” (Hebr. 6:4-6). That proves their doctrine incorrect, depending on ones thoughts of what the unpardonable sin is.

The question is then: can we be saved from the grips of Satan temporarily on this earth and yet not be eternally saved? Can it be that if we truly give ourselves to the Father and follow in His ways that we are eternally saved? If we do as many Believers do, are we just temporarily saved from most of the evil influences of Satan in our lives, for our lifetime? These are some things that require deep thought and understanding.

To be sure, I suggest that we do what Yeshua did. Whenever we have a doubt about the word of Yah, it is safe to FOLLOW HIM. **If you want eternal salvation that is assured, simply do what Yeshua and all the apostles did.** In faith, keep the Ten Commandments, pertaining laws, feasts, ordinances and statutes from your heart. Then you can be assured of an eternal walk with Elohim.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SALVATION AND BAPTISM

Our Yahveh’s opinion of Water Baptism is obvious throughout the scriptures, but one passage in particular gives us the importance of Baptism. **Mark 16:15-16** *“And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. **“He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.”**”* This passage may astonish many people because clearly Yeshua did not say “He who believes and is saved shall be baptized”, He said it the other way around. **In other words one must be publicly baptized (identified with Yeshua) after he gives himself to Yah to be saved.** Baptism in this verse could be “water baptism” or “baptism of the Holy Spirit”.

The proper order is; first faith, which will result in good deeds, repentance, then baptism, then salvation. When we are “saved” we make our exodus from Satan's world into God’s world. Another example of the direct connection of salvation and water baptism is found in **1Pet. 3:20-21** *“who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, **were brought safely through {the} water. And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you** —not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience —through the resurrection of Yeshua,”* One must always remember that salvation is essentially an exit from the doomed world of Satan through the waters of baptism into the citizenship of Heaven. Just as Noah passed through the waters of the flood we must pass through the waters of baptism to be saved from Satan's, “of the world”, spirit. You cannot pass through the waters if someone is sprinkling you with water, you must be submerged to pass through the water. Not only does your whole evil world get left behind but your history as a child of Adam is left behind in your baptism. Once you pass through the water you become “one” in Yeshua. You are neither Jewish, Greek, Italian or anything else, you are one new person. Through baptism you declare publicly to

the whole universe that you have left it behind and have put yourself in the hands of Almighty God (Matt. 3:13-15/21). You are baptized “into His death” and “into Yeshua”. You accept and identify with Him as your Savior, as the Head of the new race and the ruler of a new kingdom.

When Paul and Silas were in prison in Philippi, after a miracle of Adonai, the keeper of the prison asked them: “what must we do to be saved” and Paul told them. **Acts 16:30-31** “*and after he brought them out, he said, “Sirs, **what must I do to be saved?**”* **And they said, “Believe in Yeshua, and you shall be saved, you and your household.”** Immediately after this Paul baptized them. **Acts 16:33** “**And he took them that {very} hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his {household.}**” This is a good example of the proper order of salvation even under extreme circumstances.

If one is being properly baptized by immersion, the water represents the old world of Satan's domain left behind, and one comes up emerging from the water like the Ark of Noah. The whole evil world has been left behind you and put to death, never to be revived. Your sins are washed away and are never to be thought of again. In this form of baptism you declare to Yah that you are leaving the old world behind. You are declaring that the stake separates you from that world, and you are walking in Messiah Yeshua. There is a cliché that describes it very well. “*God forgives our sins during Baptism and casts them into the sea of forgetfulness, then He puts up a sign that say’s, “no fishing here”*”. What most people don't seem to realize is that baptism is symbolic of what happened when the Red Sea parted for the Israelites in the desert. The entire nation of people there were baptized. They were taken out and away from the Pharaoh (Egypt), which represented Satan, and born again in the waters of the mikvah”.

True Baptism was called “Mikveh”, by the Jewish people at the roots of our Biblical faith. In Jewish customs it was immersion that was done for various reasons. One reason was when a Gentile converted to being a Jew. The other was when an Orthodox Jewish woman got married. At marriage it represented the woman coming out from under the authority of her father (being washed away), and being brought under the authority of her groom. The Mikveh was considered an act of “**righteousness**”, something that one “did” and did it in public, to proclaim being under that authority. It meant a person was symbolically re-entering the womb and thus we get the phrase “**BORN AGAIN**”. The old self dies and the new self re-emerges from the waters, one then born of water and of spirit.

The immersion baptism (mikveh), also represents a grave. A person dies under water because he cannot breath. So we must die to ourselves so that we are “re-born”. We enter the water dead in our trespasses and sins, unclean. We are buried with Him, entering the grave. However, that grave is also the womb; the same time we die, we also are “born again”. We are raised to newness of life, now constituting the righteousness of God in Him. Yeshua Himself is our Mikveh. It is in Him that we have this change in status. It is in Him that we are made new. For it is written: **Gal. 3:26-27** “*For you are all sons of Yahveh through faith in Yeshua. **For all of you who were baptized into Messiah have clothed yourselves with Messiah***” (Matt. 5:6, 23:28, Acts 10:22, Rom. 2:13, 23)

