

BAPTISM IN A NUTSHELL

Repentance of sins - setting out on the difficult Calvary Road with the "key" which opens the narrow door to Heaven.

"He who has died has been freed from sin"

Romans 6:7

There are three baptisms of Jesus Christ
I must go through Matthew 3:11 **in Water, in**
The Spirit, and in Fire. Jesus is my example.
I must Follow Him Matthew 3:13-4:11; 4:19,
 1 Peter 2: 21.



Diagram by Anna Vuleton Good News Bible Based on Romans 6: 6

The Baptism(s) in Jesus Christ means to be completely submerged, immersed in Water, in God's Spirit, and in Fire the purpose of which is to have and enjoy an intimate loving (*agape*) relationship with our True God, to be Holy like He is.

1. Water Baptism I die (am drowned) to sin, the world (money, worldly possessions material things, the attractions to this world 1 John 2:15-17 – I'm dead so these things cannot attract me anymore), I am dead to Satan's control of my life 1 John 4:1-6, and I am dead to myself for.....

" I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved [agaped] me and gave Himself for me" Galatians 2:20

" The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit and a broken, [and] A broken and a contrite heart " Psalms 51: 16

Water baptism in Jesus Christ's name, comes as a result of my total repentance, confessing my sins, so that the blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse me from **unrighteousness** - I am made **righteous by the Blood of The Lamb of God – Jesus Christ .**

- I must prove that I am repentant by what I do from now on by "bearing fruits worthy of repentance" For instance: Luke 3: 8 , for **the rich people**, the 50% rule applies – if I own two coats, I must give one away to someone who has none Luke 3: 11; honesty for **tax collectors** – only take the exact amount Luke 3:12-13; for **soldiers**, no intimidation, make false accusations, and accept the wages as agreed to Luke 3: 14; then, I am now attached to The Vine (Jesus the Christ) and will, as a natural consequence, begin to bear the Fruit of The Spirit Galatians 5,1 Corinthians 13 ,

- Jesus the Christ is now my MASTER, my LORD **Philippians 2: 5-11**
- I have agreed to participate in the crucifixion of Jesus Christ by dying to myself – I desire to have my fleshly person completely annihilated, eradicated, crucified so that Jesus Christ can have His way in my life completely. **Galatians 2:20; Matthew 16: 21- 28.**
- The first Adam sinned and broke the beautiful communion with YHWH and was cast out into the world from the Garden of Eden. **Genesis Chapter 3.** Jesus the Christ, as the second Adam, restored the lines of communication to mend the relationship for us all **Romans Chapter 5, 5:19; 2 Corinthians 15: 35- 49.** Our acceptance of our Creator's love gift of His Son to save and restore us is seen in our Baptisms into Jesus Christ. **Romans Chapter 6.**
- I have passed from this World of darkness into the Kingdom of God of light. **Luke 1: 77-79 Acts 26: 18**
- I am now a citizen of Heaven **Acts 28:18, Ephesians 2:19** and have to obey the rules of God's Kingdom which are written in My Spirit **Ezekiel 36: 26-27, John Chapter 4** and accept His Kingship and therefore His protection. **Revelations Chapter 4, Colossians 3:1.**
- I am saved, and being saved from sin. Salvation [Sozo] = means that I am translated from this world of spiritual sin and death to the Kingdom Of God (KOG), **Ephesians 2: 5-8**, healed by His stripes and delivered from Satan's clutches (Demonic grip and power), therefore:
- I am physically, emotionally and psychologically, and spiritually healed by Jesus' Christ's stripes **Isaiah. 53:5, 1 Peter 2:24,**
- The demons in me are drowned, cast out and must leave my body which is now the temple of almighty God. They no longer have legal right to control me **1 Corinthians 10:2 Luke 4:18.** I am a Slave and a Son of the Lord Most High God **Matthew 6:24; Galatians 4:4-7 -**

