

# 11-A

## Questions: Baptism in Water

1-3. **MATCH** the Greek or Hebrew words and their English meanings:

Greek	English
<i>baptizo</i>	(v) to dip, immerse, dip into dye
<i>bapto</i>	(v) to baptize, immerse, wash
<i>enbaptizo</i>	(prep) in, with,
<i>en</i>	by (v) to baptize with, in, or into
<i>pneuma</i>	(v) to repent, change of mind
<i>metanoeo</i>	(n) spirit

Greek	English
<i>pur</i>	(adj) holy; (n) holy one, saint
<i>hagios</i>	(n) fire
<i>hieros</i>	(n) water
<i>hudor</i>	(adj) sacred, consecrated to God
<i>hagnizo</i>	(v) to sift, shake in a sieve
<i>sinion</i>	(v) to purify, cleanse

4. Write out **MAT 3:1-2**: 1. In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"
5. **MAT 3:11** "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 "His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." 13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. 14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" 15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. 16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. 17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved son, in whom I am well pleased." (NKJ)
6. **MAR 1:4** John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission (*aphesis*) of sins. 5 Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. (NKJ)
7. Write out **MAR 16:15-16**: 15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.
- 8-9. There is a principle in Scripture that many events, ordinances, laws, etc. described in the Bible usually have **BOTH** a **NATURAL** meaning, as well as a **SPIRITUAL** meaning or fulfillment. In the following table are several examples. Fill in the blanks. **Two** examples are done:

### Natural Event, Ordinance, Law, etc.

- God Gave MANNA in the desert to sustain us
- Blood of LAMB applied to doorpost in Egypt
- Crossing the Red Sea
- Substitute RAM for sacrifice on Moriah
- Going DOWN into the water in Baptism
- Rising UP out of the water in Baptism
- Circumcision of all Jewish males on 8th day
- Crossing Jordan River into Promised Land
- Lifting up Brazen Serpent in Wilderness

### Spiritual Meaning or Fulfillment

- God gives His WORD in the earth to sustain us
- Apply by FAITH the blood of JESUS to our life
- A type of water baptism after leaving the old life
- God provided Jesus as lamb of God for sacrifice
- Dying to the old life of sin and to the World System
- Rising up in resurrection to a new life in Christ
- God cutting away flesh by the Sword of the Spirit
- Baptism in Spirit to live a life of Victory against Satan
- Christ lifted up on the cross, who became SIN for us

10. Write out **MAT 3:11**: I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.  
**LUK 12:49** "I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50 "But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished! (NKJ)
11. **When** did Jesus send the '**FIRE**' described in this verse? At Pentecost, Acts 2, when the Holy Spirit came upon each believer in the upper room in Jerusalem, and became available to every believer everywhere.  
**What** is the purpose of this **fire**? To burn away the flesh, the impurities, the chaff, to make us holy and clean, so that God can fill us with more of His Spirit, to enable us to work mightily in HIS strength for His kingdom.  
 Are the **Baptism in the Holy Spirit** and **Fire** the same or separate events? They are separate events or processes, & yet integrated together. The Baptism in the Spirit enables one to survive the Refining Fire that comes along with it. The Holy Spirit refines us by Fire to burn out the impurities and make us Holy.
12. **What** response did John the Baptist look for & expect from those who came for water baptism? Repentance, manifest with fruit, i.e. an actual change of life from one of serving Satan to one of serving God.  
**List** some '**fruit of repentance**' you think God might expect (**MAT 3:8**)? Turning from sin, obeying God's commands, studying His Word, fellowship with other believers, active in a ministry, tithing, etc. Is there need of '**fruit of repentance**' in **YOUR** life? Each of us should continually ask this question of ourselves. If we are willing, the Holy Spirit will always show us areas we need to correct and be obedient.
13. Write out **JOH 3:5**: Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. (NKJ)  
**What** does this verse mean? Some people think 'water' refers to birth in the flesh (a pregnant woman bursts her 'water' just before delivery); others believe this refers to water baptism, and others to birth thru the Word of God.

