



# WORD BREAK

048 – REPAIRING THE RESERVOIR (Part10)

Dear Child of God,

Welcome to “WORD BREAK” #48, which is designed to give you a nugget from God’s Word to strengthen your daily walk.

## **GATE #3 — THE OLD GATE (Continued)**

Nehemiah 3:6

*“6 And Joiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired the Old Gate; they laid its beams and hung its doors, with its bolts and its bars.” (NASB)*

Hebrews 6:1-3

*“1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, **not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.** 3 And this we will\* do if God permits.” (NKJV)*

Today we are going to take a look at the third foundational doctrine.

## **#3 — DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS**

There are three baptisms that every believer should experience.

### **1) BAPTISM INTO CHRIST**

The moment you made Jesus the Lord of your life, you received a brand new spirit from God Himself. From that moment on, you are now in Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17 says,

*“17 Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!” (AMP)*

At the moment of your new birth, you literally become baptized or immersed into Christ Himself. This is truly a miracle!

Look at these scriptures.

Colossians 2:12

*“12 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.” (NASB)*

Galatians 3:27-29

*27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise. (NASB)*

This baptism is a prerequisite for the other two baptisms.

### **2) WATER BAPTISM**

Every “Born Again” child of God is commanded to be baptized in water. If a person goes through water baptism without first accepting Christ as their personal savior, he or she simply went down into the water a dry sinner, and came up a wet sinner.

Let’s take a look at these scriptures.

Acts 8:26-38

*“26 But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, “Arise and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a desert road.) 27 And he arose and went; and behold, there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure; and he had come to Jerusalem to worship. 28 And he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go up and join this chariot.” 30 And when Philip had run up, he heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?” 31 And he said, “Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this:*

*“HE WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO SLAUGHTER ;  
AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT ,  
SO HE DOES NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH .*

*33 “IN HUMILIATION HIS JUDGMENT WAS TAKEN AWAY ;  
WHO SHALL RELATE HIS GENERATION ?  
FOR HIS LIFE IS REMOVED FROM THE EARTH. ”*

*34 And the eunuch answered Philip and said, “Please tell me, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself, or of someone else?” 35 And Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. 36 And as they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?” 37 [And Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”] 38 And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch; and he baptized him.” (NASB)*

Matthew 28:18-20

*“18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “**All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.** 19 “**Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.** ” (NASB)*

The Greek word translated “baptized” in Acts 8:36 is baptizo. This word is pronounced (bap-tid'-zo) and means to immerse or submerge, not sprinkle.

### **3) BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

We will cover this topic in our next “WORD BREAK.”

Thank you for joining me for this edition of “WORD BREAK”. See you this Sunday!

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