Genuine repentance is evidenced by a “broken spirit and a broken and contrite heart” Psalm 51: 17. The agony of a sinner convicted by the Holy Spirit, will cause demons to depart to look for another home. Often, demons will refuse to depart from my body at Baptism. They enter a person through three basic ways: (1) The sin of idolatry or worshiping demons 1 Corinthians 10:20, breaks the 2nd commandment . God says He is not to be found in Temple made by men’s hands such as pagan Temples and Church Temples Acts 7:48, 17: 24-34. This sin can go back into the fourth generation Exodus 20: 5. Remember, it was the priests with the Judaeic religious spirit which put Jesus Christ on the Cross; (2) Through shock or accidents; and, (3) Through habitual sin such as masturbation, alcohol, watching pornography, having sex with many partners cigarette smoking, taking drugs, habitual lying etc. That is, any sin of addiction. If the problem continues I may need to humble myself, to ask a mature Christian brother for prayer, to cast out demons from my body which is the Temple of God. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. Not all people will acknowledge that demons exist, let alone can and will inhabit the body of a Christian! It is The Holy Spirit who convicts me of sin, righteousness and judgement John 16: 5- 15 and He is the one who casts them out!

Read the four accounts of the Gospel in **Matthew, Mark, Luke and John**, plus **Acts of the Apostles**, to see Jesus and the Holy Spirit in action specifically against demons and

against the religious minded hierarchy of the Sadducees and Pharisees – the priestly “caste” many of whom were unable to shake off the shackles of ceremonialism in the Temple (Church) centred lifestyle. Christians must follow Jesus the Christ. **Read “The Unseen War – basic training in spiritual warfare” by Don Basham and Derek Prince**, published by *New Wine Magazine* and available from Derek Prince Ministries (NZ contact (03) 366 4443 or e-mail: orders@dpm.co.nz)

NOTE: If you are upset by the linkage of **Church going** with **going to a pagan Temple**, then please re-examine why you go to church. Where are the New Covenant scriptures which command this practice? (There are none). Where are the New Covenant scriptures which justify the re- establishment of a priestly “caste” as (found in the First or Old Covenant) and the creation of a “laity” of ordinary people, known as “Christian”? (There are none). Where is the New Covenant justification of a hierarchical organisational structure and buildings which purport to represent Jesus Christ on earth? (There is none). If the answers are “none” {confirm this for yourself}, then why go to church? And, who authorised its’ establishment? If it wasn’t God, then Who?

Questions: What does following Jesus Christ mean? What does “being led by the Holy Spirit” mean? What does the following mean?..... “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I [Jesus] said to you” **John 14: 26 . This discussion is intended as an aid to finding God’s thoughts in scripture on the subject matter.**

For in-depth discussion: Read *The Bride and The Harlot* **on the web site: Kiwibamboo.co.nz**, then **click into Kiwibamboo News and scroll to discussion.** Read also “*The Oikos*”.

2. I rise up out of the water to be completely submerged in The Holy Spirit by the laying on of

hands, **Matthew 3: 16-17**

(God’s Spirit) as proof that my Triune God now Controls my life . Therefore,

- He covers me **1 Corinthians 10:1, Psalm 36:7-9**
- His Spirit now dwells within me, in my body
- My body is now The Temple of The Holy Spirit **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** and will stay within me as Long as I continue to agape Him and obey His word **John 14:23 .**
- **I have become a new person** **2 Corinthians 5:17.** I have become a **SPIRITUAL MAN**, being recreated into the image of my creator God. I was formerly a **Carnal** (Flesh) Man- a **SINNER MAN** **2 Corinthians 2: 12-14.**

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NB. I MUST NOT FEED THE OLD SINNER MAN: I MUST FEED THE SPIRITUAL MAN
I MUST FEED ON EVERY WORD FROM GOD’S WORD AND LISTEN TO HIM
Matthew 4:4, John 10:27

The Old Sinner Man is the old tree trunk which is rooted into the ground (this world). The old man does not want to die. He resists dying (the rotting process). **The New Spiritual Man, the Inward or Heavenly**



The “Spiritual Life” planted in the heart of the “New Born” man. But the “Old Nature” (the Trunk) is not dead.