14. **MAT 20:21** And He said to her, “What do you wish?” She said to Him, “Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom.” 22 But Jesus answered and said, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They said to Him, “We are able.” 23 So He said to them, “You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father.” (NKJ)
15. **What** is the meaning of **MAT 20:21-23** for believers? Just as Jesus submitted to the Father by going to the Cross, so also I must submit my life to the death of self (the flesh) on the cross, by the power of the Spirit, so that God can live through me a resurrected life of service to Him and others.
16. What is the difference between **translating** a word from one language to another vs. **transliterating** a word from one language to another? ‘transliteration’ takes a word (by pronunciation) from one language directly into another w/o attempting to translate its meaning into a known word of the new language; ‘translation’ takes a word from the new language that most closely approximates the meaning of the word in the original.  
**Are** the Bible words **‘baptize’** or **‘baptism’**, and their variants **translations** or **transliterations**? These words are transliterated directly from the Greek into English, without translating the word. **Give** other Bible Words that have been **transliterated** from the original languages: Hallelujah (Heb = ‘praise ye the LORD’), maranatha (Aramaic = our Lord will come), mammon (Heb = dishonest wealth); many or most individual and place names are transliterations (such as Adam = from Heb adamah for ‘ground’ and Babel = Addadian word ‘confuse’); gehenna (Heb = Valley of Hinnom); Ekklesiastes (Gk ‘preacher’); raca (Aramaic ‘fool’); Christ (Gk christos = ‘anointed one’); hosanna (Heb ‘save now we pray), deacon (Gk diakonos ‘servant); verily (Heb ‘truly’); Golgotha (Aramaic ‘a place of a skull); etc.
17. **Give** several scriptures that show the close relationship between **Baptism in Water** and the **Baptism in the Holy Spirit**: MAT 3:16, MAR 1:10, JOH 1:33, JOH 3:5-6, JOH 7:38-39, IJO 5:6-8, JOH 1:33  
**Give** several scriptures that show the close relationship between **Water Baptism** and **Repentance**: MAT 3:1-2, 8, 11, ACT 13:24, ACT 19:4, JOH 3:23-27  
**Can** we conclude that there is a close relationship between **Repentance** and **Spirit Baptism**, that the latter depends on the former? Yes!! Baptism in the Spirit cannot and does not occur without full repentance; but the Spirit HELPS the seeker by showing areas that need repentance, to prepare the vessel to receive !!!
18. **Can** you find scripture to support **infant Baptism**? List: There are no scripture examples of infant baptism; however, there are examples of infants being dedicated to the Lord, in both the OT & NT (see # 19)
19. **Give** scripture support on **infant dedication**: LUK 2:21-24, ISA 1:22, 27, LEV 12:2-8, EXO 13:2, 12-15, EXO 22:29, EXO 34:19, NUM 3:13, NUM 8:16-17, NUM 18:15, etc.
20. **Can** you find scripture to support **sprinkling in Baptism**? List: There are no examples of baptism or washing by sprinkling in the NT. There are several commands in the Word regarding sprinkling of the blood of animal sacrifices (representing Christ’s Blood): EXO 29:16-21; LEV 1:5, 11; 3:2-13; 4:6-17, etc.; of oil: LEV 14:27, etc. If a house developed ‘rot’ in its walls, it was cleansed with sprinkling of blood and water: LEV 14:5; Levites were sprinkled with water when they were cleansed for service: NUM 8:7; any person that was unclean was sprinkled with water, but then later washed his/her whole body (apparently by immersion) in water NUM 19:18-19; He that is not sprinkled remained unclean: NUM 19:20; God says He will sprinkle clean water on us to cleanse us: EZE36:25;
21. The Bible speaks of **TWO Baptisms of the Earth**, the first by **WATER** at the time of Noah’s Flood, and the second of **FIRE** in the end times, at the time of His second coming. Give scripture references of each of these baptisms, and explain their prophetic significance, including its application to God’s People: 2PE 3:5-7 God’s command to His people is to be baptized in water AND in the Holy Ghost and Fire. This is how we are redeemed. The same is true of the earth, in order for it to be redeemed. The Flood is a baptism in water; the end times baptism in fire is to come. BOTH are necessary to cleanse the earth from sin and rebellion.
22. Read **IKI 18:20-39**. Explain the meaning of the **WATER** used to wash the flesh on the altar, and the **FIRE** that came down from heaven to **consume the flesh**. How does this relate to **YOU** and prove who is the **REAL** God? The water is a type of God’s Word that washes us; once we do our part in the preparation of the sacrifice (our lives), placing the flesh on the altar. Then, after prayer, the true God answers by Fire, which consumes the flesh completely, so that it has NO power over me. This is the truth that sets me FREE !!  
**How** does this relate to this lesson on **Baptism in Water** and **the Holy Spirit & Fire**? We willingly submit To Baptism in water, in obedience. We need also to wash ourselves with the Word to obedience. When we are fully consecrated on the altar, God sends His refining Fire to burn away the flesh, & cleanse us spiritually.
23. **What** are some reasons why a Christian who has been baptized in the past might consider **re-baptism**? 1. If they had been baptized as an infant, but not since they had been saved; 2.If they backslid in the past, but now want to make a re-commitment; 2. If they accepted Jesus as Savior, but never made a full commitment to Him as Lord in obedience; 4. Possibly other reasons.
24. Have **YOU** been Baptized by immersion? Answer for yourself.  
 Should **YOU** be baptized or re-baptized in this way? Answer for yourself.
25. **How** will you apply what you have learned from this lesson to **YOUR** life? Answer for yourself.