

# LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

## WATER BAPTISM – Part 4

### REVISITING PREVIOUS WATER BAPTISMS:

#### These baptisms reflected:

- the judgment of GOD against wickedness
- the grace of GOD

#### ➤ The pre-Adamic world

**2 Peter 2:4 ERV** When angels sinned, God did not let them go free without punishment. He sent them to hell. He put those angels in caves of darkness, where they are being held until the time when God will judge them.

- GOD's judgment against Satan and the angels that followed him.
- GOD's grace to establish a new world from Adam and his race.

#### ➤ The Noahic Flood

**2 Peter 2:5 ERV** And God punished the evil people who lived long ago. He brought a flood to the world that was full of people who were against God. But he saved Noah and seven other people with him. Noah was a man who told people about living right.

- GOD's judgment against man for their wickedness
- GOD's grace to Noah and his family

#### ➤ The deliverance of Israel out of Egypt thru the Red Sea

**1 Corinthians 10:1-2 GNB** I want you to remember, my friends, what happened to our ancestors who followed Moses. They were all under the protection of the cloud, and all passed safely through the Red Sea. (2) In the cloud and in the sea they were all baptized as followers of Moses.

- GOD's judgment against Egypt
- GOD's grace for the seed of Israel

#### ➤ The baptism of repentance of John the Baptist

**Luke 7:29-30 KJV** And all the people that heard him, and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John. (30) But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him.

- GOD's judgment against the religious leaders
- GOD's grace to the people

**Water Baptism confirms our faith in what Jesus Christ accomplished for us.**

**What does being confirming mean?**

Definitions of confirming. adjective. serving to support or corroborate.

**What is another word for confirming?**

Some common synonyms of confirm are authenticate, corroborate, substantiate, validate, and verify. While all these words mean "to attest to the truth or validity of something," confirm implies the removing of doubts by an authoritative statement or indisputable fact.

#### **I. BAPTISM IS CONFIRMING OUR DEATH WITH AND THRU JESUS CHRIST**

**Romans 6:3-4 KJV** Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? (4) Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

- a. Death is separation from the world.
  - i. From the interests of the world
  - ii. From the lusts of the world
  - iii. From the sins of the world

#### **II. BAPTISM IS CONFIRMING OUR IDENTITY WITH AND IN JESUS CHRIST**

**Galatians 3:26-27 KJV** For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. (27) For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

- a. Identity is agreement with Jesus.
  - i. Agreeing with the preeminence of Jesus
  - ii. Agreeing with the values of Jesus
  - iii. Agreeing with the attitude of Jesus

#### **III. BAPTISM IS CONFIRMING OUR NEW LIFE WITH AND IN JESUS CHRIST**

**Colossians 2:12 KJV** Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

- a. New life in Jesus
  - i. Free from sin
  - ii. Born into the family of GOD.
  - iii. Indwelling Spirit of GOD

#### IV. **BAPTISM IS CONFIRMING OUR SALVATION WITH AND THRU JESUS CHRIST**

**1 Peter 3:21 GW** Baptism, which is like that water, now saves you. Baptism doesn't save by removing dirt from the body. Rather, baptism is a request to God for a clear conscience. It saves you through Jesus Christ, who came back from death to life.

- a. Salvation thru Jesus
  - i. Is a promise of GOD.
  - ii. Is a cleansing of the conscience
  - iii. Is a manifestation of the grace of GOD.
  - iv. Is a blessing for the righteous.