

John 1:28-36

28-31. These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing. The next day **John saw Jesus** coming toward him, and he said, "Behold! The Lamb of God **who TAKES AWAY the sin of the world!** This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me. I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, **I came baptizing with water.**'"

- **I John 3:5** "And you know that He was manifested to _____ our _____, and in Him there is no _____."
- **I Peter 2:24** "Who Himself bore (TOOK AWAY) our _____ in His own _____ on the tree (cross), that we, having died to sins, might _____ for _____ - by whose stripes (wounds) you were healed."

Definition: "BAPTIZING WITH WATER" - John's baptism was symbolic of the Jewish washings of purification, and also of the cleansing from sin that would happen when the Messiah would come (see the rest of the prophecy of Malachi 3:1-4). Since Christ came, **Christian baptism is SYMBOLIC** of His death and resurrection and our new life in Him. Both John's baptism and Christian baptism today are SYMBOLIC ONLY. Water baptism DOES NOT SAVE YOU or do anything more than GIVE A PUBLIC PROFESSION of your faith in Christ, and is an act of obedience to Him, and an OUTWARD PICTURE of what has **already happened to you ON THE INSIDE** when you believed (the "washing" of regeneration).

- **Read Titus 3:1-8** (Verse 4) "But when the _____ and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, _____ by _____ of righteousness which we have done (including water baptism), but according to His _____ He saved us, by the _____ of regeneration (being born again) and renewing of the Holy Spirit."

Definition: "WHO TAKES AWAY the SIN of the WORLD" - Under the New Covenant (New Testament), our sins are completely TAKEN AWAY (remitted) and WASHED AWAY in the BLOOD of JESUS. In the Old Testament (under the old Covenant), their sins were only COVERED TEMPORARILY until the Messiah, God's Lamb, would come to die and PAY THE PENALTY for the sins of the world. Every year, they would have the Day of Atonement to remind them that God's Lamb was not yet come, and **continual sacrifices and sin offerings** during the year. (See Exodus 30:10, Leviticus 16:30). The literal meaning of the word **"atonement" is covering** ("kapporah" in Hebrew, as in Yom Kippur). Now, when we believe in Jesus, and accept His sacrifice on the cross, our sins are NOT just covered, they are **REMITTED and TAKEN AWAY COMPLETELY** (REMIT - to release from the guilt or penalty of).

- **Luke 22:20** "Likewise He also took the cup after supper saying, 'This cup is the new _____ in My _____, which is shed for you.'"
- **Matthew 26:28** "For this is My _____ of the new _____, which is shed for many for the _____ of sins."
- **II Corinthians 5:21** "For He made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be _____ for _____, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."
- **Read Hebrews 9:1-9** (Verse 9) "It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which _____ make him who _____ the service _____ in regard to the conscience."
- **Hebrews 10:1** "For the _____, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can _____ with these same

_____, which they offer year by year, make those who approach _____."

32. And John bore witness, saying, "**I saw the Spirit** descending from heaven **like a dove**, and He remained upon Him."

- **Matthew 3:16** "Then Jesus, when He had been _____, came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the _____ of _____ descending like a _____ and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from _____, saying, 'This is My beloved _____, in whom I am well _____.'"

Definition: "DESCENDING from heaven LIKE a DOVE" - The Holy Spirit is NOT a dove, He is the third person of the Trinity (Godhead). This is merely a DESCRIPTION of the MANNER in which He descended onto Jesus, but it must have been **in a VISIBLE FORM**, because John the Baptist SAW it happen.

33-34. I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "Upon whom you **see the Spirit descending**, and remaining on Him, this is **He who BAPTIZES with the HOLY SPIRIT**. And I have seen and testified that **this is the Son of God**."

- **Romans 6:3-5** "Or do you not know that as many of us as were _____ into Christ Jesus were _____ into His death? Therefore we were BURIED with Him through _____ into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in NEWNESS of LIFE."
- **Colossians 2:12** "_____ with Him in _____, in which you also were _____ with Him through faith in the working of God, who _____ Him from the _____."

