

# **Doctrinal Studies**

## **Baptism of Fire**

The Baptism of Fire is one of seven baptisms in the Bible. All Baptisms are divided into two parts:

- Real – actual identification (4 out of 7 baptisms are REAL)
  1. Moses – I Corinthians 10:2.
  2. The Cross – Matthew 20:22.
  3. Holy Spirit – Acts 1:5; I Corinthians 12:13.
  4. Fire – Matthew 3:11,12.
- Ritual – an illustrative identification related to water (3 out of 7 baptisms are RITUAL)
  1. Matthew 3:1-10 – John baptized with water.
  2. John 1:25-33 – John baptized by water.
  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 with Christ in death, burial resurrection.)

Scripture that deal with Baptism of Fire: Matthew 3:11,12; Luke 3:16,17; II Thessalonians 1:7-9.

There is an analogy to the Baptism of Fire found in Matthew 24:36-41 (nothing to do with the Rapture.)

- The analogy goes to the days of Noah (vs. 37).
- The days of Noah and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent are paralleled (not Rapture).
- In the days of Noah unbelievers were removed from the world by the flood – Believers continued on the earth to start new civilization.
- In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent unbelievers are removed under the Baptism of Fire and believers remain to begin a new civilization (the Millennium).
- We have the post diluvian civilization beginning with Noah's day – the Millennium beginning after the Baptism of Fire.

Please note: The unbelievers are saturated in water in Noah's day. The unbelievers are saturated by fire at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent. Vs. 40ff – analogy taken from days of Noah.

Parables on Baptism of Fire:

1. Matthew 13:24-30; 13:36-43 – wheat and tares.
  - wheat are believers going into the Millennium.
  - tares are the unbelievers cast out into fire.
2. Matthew 13:47-50 – good and bad fish.
3. Matthew 25:1-13 – the 10 virgins.

Baptism of Fire is divided into two categories:

1. Jews – Daniel 70th week (believers and unbelievers)
2. Gentiles (believers and unbelievers)

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.

- Ezek. 20:34-38 – Jewish baptisms of fire.
- Matthew 25:31-46 – Gentile baptism of fire.

THE BAPTISM OF FIRE IS THE DOWN PAYMENT ON THE LAKE OF FIRE FOR THE UNBELIEVERS OF THE TRIBULATION.

II Thess. 1:9 “everlasting destruction” – terrible agony – soul and body pain. . . .an agony which is so great that it goes on in the soul – cannot be annihilated – no loss of consciousness forever and forever!

- In heaven there is perfect happiness in the strength of the Lord – Face to face with Him.
- In hell His happiness is excluded forever!