

# Understanding Baptism in the New Testament

*Scripture Reading:*

Acts 8:26-38

# INTRODUCTION

**This morning is a very appropriate time to remind ourselves of the meaning of the words “baptize” and “baptism” and the 6 kinds of baptism that are mentioned in the New Testament.**

# The Basic Definition of “Baptise” or “Baptism”

- ◆ To immerse or submerge one object into another object
  - ◆ Not “sprinkle” or “pour”

# Six Kinds of Baptism in the New Testament

Baptism by the Red Sea and the Shekinah Glory cloud into/under Moses' authority - 1 Cor 10:1-12

Baptism by fire into eternal judgment - Matt 3:10-12; cf Mk 9:43:-48

John's baptism by water (because of) repentance - Matt 3:1-2,11

# Six Kinds of Baptism in the New Testament

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Jesus' baptism by water, into His priestly ministry - Matt 3:13-17

NT grace-believer's baptism by the Holy Spirit, into their position in Christ - I Cor 12:13, Gal 3:26-28

NT grace-believer's baptism by water into a visual/public recognition of the forgiveness of sins - Matt 28:19, Acts 2:38, Acts 10:45-48, cf Col 1:14

# Seeming Problems Explained

- ◆ Acts 2:38 - “...baptized because of (“for” in KJV) the forgiveness of sins” - cf Acts 10:43-44,47
- ◆ Acts 22:16 - “...wash away the sins of you” (i.e., before human observers)
- ◆ II Cor 15:29 - taking a public stand by water baptism, replacing the stand of believers who have died.
- ◆ I Peter 3:20-26 - water baptism of a NT grace-believer saves from a bad conscience toward God (for not having taken a public stand for Christ)



# CONCLUSION

- ◆ Today, a father is going to water baptize his son-in-the-flesh/brother in the Lord, in order to publicly demonstrate a part of Ben's salvation which can't publicly be seen otherwise: His position in Christ, forgiven of all sins.