

# Let's Talk About Baptism



We have been taught about baptism is when a person wants to repent and be clean of their whole self, accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Water baptism is when a person immersion in water by laying backward down to the water, while another person assistance holding the person back and holding one of his or her hand. By leading down into the water and then pull back up the person out of the water. A water baptism is an act of obedience that follows conversion to portray symbolically the washing away of a

person's sins. By buried themselves into the water. Coming out of the water is also symbol of renewing him/herself who accepting Jesus Christ. To be reborn new person by coming out of the water.

Most of us have been taught that baptism is a symbol of Christ's burial and resurrection. Because in the coming future life and death situation, we will experience this real event in a time when we die and bury. We will rise out of our own grave one day. From born sinner to a day of resurrection, we will become sin free along with our returning soul. Living in a new kingdom, where there is no sin on earth as well. I, Bro. Pouliot am well-aware of this New Testament (NT) doctrine, I once believe that but not anymore. In this document article, I will explain why that is.

First, let me ask you a question. Do the Old Testament (OT) books speak of anything about this kind of baptism teaching? Reason why I ask this kind of question, it is because we were told by how and what the book of Hebrews 10:1 said:

*“...a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near.”*

How the OT people in those ancient day used to practice the worshipping service like sacrificing the lamb's blood is the shadow of Jesus Christ sacrifice on the cross or tree for his life for our sin forgiving etc..., or how we are told Jesus Christ, the son of God is the second Adam of the OT shadow first son of Adam, nor the shadow of the OT tabernacle and/or temple is Jesus himself, the real tabernacle savior, nor how we also being told that the earthly sanctuary in the temple is the shadow copy of what is in heaven, nor how we are told that the OT High Priest service in the temple is the shadow of the real High Priest is Jesus Christ himself. So again, where does the NT teaching of the baptism shadow of this from the OT books?

If you or anyone do have an answer to my question, by bring up about the Naaman's story who was told to dipped himself into the Jordan river seven times. To cleansing himself which did heal him from the leprosy according to 2 Kings 5:14. Telling me that this is the OT shadow of the baptism in the NT books. My respond to that answer, that is



incorrect answer. Because if we compare the OT and NT of what the person did when they went into the water and why, is not the same thing. Yet, both did kind of likely wash themselves in the water, but this OT Naaman's story is the only one in the OT books that appears to have a person to go in the water to be cleaning from old self to anew. Naaman want to be heal from leprosy, he did not repent like the way of the NT teaching. He did not at first believe in Elisha's word who told him to go into the water for healing according to what the Creator Father told Elisha to tell him. Naaman expect Elisha to do the marvel handiwork miracle healing in person. The point is, we will not find anywhere in the OT scripture books about the water preforming baptism like the NT books teach.

Most people do not realize what the word "baptism" really mean, because the translator who wrote the NT books in vain change the defining word for baptism. Many of us have fall in for this new definition in a wrong way. Do you know what the Hebrew word for "BAPTISM"? It is "TABAL" (pronounced taw-bal'), it is written like this "טָבַל", this is the Hebrew word according to Strong's #2881. This Hebrew word "TABAL" does not only mean immerse but also to mean dip or plunge as well. So, this mean whatever I find this word "TABAL" everywhere in the OT books, it is also speak of "baptism" for English. Because it is English-Greek word "baptō" (βάπτω).



The OT books often used this word for dipping as "TABAL", whether it a finger dip in blood (Lev. 4:6; 17; 9:9), finger dip in oil (Lev. 14:16), tunic (garment) dip in blood (Gen. 37:31), or hyssop (evergreen herb plant) dip it in the water and sprinkle it (Num. 19:18), dip a foot in oil (Deu. 33:24), or another for dipping a bread in the vinegar (Ruth 2:14). All these passage verses once against were written as "TABAL", if it were needed to be translate for Greek reader, it says "baptō". In our English-Greek word baptism is not supposed to be the ideal word for buried in water by washing away the sin and rise out to be reborn new person like how the NT teaches. Someone in the far past have changed all this ideal way.

It is true that leprosy is like the sin nature that was removed from Naaman's body after he dipped himself in the Jordan river seven times, but this is nothing exactly like the NT baptism teaching once again. Since Elisha and/or Naaman's servants who urged him to reconsider try dip himself in the Jordan river was not with Naaman at the river. Naaman at first did not believe Elisha's word and even Elisha did not go with Haaman to the river. He instead got angry at Elisha about the words and not taking the gift and he then walk away. He was lucky to be heal in the Jordan river after because he did doubt Elisha and got angry not only to Elisha but heavenly Father.

This is another added reason why I no longer believe in the NT doctrine. Because I believe this NT baptism ideal took advantage possibly from the Naaman's story in 2 Kings 5:14 into a twist way. Since the word baptism does not mean immerse in the water or by fire nor spirit alone (Matthew 3:11). It simply means dip or plunge, that it. That what every OT books used dip or plunge.