

Baptisms - One? Many? Or Both?

A Comparative Guide

Baptism Type	Scripture References	Is this baptism for Christians?	Who is doing the baptizing?	Who is being baptized?	Into what are they being baptized?	What is the purpose of the baptism?
Baptism into the Body of Christ	<p>Key Reference: 1 Corinthians 12:13 - For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.</p> <p>Other References: Mark 16:16, Romans 6:3, Romans 6:4, Galatians 3:27, Ephesians 4:5, Colossians 2:12, 1 Peter 3:21</p>	Yes	The Holy Spirit	A person who is being saved at that moment	The Body of Christ	Salvation
Baptism in the Holy Ghost	<p>Key Reference: Mark 1:8 - I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.</p> <p>Other References: Matthew 3:11, Luke 3:16, John 1:33, Acts 1:5, Acts 10:47, Acts 11:16</p>	Yes	Jesus	A Christian	The Holy Spirit	Power to be God's witness
Baptism in Fire	<p>Key Reference: Matthew 3:11 - I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:</p> <p>Other References: Luke 3:16</p>	<p>* Yes</p> <p>* No</p> <p>* Maybe</p>	Jesus	<p>* Christians</p> <p>* Non-believers</p>	Fire	<p>Debated:</p> <p>* Same as Holy Ghost</p> <p>* Hell</p> <p>* Trials</p>
Believer's Baptism	<p>Key Reference: Acts 8:37 - And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.</p> <p>Other Likely References: Matthew 28:19, Acts 2:38, Acts 2:41, Acts 8:12, Acts 8:13, Acts 8:16, Acts 8:36, Acts 8:38, Acts 9:18, Acts 10:48, Acts 16:15, Acts 16:33, Acts 18:8, Acts 19:5, Acts 22:16, 1 Corinthians 1:13, 1 Corinthians 1:14, 1 Corinthians 1:15, 1 Corinthians 1:16, 1 Corinthians 1:17</p>	Yes	Another Christian (often a spiritual leader)	A Christian	Water	Obedience to Jesus' Great Commission and identification with His Gospel
John's Baptism	<p>Key Reference: Acts 19:3 - And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.</p> <p>Other Likely References: Matthew 3:1, Matthew 3:6, Matthew 3:7, Matthew 3:11, Matthew 3:13, Matthew 3:14, Matthew 3:16, Matthew 21:25, Mark 1:4, Mark 1:5, Mark 1:8, Mark 1:9, Mark 11:30, Luke 3:3, Luke 3:7, Luke 3:12, Luke 3:16, Luke 3:21, Luke 7:29, Luke 7:30, Luke 20:4, John 1:25, John 1:26, John 1:28, John 1:31, John 1:33, John 3:23, John 10:40, Acts 1:5, Acts 1:22, Acts 10:37, Acts 11:16, Acts 13:24, Acts 18:25, Acts 19:4</p>	No	John the Baptist (or his disciples)	John's disciples	Water	Preparation for the Messiah's coming