Baptism in Christian

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Introduction

Based on the information from the scriptures, baptism can be meant, among other things, such as ceremony of bathing and immersing in water. It is conducted in order to enter the kingdom of God.

John the Baptist did baptism of repentance (Mark 1 : 4; Matt. 3 : 2; and Luke 3 : 3) for remission of sins (Mark 1 : 4; and Luke 3 :3;). Since the early of Christian, baptism for new Christians means to repent for remission of sins and to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (Act 2 : 38).

Rom. 6 : 3-4

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In this article, the author digs regarding baptism based on the information from the scriptures only. It shows that in order to enter the kingdom of God, people must be baptized into Christ. There is no other foundation.

Baptism

Baptism can be meant as a change process from one color to the other one and from dirty to clean in life habits. In Christianity concept, it can be meant as a change process from the flesh (natural man) to the spiritual life (spiritual man) led by Christ or life in Christianity. Changes, as born by God, may include such as murder to not murder and adultery to not adultery. Convert to Christian can be meant as baptism, too. In order to enter the kingdom of God, the natural man must be the spiritual man within Jesus Christ. Ceremonially, baptism can be done by bathing and immersing in water. Whoever that has been baptized by water, but still life in the natural man, will not enter the kingdom of God.

In 1 Cor. 10 : 1-4, Paul indicated that to become Mosses' followers, all our fathers (1 Cor. 10 : 1), they were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and the sea. They, who leaved Egypt, were babies, youths, and olds people, even animals, too. All of them passed through the dry sea, not in the water, led by the cloud. All of them were led by Christ. John the Baptist baptized with water. Disciples baptized with water, and then Christian followers baptize with water, commonly. Christ baptizes with Holy Ghost (Matt. 3 : 11 and John 1 : 33) and the fire (Matt. 3 : 11). He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be dammed (Mark 16 :

16). It seems that baptism with water only, but not believes or takes the spiritual life, shall not be saved. It needs to put Christ in daily life to enter the kingdom.

Baptism, which was done by both John the Baptist and Christian followers, was a change process from the natural man to the spiritual man. Baptized into Christ is buried with him into dead, but at the same time, it is risen with Christ, too (Col. 2 : 12). The spiritual man does mind the things of the Spirit, no longer the things of the natural man, the flesh (Rom. 8 : 5). The body *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because the righteousness (Rom. 8 : 10). If any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things become new (2 Cor. 5 : 17). The old things are passed away along with the death of Jesus Christ and all things become new along with the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

I was baptized when I was a child. It was a sprinkling baptism. A child has the right to be baptized as the children of Israel, babies, were baptized unto Moses when they went away from Egypt to Canaan. Although children have been sinful since they get sin from their parents, these bad traits can still be controlled so that they may not perform bad items such as murder in the future. To enter the kingdom of God, Jesus stated that verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 18 : 3). Children will enter into the kingdom of heaven if they get the right education with modern technology (computer for instance) support from the adults such as parents, uncles and aunts led by Christ.

Baptism kinds

There are two kinds of baptism. Firstly, put Jesus Christ in daily life. This is self baptism, baptism into Christ by self consciousness. It is not performed with help from others. Others cannot know the relationship between someone and God. It is personal relationship between someone and God. It must meet the criteria that thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind; and thou shalt love thy neighbors as thyself (Matt. 22 : 37-39), too. If not, it cannot be stated that someone has been baptized into Christ.

Secondly, it is a baptism with help from others. This is a baptism performed with help from others such as priests and others. To date, this kind of baptism is commonly performed by churches. Someone, who has been baptized into Christ by self baptism, can join up a church, if he/she has not yet joined up a church. For this, it is reasonable to state that they do not need to be baptized for the second time by the church they want to join up. However, if they want to be baptized by the church, it is a good item.

Both self baptism and baptism with help from others need obedience to God. Christians must live in the Spirit, not the flesh. According to the scriptures, teaching of Christ is not difficult. The yoke is easy and the burden is light (Matt. 11 : 28-30). However, on this globe, the rich people are difficult to obey Christ commandments. They love their money. Indeed, to become a good Christian, it needs life in the Spirit only! There are no other conditions. Christians do not need to be circumcised, for example.

The adults, who have been baptized into Christ, should have right to baptize others. They can baptize such as both the children and adults. Baptism performers can be self baptism persons, priests or saints. They must lead new Christians into the kingdom of God, as Moses led the children of Israel to Canaan.

Conclusions

In Christian, baptism is a change process in daily life from old things to new things led by self baptism persons, priests, saints, parents, uncles, and aunts in the spiritual life. There are two kinds of baptism; that is, self baptism and baptism with help from others. To enter into the kingdom, Christians must be live in the Spirit.

Verses that related to baptism

Mark 1 : 4 and 9

4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan

Mark 10 : 38-39

38 But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? And be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?

39 And they said unto him, We can, And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of, and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized:

Mark 11 : 30

The baptism of John, was *it* from heaven, or of man, answer me.

Mark 16 : 15-16, 20

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

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

20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the words with signs following. Amen.

Matt. 3 : 6, 7, 11, 13, 14

6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

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:

13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

Matt. 20 : 22-23

22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.

23 And he said unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, *is* not mine to give, but *it shall be given to them* for whom it is prepared of my Father.

Matt. 21 : 25

The baptism of John, whence was it? From heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him?

Matt 28 : 19-20

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

Luke 3 : 3

And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;

Luke 7 : 29

And all the people that heard *him*, the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John.

Luke 12 : 50

But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!

Luke 20 : 4

The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men?

John 1 : 25, 26, 31

25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not the Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?

26 John answered them, saying, I baptized with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

1 Cor 1 : 12-17

12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.

13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

14 I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;

15 Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name.

16 And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.

17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

1 Cor. 10 : 1-4

1 MOREOVER, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;

4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

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Rom 10 : 9-11

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God had raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him not be ashamed.

Gal. 3 : 27

For as many as you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Col. 2 : 12

Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

Acts 1 : 22

Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

Acts 2 : 38

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 8 : 38

And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

Acts 9 : 18

And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

Acts 10 : 37

That word, *I say*, ye know, which was published throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

Acts 13 : 24

When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

Acts 18 : 25

This man was instructed in the way of the Lord, and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

Acts 19 : 3-4

3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

Eph. 4 : 5

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

1 Pet. 3 : 21

The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Verses related to baptism can be searched using the internet. Software for free can be downloaded from the internet for that purpose, too.