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Three Baptisms

Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

I have always wondered at this scripture, the thief on the cross was not water baptized, yet our Lord said, "This day will you be with me in Paradise." Nor was he filled with the Holy Ghost. Lu 23:43 Ac 13:52

And then the Lord gave me the scripture in Hebrews, that talks about Baptisms, this is plural, meaning more than one. Hebrews 6:2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

In Mark 16:15, It has nothing to do with water baptism nor the baptism of the Holy Spirit as the majority of today's churches teach.

All true believers know and teach that belief in Christ for salvation is a heart belief and not a head belief only, and they quote: James 2:19

Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

This is TRUE, so what baptism is he talking about when he say. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

The moment you believe in your heart that Jesus is the son of God and HE paid the entire price for our redemption and atonement, our dead Spirit comes alive and we are born again, in other words we put on Christ or are baptized into Christ. This happens within us, the Holy Spirit now dwells within us. (1Co 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?)

John 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Now many churches teach that this is the same baptism that refers to the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and they quote Lu 24:49 This is definitely NOT TRUE.

When you except Salvation, Christ comes within you, when you ASK for the Holy Spirit, HE comes upon you and you receive Gods power. You are now able to put on the Whole Armour of God.

Luke 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

As you read the old testament accounts of the Prophets and leaders of that time, you will soon realize that the Holy Spirit would come UPON them before they prophesied or did mighty works.

(See our website, under questions & answers, #21 the 3 attributes of the Holy Spirit for in depth teaching)

So you see, when he says: He That Believeth and is Baptized, means you put on Christ or baptized into Christ.

When you are WATER baptized, you are buried with Christ and the OLD MAN or OLD NATURE is dead and buried (supposedly never to rise again) , and when you rise up out of the water, like as Christ, you rise to newness of life.

Romans 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.

2Corinthians 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.

Baptized in the Holy Spirit is when the HOLY SPIRIT comes upon you and you are filled with Gods power to enable you to live a victorious life (with persecutions) in Christ Jesus WITH the evidence of speaking a heavenly languages.

So in a nut shell, When you believe and except Christ as your lord and savior, you are baptized into Christ and are born again at the same time. So according to the scripture, you are SAVED, saved from what?

Matthew 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

I just ask you to believe the unwatered down scriptures and believe that Jesus will not give you a serpent when you ask him to reveal the truth of this letter unto you.

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