The role of spiritual baptism in eternal salvation is paramount. As per many verses in our good book, it is imperative that we be properly publicly immersed and baptized to show outwardly that we receive eternal salvation inwardly through spiritual baptism. Although there are six types of baptisms in our Bible, they are all apart of true "SPIRITUAL BAPTISM". **Eph. 4:5** "**one Yahveh, one faith, one baptism**" Some people seem to ignore the importance of the mikvah/baptism in our covenant relationship with Adonai, but it is no doubt of extreme importance. The following verses are good examples of how important it is to believe, repent and be baptized in order to receive the gift of salvation. **Mark 16:16** "**He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.**" **Acts 2:38** "**And Peter {said} to them, 'Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Yeshua for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'**" It is very common for people to avoid being baptized and yet claim they are saved. Many of the participants in the Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches for example, think that because they were baptized as an infant they needn't be baptized as an adult. The Roman Catholic church states clearly in its doctrine that you must be a member of their church to receive salvation at all. They clearly state, that all those who are not Roman Catholics simply go to Hell. "This is of course" the teaching of Satan himself and is totally incorrect. Only a person of the age of accountability can be baptized spiritually. Many have been baptized as per church doctrine, but this is not at all Biblical. It is simply not accepted as part of our salvation. For those who have been infant baptized, I can only say; "get properly baptized" and do it yesterday, for we know not when we will die.

Many are ashamed to be publicly baptized (identified with the Jewish Messiah) and yet proclaim to love their Father in heaven. How can one claim to love Adonai and yet be ashamed to stand up in public and pronounce your faith and belief in Yahveh. If this is the case, the Bible makes it clear what the outcome of their actions is. **Matt. 10:34-39** "**Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. 'For I came to SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW; and A MAN'S ENEMIES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD. 'He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. 'And he who does not take his stake and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 'He who has found his life shall lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake shall find it.'**"

Through baptism and the receipt of Dad's Holy Spirit, you are automatically baptized into the true church of Yah. **1Cor. 12:13** "**For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.**" Yah's true church/body is composed of those people who are filled with the same one true Spirit of Yah and lead by this same Spirit (Rom. 8:14). If one is not being LEAD by the Spirit of Adonai, he is simply not a child of God. You can't just join the body of Yeshua, the church. You must be drawn in by Yah Himself. He must call you in and then you must take your place in the assembly of the people. Yeshua explained it well in **John 6:44** "**No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.**"

Yah does have an organized church, but it is not the buildings most call churches. His organized assembly of Believers, “people of the way”, are all over the globe, praying together in unity as the scriptures speak of. Yeshua pointed out that the body of the true church will be forever. **Matt. 16:18** *“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it.”*

As mentioned earlier, the earth was baptized at the time of the flood. **Gen. 6:13** *“Then Yahveh said to Noah, **“The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth.”** Those who were delivered from the world were saved in the ark. Those delivered from the world were delivered from the flood. In like manner, those of us delivered from the world are delivered from the lake of fire. All those of us in the Ark of Yah are saved from fire, we are saved out of this world. This is the case with baptism, we are saved from the death in this world and given the opportunity to have eternal salvation if we continue to follow Yahveh.*

Even today, as in Noah’s time, a person cannot be saved unless they get out of this world and get on the Ark of Adonai. Even as it was in the days of Noah, no one can have one foot in the Ark and one foot in the world; all who entered into Noah’s Ark were shut into the Ark. Our Father, as it were, “builds” an ark in the person of Yeshua His Son, and brings us out of this world by allowing us, through faith, to enter into the Ark of Messiah. Now those who were in the new earth of Noah’s day, typify all who in the future day shall inherit heaven because they are in the ark of Yeshua. The people in the ark are representative of the people of our day who are in Messiah. Those outside the ark of Noah are representative of those people who are in Adam, and therefore they are the people who will be judged by Yahveh in the future. On the other hand, those who had entered into the ark were brought through the judgment of water (baptism), and entered and filled the new earth. This explains how Messiah in the future will fill the new heavens with people. It is nice to see all these thematic connections in the bible.

At the time of Noah, Elohim declared that the world was His enemy, that it was against Him. Elohim provided the Ark through Noah and all who entered it stood with Elohim against the world, as it was then. The Bible shows us that the entering of the ark in order to pass through the flood, now signifies what we call baptism. We must constantly be reminded that baptism means turning our backs on the world, and turning our faces towards Yahveh. As there was a door in Noah’s Ark, so to, baptism, can be considered the door out of our world into the ark of Messiah Yeshua. As Adonai washed the world of that day with the great flood, Yahveh will, in the future, cleanse the world by means of fire. Do we linger in Sodom and Gomorrah as Lot’s wife did, or do we head away from it without looking back;

Gen. 8:4 *“And in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested upon the mountains of **Ararat.**”* Ararat, means “Holy Land”. We, like the ark, are resting in the Holy Land in the arms of our Messiah Yeshua. **1Pet. 3:20-21** *“who once were disobedient, when the patience of Yahveh kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, **were brought safely through {the} water. And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you** —not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to Yahveh for a good conscience —through*

the resurrection of Yeshua Hamashiach,” We are saved through baptism and faith. One without the other will not grant us fellowship in Messiah. They are both basic requirements of getting eternal salvation. Putting it bluntly, one must be baptized to be saved. Our first act before Yahveh is to believe, but our first act before mankind is to be baptized. The declaration that there is no longer any relationship between the world and us, since we have been delivered from the world.

For salvation speaks not merely of our escaping hell in the future; according to its strictest interpretation, salvation points to our deliverance from the world of today as it was in the days of Noah.

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