SIX BAPTISMS OF THE BIBLE

INTRODUCTION:
1. All casual readers of the Bible are aware of the fact that several baptisms are spoken of in the New Testament.
2. A failure to understand the truth concerning each one of these baptisms has been a source of no little confusion.
3. This confusion has been used to an advantage by false teachers.
4. These baptisms need to be studied and the truth concerning each one must be learned.

5. THESE BAPTISMS ARE:
   (1) The baptism of SUFFERING -- Matt. 20:22
   (2) The baptism "UNTO MOSES" -- I Cor. 10:2
   (3) The baptism of JOHN -- Matt. 3:11
   (4) The baptism of the HOLY SPIRIT -- Matt. 3:11
   (5) The baptism of FIRE -- Matt. 3:11
   (6) The baptism of the GREAT COMMISSION -- Matt. 28:19-20

6. Paul, in writing to the Ephesians in A.D. 64, said there was only ONE baptism -- Eph. 4:5
7. The question: WHICH ONE?

I. THE BAPTISM OF SUFFERING -- Mark. 10:35-40; Matt. 26:36-44
   1. The Lord was talking about His being overwhelmed, or immersed, with suffering and sorrow in His sacrificial death on the cross -- Heb. 5:7; 13:12; I Pet. 3:18
   2. James and John were baptized with the baptism of suffering -- Mark 10:39
      (1) James was beheaded -- Acts 12:2
      (2) John was banished to Patmos -- Rev. 1:9

II. THE BAPTISM UNTO OR INTO MOSES -- I Cor. 10:2
    1. The children of Israel were baptized "in the cloud and in the sea"
       (1) The sea on each side, cloud on the top
    2. "Unto" or "into" Moses
       (1) This baptism brought them into a relationship to Moses they had never sustained before.
       (2) By this baptism, they came into his undisputed control over their movements.
       (3) They were saved by the baptism from Pharaoh's hands and passed under the leadership of Moses.
       (4) They passed out of Pharaoh's control into Moses' control.

III. THE BAPTISM OF JOHN
    1. John was the last messenger of God's grace to the Jewish nation -- Luke 1:16-17
    2. He was sent by God -- John 1:6
    3. His baptism was by the authority of God -- John 1:33; Matt. 21:25
    4. His work was to prepare the way for Christ -- Mark 1:2-3; Matt. 3:1-3
5. His gospel was only a gospel of preparation -- not permanent
   (1) John said, "He must increase, but I must decrease" -- John 3:30

6. What did John require?
   (1) Faith in Christ that was to come -- Acts 19:4
   (2) Repentance -- Matt. 3:2
   (3) Confession of sins -- Matt. 3:6
   (4) Baptism for the remission of sins -- Mark 1:4

7. John's baptism was to the Jews only -- Luke 1:16; 7:19 - 30

8. Those who refused to accept and obey -- "Rejected the counsel of God against themselves" -- Luke 7:29 - 30

9. Some important facts regarding John's baptism:
   (1) Not authorized by Christ -- Acts 19:5
   (2) Not in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit -- Matt. 28:19 - 20
   (3) For the Jews only
   (4) It was temporary -- Acts 19:2 - 4
   (5) Did not put one into the church -- Matt. 11:11

IV. BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT -- Matt. 3:11; Acts 1:5
   1. A promise -- Joel 2:28 - 32; Acts 1:4 - 5
   2. Christ, the administrator -- Matt. 3:11

   3. Two cases:
      (1) Apostles -- Acts 2:1 - 4
      (2) Cornelius -- Acts 10:44 - 48

   1. In John's audience were two classes of people -- Matt. 3:12
      (1) Wheat -- RIGHTEOUS
      (2) Chaff -- UNRIGHTEOUS
   2. The "CHAFF" Christ burned up -- This is Hell
   3. The ADMINISTRATOR is Christ -- Matt. 3:11; II Thess. 1:8 - 9
   4. The ELEMENT -- unquenchable fire
   5. The SUBJECT -- the chaff -- the unrighteous
   6. The PURPOSE -- for punishment
   7. The TIME -- in the future

VI. BAPTISM OF THE GREAT COMMISSION -- Matt. 28:19 - 20
   1. This baptism is by the authority of Christ -- Mat. 28:18 - 20; Acts 2:38
   2. The ADMINISTRATORS -- the disciples of Christ -- Acts 8:38
3. The ELEMENT used was water -- Acts 10: 47; Acts 8: 36 - 39; I Pet. 3: 20 - 21

4. The SUBJECT -- penitent believers -- Acts 2:38

5. The PURPOSE -- Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Acts 22: 16; I Pet. 3:21

CONCLUSION

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