

Seven Key Doctrines of the Christian Church **(Doctrine of One Baptism)**

A mini-series the Universality of the Christian Church

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We are currently studying Paul's list of seven doctrines that separate the Christian church from the religions of the world. In this study we will discuss the third of seven doctrines listed in Eph.4:4-6,

(Eph.4:4-6) “There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call - one Lord, one faith, **one baptism**, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all”.

This is the second lesson on our sixth doctrine listed in Eph.4:4-6, **One Baptism**.

In this lesson we will study five fulfillments of the Promise of Jesus baptizing to incorporate every believer into the New Covenant One Body of Christ in the world.

One reason the Church Age is the most unique period of biblical history is because Jesus Christ fulfilled His promise to baptize every church age believer with the Holy Spirit. It was both the incorporation and the inaugurated which began at Jewish Pentecost Festival following the ascension-session of Jesus Christ.

1. The Prophecy of John the Baptist was fulfilled at this Pentecost (Matt.3:11; John 1:30-34).
2. The Pre-Resurrection declaration by Jesus was fulfilled at this Pentecost (John 16:7-8; 7:37-39).
3. The Post- Resurrection declaration by Jesus was fulfilled at this Pentecost (Luke 24:46-49; Acts 1:3-5) [The Promise of the Father] (**Acts 1:4, 2:33, 39**).
4. The Post-Ascension-Session declaration of Jesus' baptizing with the Spirit by Peter was fulfilled at this Pentecost (Acts 2:1-6, 12-21, 32-39) [Fulfilled promised prophesies] (Joel 2:28-32; Ps.110:1; 16:8-11).

(Acts 2:33) “Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, **He has poured forth** this which you both see and hear.” (Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:16-17) [last days]

- Four ordinances of service of the Christian Church were established from it in **Acts 2:42**:
 - New Covenant Teaching; Fellowship; the Eucharist; and Prayer.
5. The Promise to New Covenant believers of Jesus baptizing with the Holy Spirit was fulfilled at this Pentecost.

(Acts 2:38-39) “Repent and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of Holy Spirit. **For the promise** is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself.” (Acts 1:4; 2:33, 39; Gal.3:14; Eph.1:13)