Source of diagram: Sword Search Diagrams

Man 2 Corinthians 15: 48 is the Young new shoot which is rooted in the vine which is Jesus Christ He feeds us. Our Father is the gardener who prunes the vine branches. **John 15.**

There is a battle which takes place within me. **Romans 8:6-7, 6-17. Galatians 5:16-26.** It can erupt violently, or occur stealthily. My old nature together with the help of Satan is at war with God. The Holy Spirit has many tools in His arsenal to change me. For instance: He **shakes me with events akin to a massive earthquake** with its epi-centre right beneath me to shake out what needs to go **Hebrews 12:25-29**; other times He is **gentle Matthew 11: 29**; or His **word is like a fire** to beat and burn out the dross; or **like a hammer** to smash me to smithereens **Jeremiah 23:29**; and **a winnowing fan** to purge me and blow away the chaff of life **Matthew 4:12**; and, **like a sword** to pierce my heart to cut me to repentance **Acts 2: 2:37** to cut, like a surgeon's scalpel, through my body and soul and spirit to reveal the creatures which need to be removed **Hebrews 4:12-13, 2 Corinthians 6:11 – 7:1.** **My reaction** is seldom to accept the procedures and admonishing - it is mostly a **stubborn resistance** to the dying process which numbs my brain into a stupor **Romans 11:8.** Satan and his cohorts are always ready to help me resist God's Spirit to change me into His likeness **1 Samuel 15:22- 23, 2 Corinthians 3:18** with the odd **murmuring** from within me which comes from a spirit of apostasy or harlotry **1 Corinthians 10:10; Jude 16.** My adverse reactions to God's disciplining **reveals to me the evilness of my heart Jeremiah 17:9.** All I know is that The **old Sinner Man** in me resists the New Life Shoot and will try to starve and kill it. The **new Spiritual Man** will blossom only if I surrender myself totally and I set my face like a flint continuously to the Lord Jesus Christ.

"The outward man is perishing and the inward man is being renewed day by day" **2 Corinthians 4:16** It is The spirit which does the renewing, not by anything in me.

"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" **Galatians 2:20**

"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The word that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life" **John 6:63**

"...always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifest in our [my] body. For we [I] who live are [am] always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus may also may be manifest in our [my] mortal flesh." **2 Corinthians 4:10-12**

Hence, I must consciously "carry my own Cross" daily, and deliberately offer myself as a living sacrifice daily for the renewing of my mind. Galatians 4:21- 31, 5: 16-26; Ephesians 4: 22-24, 6:12 (the wrestling is a spiritual one-to-one match-up, and I can only overcome if I submit my old Sinner Man totally to the Lord, so that He can do the overcoming for me as I learn to be passive and not react in the flesh).

- **The Holy Spirit strengthens and helps me** **1 Corinthians 1:18, John 14:26,** and,
- **The Holy Spirit Leads me** **Romans 8:1, 14**
I am a Disciple, a follower of Jesus Christ. I must focus on Him
Refer to "Goong Yee" the Lamb over Me **1 Corinthians 10: 1-5** And

“Come” (above)

- **He Carries Me** Exodus 19:4b, Psalm 23, Matthew 18: 10-14 I must not Struggle, wriggle around and try to get out of His arms, His Ark. 1 Peter 3:20-22
- **I must not grieve the Holy Spirit** Ephesians 4: 30. God will not shout at me and demand my attention. I must listen carefully and quietly to obey Him. The choice is mine – obey His gentle promptings or to ignore Him.

