### **BIBLE BAPTISMS**

- 1. Israel's national baptism *unto* Moses (1Cor 10:1-4; Heb 3:2, 5, 9, 10)
- 2. Baptism with water
  - a. Israel's divers washings (Heb 6:2; 9:10)
  - b. John's baptism w/water (Mt 3:11; Mk 1:8; Jn 1:25-26; Ac 19:4-5) 'in the name of the Lord Jesus'
  - c. Jesus' baptism w/water (Jn 3:22; 4:1,2 Note. Jesus didn't personally baptize others w/water!)
  - d. disciples' baptism w/water; pre-cross (Jn 3:22; 4:1,2) 'in the name of the Lord Jesus'
  - e. traditional baptismal ceremonies of the Jews (Mk 7:1-9)
  - f. 12 apostles baptism w/water; post-cross (Mk 16:15-16; Ac 2:38) 'in name of Jesus Christ'
  - g. Philip's baptism w/water (Ac 8:5-17 (excluded the Holy Ghost!)) 'name of the Lord Jesus'
  - h. Paul's few baptisms w/water (1Cor 1:13-17) 'name of Lord Jesus' (Acts 19:5)
  - i. sprinkling of the nations (Isa 2:1-4; 52:7-15; Zec 14:9; Mt 28:16-20) 'name of Father, Son, Holy Ghost'
- 3. Baptism *with* the Holy Ghost (Mt 3:11; Mk 1:8; Acts 1:4, 5, 8(cp Lk 24:49); Acts 2:16-17; Mk 16:15-18; 1Cor 1:4-7; 12:1-11)
- 4. Baptism *with* fire (Mt 3:11, 12; Lk 3:16, 17; Gen 19:24; Ps 11:6; Isa 4:1-4; 66:14-16; Mt 13:36-42; 2Th 1:7-10; Rev 14:9-10; 14:9-10; 16:1-17)
- 5. Baptism *by* the Spirit *into* Jesus Christ (1Cor 12:13, 27; Rom 6:3-7; Gal 3:27; Col 2:9-10, 12; Eph 4:5)
- 6. Christ's *death* baptism (Mk 10:35-39; Lk 12:50; Mt 26:37-39; Lk 24:26; Ac 3:18; 1Pet 3:18; Isa 53:4, 10-12; Ps 22:11-14; 42:6-7; Job 30:15-16; Jonah 2:1-7)
- 7. Baptism for the *dead* (1Cor 15:29) note. The Corinthians were in many errors & heresies(11:19). Baptism for the dead (last rites), was only one of them.

Bible Baptism's Components				
Baptism	Baptizer	<b>Baptismal Element</b>	Baptized	
unto Moses	The Father	cloud & sea 1Co 10:2	Israel	
with water	John; disciples; etc	water Mt 3:11	converts	
with the H.G.	Jesus	H.G./power Ac 1:4,5,8	believer	
with fire	Jesus	fire Mt 3:11-12	unbeliever	
by the Spirit	Spirit	Jesus Christ Col 2:9-12	believer	
death	persecutor	suffering Mt 26:38	Christ/persecuted	
for the <i>dead</i>	Corinthians	water 1Co 15:29	representative	

Baptism with Water and the Gospels				
Messenger	The Gospel	The message		
John the Baptist	kingdom Mt 3:2	baptism of repentance Mk 1:4		
Jesus	kingdom Mt 4:17, 23	Repent Mt 4:17; Jn 4:1,2		
Disciples-pre-cross	kingdom Mt 10:7	kingdom of heaven at hand Mt 10:7		
Apostles-post-cross	kingdom Mk 16:15	believe & be baptized Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38		
Paul	mystery Rom 16:25	not to baptizepreach the gospel 1Co 1:17		
Israel-Millennium	kingdom Mt 24:14	teaching commandments Mt 28:16-20		

# **Baptism**—Its Definition and Meaning

### baptism ≠ water

The word 'baptism' is not equated with the word 'water'. 'Baptism' and 'water' are not synonyms, or synonymous. There is a baptism 'with water', but 'baptism' is not 'water'. Here, in context, are three distinct baptisms, and only one is associated with 'water'.

Matthew 3:11 I indeed baptize you **with water** unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you **with the Holy Ghost**, and *with* fire:

Note. John 'baptized' 'with water' 'in Jordan' (Mk 1:8-9).

## Strong's is wrong

Strongs Concordance definition of 'baptize' and 'baptism' is at best...poor, and definitely misleading, if not altogether wrong.

<u>baptize</u>: 907 baptizo (bap-tid'-zo); from a derivative of 911; to immerse, submerge; to make overwhelmed (i.e. fully wet); used only (in the N. T.) of ceremonial ablution, especially (technically) of the ordinance of Christian baptism: KJV-- Baptist, baptize, wash.

<u>baptism</u>: 908 baptisma (bap'-tis-mah); from 907; immersion, baptism (technically or figuratively): KJV-- baptism.

*Young's Concordance* more accurately defines 'baptize' as—To consecrate (by \*pouring out on, or putting into). The word 'consecrate' not only passes as a synonym, but also properly allows for the various modes of bible baptisms.

Definition: <u>Consecration</u>, n. The act or ceremony of separating from a common to a sacred use, or of devoting and dedicating a person or thing to the service and worship of God, by certain rites or solemnities. Consecration does not make a person or thing really holy, but declares it to be sacred, that is devoted to God or to divine service; as the consecration of the priests among the Israelites; the consecration of the vessels used in the temple; the consecration of a bishop. *American Dictionary Of The English Language*; Noah Webster 1828

#### Consecration as a synonym for the word 'baptism':

- 1. Israel' national consecration *unto* Moses: 1Cor 10:2
- 2. Consecration with water: Mt 3:11
- 3. Consecration with the Holy Ghost: Mt 3:11; (\*Acts 10:45 'poured')
- 4. Consecration with fire: Mt 3:11; (\*Rev 14:10 'poured')
- 5. The consecration by the Spirit into the body of Christ: 1Cor 12:13; Rom 6:3
- 6. Christ's *death* consecration: Mk 10:35-39; Lk 12:50; (\*Mt 26:12 'poured')
- 7. Consecration for the dead: 1Cor 15:29

None of the words used in *Strong's Concordance* to define "baptism" can be used as a synonym in each case and make sense in the context: immerse; submerge; overwhelmed. Immersion is even foreign to the scriptures, and the entire definition has lead to much confusion, and wrong deductions on the subject.