

Doctrinal Studies

Baptism of Fire

Introduction/Overview of the Types of Baptisms:

There are two types of baptisms, real and ritual. The real and ritual baptisms can be further subdivided into seven sub-types:

- 1.0 Real – actual identification.
 - 1.1 Moses – I Corinthians 10:2.
 - 1.2 The Cross – Matthew 20:22.
 - 1.3 Holy Spirit – Acts 1:5; I Corinthians 12:13.
 - 1.4 Fire – Matthew 3:11 & 12.

- 2.0 Ritual – an illustrative identification related to water.
 - 2.1 Matthew 3:1-10 – John baptized with water.
 - 2.2 John 1:25-33 – John baptized by water.
 - 2.3 The baptism of Jesus – Matthew 3:13-17. Water here represents His objective to go to the cross. He agreed to go by the baptism and the ritual of it. The baptism of the believers during the first part of Church Age (Acts 2:38; 2:41; 8:36 & 38) represented Spirit identification (identification with Christ in death, burial resurrection).

Specific Information Related to the Baptism of Fire:

- 1.0 Scripture that deal with Baptism of Fire:
 - 1.1 Matthew 3:11,12;
 - 1.2 Luke 3:16,17;
 - 1.3 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9.

- 2.0 There is an analogy to the Baptism of Fire found in Matthew 24:36-41. This has nothing to do with the Rapture.
 - 2.1 The analogy goes to the days of Noah (vs. 37).
 - 2.2 The days of Noah and the 2nd Advent are paralleled
 - 2.3 In the days of Noah unbelievers were removed from the world by the flood. Believers continued on the earth to start new civilization.
 - 2.4 In the 2nd Advent unbelievers are removed under the Baptism of Fire and believers remain on the earth to begin a new civilization which is called the Millennium.
 - 2.5 We have the post diluvian civilization beginning with Noah's day. The Millennium will begin after the Baptism of Fire.

Please note:

The unbelievers are saturated in water (i.e. eventually drowning) in Noah's day. The unbelievers are saturated by fire at the 2nd Advent - Matthew 24:40ff. The analogy is taken from days of Noah.

- 3.0 Parables on Baptism of Fire
 - 3.1 Matthew 13:24-30; 13:36-43 – wheat and tares. Where wheat are believers going into the Millennium and the tares are the unbelievers cast out into fire.
 - 3.2 Matthew 13:47-50 – good and bad fish.
 - 3.3 Matthew 25:1-13 – 10 virgins.

- 4.0 Baptism of Fire is divided into two categories
At the 2nd Advent the unbeliever Gentile cast out and unbeliever Jew cast into fire. The Jewish believer goes into Millennium and the Gentile believer goes into Millennium.
 - 4.1 Jews – Daniel 70th week (believers and unbelievers) Ezek. 20:34-38
 - 4.2 Gentiles (believers and unbelievers) Matthew 25:31-46

- 5.0 The baptism of fire is the down payment on the lake of fire for the unbelievers of the tribulation.
 - 5.1 2 Thess. 1:9 - "everlasting destruction", terrible agony, or soul and body pain. This is an agony which is so great that it goes on in the soul and cannot be annihilated. There is no loss of consciousness forever!
 - 5.2 In heaven there is perfect happiness in the strength of the Lord – Face to face with Him.
 - 5.3 In hell His happiness is excluded forever!