3. I walk in the Baptism of Fire Matthew 4: 1 etc. and I am being refined like gold which passes through fire 1 Peter 1: 7 , like silver Malachi 3:3

- **Fire burns.** It's purpose is to eradicate rubbish. It purifies the spirit in the New Covenant context. This is the third baptism. Persecution for Jesus' name sake Matthew 5: 1-12 is something I do not like but I know is vitally necessary for my spiritual growth. Give me strength Lord to submit to your testing, suffering, and purging, so that I can become more like you. Psalm 51:7; Isaiah 48:10; Malachi 3:3; Matthew 3:11-12, Chapter 5: 1-12; 1 Corinthians 3: 11-17; 1 Peter 2:21; Hebrews 9:14,22 .
- **I need to remind myself over and over again, that I need to carry my own "cross" every day** Matthew 10:38-39, Luke 9:23 to remind myself that I must die to myself- *"He must increase, and I must decrease"* John 3:30, 2 Corinthians 4:10-12, 5:15, and,
- **I must offer myself as a living sacrifice to God for the renewing of my mind every day** Romans 12:1-2. For I know that your word says *"My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways"* Isaiah 55: 8 I want you to make me like you, and to think like you with your patterns of thinking. 2 Timothy 1:13. Jesus allowed men, his own "brother Jews" to beat him with the whip which had 9 lashes in-bedded with bits of steel/ rock, exposing his sinews and bones. Then, He had a Crown of Thorns rammed on to his head. Part of His beard was pulled from His chin and His face was unrecognisable astonishing those who looked on at Him. Psalm 22; Isaiah 50:6, 52:14-15, Isaiah 53. ***Why would I want to deflect this honour to be like Him?***
- I need strength, your power, to walk through persecution as people rubbish me as I seek to please You Lord God. Beatitudes - Matthew 5: 1-12.
- I need to focus every moment on Jesus Christ and follow Him very closely 1 Peter 21 , Matt 4:19 , to set my face like a flint at The Cross Isaiah 50:7.
- I need to hear from God and live by His every word John 10, Matt 4:4 – I must not listen to men and their words. Teach me to listen to the counsel of old, experienced Christian brothers and sisters as they encourage me to follow You – only You. Teach me to hear. I need to be still, and quiet in my soul and spirit. Psalm 46:10 Exodus 15:26
- I need to know in my life experience that Satan is defeated (I will know this experientially in my heart if I truly believe in Jesus Christ) 1 Corinthians 15: 20- 28
- **Psalm 139.** God "bombards" me with His thoughts - I need to tune in to Him. I must accept and listen to God's thoughts, not Satan's and men's.
- The end result of this baptism in Fire, and of the Three Baptisms, is to make me Holy, like my Heavenly Father. 1 Peter 1:15-16 I must remain clean

before my LORD GOD so that I can be changed gradually into His likeness.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE – like it or not I am involved in warfare – but it is warfare where the battle has been won and the skirmishes continue. Jesus said “*It is Finished*” **John 19:30** All the work of redemption has been completed at the Cross of Calvary. Satan is a defeated adversary **1 Corinthians 15:27**, But, he refuses to lie down!

“ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal [of the flesh] but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge [experience] of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled ” **2 Corinthians 10: 3-6**

- Satan accuses me right at the throne of God and Jesus **Revelations 12:7-12**. I must not have hidden sins. ***I MUST CONFESS MY SINS AND EVERY SIN TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST***, and do this whenever it occurs ***so that I will be cleansed and stay cleansed by The Lamb's blood.*** **1 John 1:7-9**. Thus, I will be able to lift up my shield of faith to deflect the fiery darts of Satan's accusations **Ephesians 6:16**. Just as “ *a little leaven leavens the whole*” lump of dough **Galatians 5: 9**, so a little sin will contaminate, infect and wreck me. Failure to admit my sins means that the Blood of Jesus Christ no longer covers me. This state cripples me under a cloud of condemnation. **Romans 8:1**. I will be unable to follow Jesus Christ, The Lamb of God. This is spiritual warfare. It rages day and night. **1 Peter 1: 5:8-9** The devil, is prowling around like a roaring Lion seeking to devour me

I OVERCOME SATAN AND HIS THOUGHTS in the following three ways:

“ I overcome him [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of my testimony, and I do not love my life so much as to shrink from death ”
Revelations 12: 11 (New International Version)

1. The Blood of the Lamb – which is over the lintels of the door to my house where I live now **Exodus 12:7-13** and is over my Body which is the Temple of God **1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 6:19-20**. I am made righteous by the blood of the Lamb together with my household - “Goong Yee” **Exodus 12:29 -13:16, John 1:29, 1 John 1:7-9**.