Definition: "BAPTIZES with the HOLY SPIRIT" - The word "baptize" means to IMMERSE, to PLACE INTO, or to be IDENTIFIED WITH. You are **baptized, or "placed into" the Body of Christ BY the Holy Spirit**, whom Jesus sent down from heaven after He went up to be with the Father (see Acts 1:4-5). This BAPTISM HAPPENS the MOMENT YOU BELIEVE. The Holy Spirit comes to live or "dwell" in you the moment you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, and your spirit is REBORN and made alive BY the Holy Spirit.

- **Ephesians 1:13** "In whom also you _____, after you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also _____ you had _____, you were sealed with the _____ of promise,"
- **John 14:16-17** "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever, even the _____ of truth (Holy Spirit), whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you, and will be _____."
- **Read I Corinthians 12:11-20** (Verse 11) "But one and the same _____ works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills." (Verse 13) "For _____ one _____ we were all _____ into one _____ - whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free - and have all been made to DRINK into ONE _____." (Verse 18) "But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the _____, just as He pleased."

Definition: "Made to DRINK into ONE SPIRIT" - Water is used as a SYMBOL of the Holy Spirit all throughout scripture, even in the Old Testament (see Ezekiel 36:25-27).

- **John 7:38-39** "He who _____ in Me, as the scripture has said, out of his _____ will flow rivers of living _____. But this He spoke concerning the _____, whom those _____ in Him would _____; for the _____ was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified."

Definition: "JESUS was not yet GLORIFIED" - Jesus was speaking about His death and resurrection, which at this point, was yet in the future. **On the Day of Pentecost**, AFTER Jesus was "glorified" by His resurrection and ascension to heaven, the Holy Spirit was GIVEN to ALL WHO BELIEVE in Him.

- **Romans 8:9** "But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the _____ of God _____ in you. Now if anyone does _____ have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His."

Definition: "HE IS NOT HIS" - There is no such thing as a Christian who does not have the Holy Spirit living (dwelling) inside of him. **You CANNOT BE a Christian, you CANNOT BE SAVED, and NOT have the Holy Spirit IN YOU.** However, there are various stages of **BEING FILLED with the Spirit**, or **CONTROLLED BY** the Spirit, and that is dependent on HOW MUCH OF YOU has been **yielded and surrendered to the Holy Spirit**. When you are TRULY SURRENDERED to the Holy Spirit, and are **ALLOWING Him to be in CONTROL of your life**, you will have the **EVIDENCE of the FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT** (Galatians 5:22-23).

- **I John 4:13-15** "By this we know that we _____ in Him, and He _____ us, because He has given us of His _____. (Verse 15) "Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God _____ in him, and he in God."

35-36. Again the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "**Behold the Lamb of God!**"

- **Revelation 5:12-13** "Saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the _____ who was _____ to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and _____ and _____ and _____!' And every creature which is in the heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying, 'Blessing and _____ and _____ and _____ be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the _____, forever and ever!'"

Definition: "The LAMB of GOD" - This is another title of Jesus. The Jews would instantly KNOW what John was referring to - the SACRIFICIAL LAMB whose blood would atone for their sins. They were used to the animal sacrifices in the temple, of which a LAMB was one of the animals they were to sacrifice. Also, the Passover Lamb, whose blood was applied to the doorposts of every household, in memory of when God's judgment "passed over" all those who had the blood. **Read Exodus 12:2-14**

- **Revelation 21:22-27** (Verses 22-23) "But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord _____ Almighty and the _____ are its temple. And the city had no need of the _____ or of the _____ to shine in it, for the _____ of _____ illuminated it, and the _____ is its light." (Verse 27) "But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles (makes corrupt or impure), or causes an abomination (makes disgusting) or a _____, but only those who are _____ in the _____ Book of _____."