

January 7, 2024

Acts 19:1-7

“What Kind of Baptism Did You Receive?”

Focus Verse: Acts 19:3

I. **PAST**

As a new year begins, examine our hearts and assess our past experiences.

John’s Baptism: Repentance from sins

Baptism in the name of Jesus: Repentance, Faith and the Holy Spirit

II. **PRESENT REALITY** The teaching of Scripture

A. Jesus was baptized by John but did not baptize (*Jn 4:2*)

B. Earliest Christian writings **assume** baptism without explaining (Acts, Paul, John, non-Canonical writers)

C. John’s baptism + Jesus’s death and resurrection

D. **Some of the clearest teachings on baptism:**

*Romans 6:3,4* *Colossians 2:12* Go into the water means **death** with Christ, coming out means **resurrection** with Christ.

*Galatians 3:27* To **clothe yourself** with Christ

*Romans 4:11* **Seal** of the righteousness received by faith.

*I Corinthians 6:11* **Washed, sanctified, justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ , and in the Spirit of our God.

*I Peter 1: 2* Sprinkled with Christ’s blood, as an OT temple **sacrifice** would have been.

*Ephesians 4:4-6* **Demonstration of unity** in Christ, one body, one Spirit, one baptism.

*Acts 2:38, 39* Forgiveness of sins and reception of the Holy Spirit in **fulfillment of the covenant** made by God with Israel and by extension those who believe.

*Romans 10:9* Confess with your mouth, believe in your heart. **Public confession of faith.**

III. **FUTURE**

A. How far do you plan to let your involvement with Christ to go?

B. Is there a gap between what you expected out of your experience with God and what you are actually experiencing?

1. Waiting for someone like Paul to ask us whether we have received the Holy Spirit.

2. Ask God to show us all that we have received in Christ.

3. Be dazzled by what appear to be the spectacular gifts of the Holy Spirit of a leader and desire those over the fruit of the Holy Spirit (*Galatians 5:22, 23*)

4. Reject the work of the Holy Spirit and only focus on living a sober, Godly life.

C. If you continue in your present trajectory, where do you see yourself headed?