The Name of Jesus (when I uplift Jesus Christ's name He will draw me closer to Himself, and draw others to Himself **John 12:32**. His name is a name above all other names. His name embodies everything that He is (**Philippians 2: 2:5-11**).

I will always be led by The Spirit of God (not by my feelings, my flesh man, or even men's words) "Goong Yee, Loy" Romans 8:1,14; Galatians 5:25,

2. My own Testimony - why I became a Christian and gave my life to Jesus Christ: No one can contradict my own testimony of the Lord God's grace and loving kindness to me and to my household. It will bring those I love and who hear it in broken repentance to the LORD. To this I add,

3. I am unafraid of dying (when I am like this I do not care what people say or think about me for I have already "died to our self" as evidenced by my baptism in Water, and Holy Spirit, and my continuing walk in Fire as I face persecution). Revelations 2:9, A dead man cannot hear the taunts and mocking.

I will put on God's Spiritual Armour and keep it on Ephesians 6
(it is Jesus Christ Himself Galatians 3:27.

Defensive armour - helmet, breastplate, belt, shoes, shield of faith

Offensive weapons are to do with what comes out of my mouth : the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God (I need to know His word) ,

Praying continuously in the Spirit, and telling others about what Jesus Christ has done for me - telling the Good News (the Gospel about Jesus Christ).

The Word of God to rebuke Satan, "*for it is alive and active and sharper than a two-edged sword, able to pierce even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart*" to reveal the creatures hidden within me Hebrews 4:12-13. The battle has been won for me – for Jesus Christ declared almost two thousand years ago that "it is finished", and all I need to do is to present myself passively to Him to claim the victory, and for the surgery to remove the third columnist and the rebellion from within me 2 Corinthians 3:18. Teach me Lord to meditate on your word day and night. Psalm 119: 9- 16. Bring all things to my remembrance of your loving kindness towards me John 14:26. Show me how to use your Word to counter Satanic attacks, and to pray effective in your Spirit in accordance with your will. Matthew 4:1-11; Ephesians 6: 17-19.

I will sing spiritual songs to praise the Name of Jesus Christ, continuously to fill His Temple (my body and soul and spirit is your Temple) – for He lives in me. I will learn your songs of deliverance and thanksgiving. Practice makes perfect. Ephesians 5:18-21

I affirm that Salvation is for and by households

" Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved , your and your household " Acts 16:32.

I will do everything in my power, as God leads me, to help my children and their spouses to experience my God's amazing grace in their lives.

I know that this is God's will, for His word says that on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured into the world and into His disciples, Peter told the 3 thousand men the Gospel, and their hearts were cut through by his words:

"Many are called, few chosen" Matthew 7: 13-14

It will take determination and total focus to walk the Calvary Road and enter the narrow door to Heaven. The Doctrine of the Remnant is not always taught for the words of correction and reproof contained in The Holy Bible are not easily accepted **2 Timothy 3:15-17**. The history of Israel is one of continual disobedience. Only a remnant returned to Jerusalem after the Babylonian captivity. It will be presumptuous of me, a Christian to assume that I will enter Heaven simply because I made a commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ some time in the history of my life. I must endure persecutions to the end **Matthew 24: 4-14**. I must walk the Calvary Road to the end. One thing is sure, Jesus Christ is coming again to establish the Kingdom of God on this earth. The King is coming! I pray that I will make the cut. I pray that my name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life! This is my prayer. My future is in my own hands as I place myself under God's tender care and wrap myself well and truly in His loving arms.

"Repent, and let everyone of you be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call" Acts 2: 38-39

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Acts 17:28