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BAPTISM—LESSON 1

The Mode

- The GK Word “baptizo”** Our English word *baptize* is the *transliterated* form of the GK *baptizo*. It means to *immerse, dip, or submerge*. What does transliterate mean? _____
_____ When we read *baptize* we should understand that this means _____. It may be a *literal* or a *figurative* immersion, but it is *immersion* in every instance.
- Pouring vs Immersing** Some religions claim they are baptizing (ie: immersing) when they pour water over someone. The GK words *ekchuno* and *cheo* mean *to pour, gush (pour) out, spill*. Are any of these words ever used in the NT to indicate baptizing (immersing)? _____
- Sprinkling vs Immersing** The pedo-baptists claim sprinkling is baptizing. What is a pedo-baptist? Hint: Look up the definition of “pedo.” _____. Why is it expedient for them to sprinkle the subject? _____ The GK *rhantismos* means *aspersion, sprinkling*. Are these words ever used in the NT to indicate baptism? _____
- The Volume?** (Jn 3:23) “And John also was _____ in Aenon near to Salim, because there was _____ water---there: and they came, and were _____.” What significance does *much* have? _____ Would it take *much* water to pour or sprinkle? _____
- The Case Of The Eunuch** In the conversion of the Ethiopian nobleman: (Acts 8:38) “They went _____ both into the _____, both Philip and the eunuch; and he _____ him.” What words in this verse indicate this was an *immersing*? _____
- Baptism As A Burial** (Rom 6:4) “Therefore we are _____ with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was _____ from the _____ by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in _____ of life.” How is a dead person buried? _____ In the spiritual sense, one is dead to what? _____ Raised from the death to sin to what? _____ Do we *pour* or *sprinkle* dirt on a coffin and call it a burial? _____
- Is The Element Specified?** Is it possible to baptize (immerse) someone in a liquid other than water? _____ List 3 scriptures where the NT identifies the element of baptism as water: _____
- Is There A Form – A Fixed Scriptural Ritual?** Is any specific *kind* of water stipulated, that is salt water, fresh water, running water, still water, hot or cold water? _____ Is any specific procedure prescribed as to *how* the administrator is to submerge the baptismal candidate under the water? _____ Why and how this could vary on different occasions? _____ May one be scripturally baptized forward, backward, squatting, prone, or in some other position? _____ As a boy I remember some of the old-timers fussing over the “new” inside baptismal pools. Some thought a proper baptism required running water. Aunt Laura calmly suggested, “Crack the faucet!”