

IMMERSED INTO CHURCH
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<p>1Cor 12:11-13 πάντα δὲ ταῦτα ἐνεργεῖ τὸ ἓν καὶ τὸ αὐτὸ πνεῦμα διαιροῦν ἰδίᾳ ἑκάστῳ καθὼς βούλεται. ¹² Καθάπερ γὰρ τὸ σῶμα ἓν ἐστὶν καὶ μέλη πολλὰ ἔχει, πάντα δὲ τὰ μέλη τοῦ σώματος πολλὰ ὄντα ἓν ἐστὶν σῶμα, οὕτως καὶ ὁ Χριστός. ¹³ καὶ γὰρ ἓν ἐνὶ πνεύματι ἡμεῖς πάντες εἰς ἓν σῶμα ἐβαπτίσθημεν, εἴτε Ἰουδαῖοι εἴτε Ἕλληνες εἴτε δοῦλοι εἴτε ἐλεύθεροι, καὶ πάντες ἐν πνεύμα ἐποτίσθημεν.</p>	<p>1Cor 12:11-13 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills. ¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free- and all were made to drink of one Spirit.</p>
<p>1Cor 12:7 ἑκάστῳ δὲ δίδεται ἡ φανέρωσις τοῦ πνεύματος πρὸς τὸ συμφέρον</p>	<p>1Cor 12:7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.</p>

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0. INTRODUCTION

- some less pleasant but important considerations:
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- individualism (against fellowship); selfism (against worship); consumerism (against service)...
- together: body and spirit; visible and invisible reality; time and eternity;
- *Extra ecclesiam nulla salus* (?)
- "Jesus, yes – church, no" attitudes.

0.1. THE WORD "BAPTIZE"

0.1.1. CZECH / SLOVAK ETYMOLOGY OF THE WORD "BAPTISM"

křest: stč. *křest* gen. *krsta křsta* > *křta*; *křestní*, *křtiny* < *krstiny*; sloveso stč. *krstiti* *křtiti* > *křtiti*; val. *křesný otec*, *křesníček* kmotr, *křesná matka* kmotra SvK. — Slc. *krst* *krstit* *krstný*; *krstenec* *krstňa* kmotřenec. Pol. *chrzest* nár. *krzest*, hl. *křest* (z češtiny), sln. *krst* t/v. — Zeměpisné rozšíření těchto slov svědčí tomu, že jsou přejata od západu, asi v sthn. době. Sthn. bylo *Crist Krist Christ* Kristus, od toho žilo asi sloveso, sthn. sice nedoložené, ale střhn. *kristen(en)* = učiniti křesťanem, doslova „zkřestusiti.“ To přejato k Slovanům v podobě **krstiti* (stč. *krstiti*,

0.1.2. THE GREEK WORD "BAPTISM"

• etymology

βάπτω [v.] 'to immerse, so as to temper or color' (Od.). <?>

• VAR Aor. **βάψαι**.

• DER 1. **βαφή** 'dipping, temper, dye' (IA); 2. **βάμμα** 'dye' (PL); 3. **βάψις** 'id' (Antiph.). **βαφεύς** 'dyer' (PL), **βαφεῖον** (Str.); verb **βαπτίζω**, which appears metathesized in **βιπτάζω** (Epich.).

• ETYM Often considered to be a yod-present comparable to ON *kvefja* 'to press down, immerse, choke' and OSw. *kvaf* [n.] 'depth' (thus Frisk). However, this does not explain the -α-. The by-form **βύπτειν βαπτίζειν** (H.) is perhaps formed analogically after **δύπτειν** (see ▶ **δύω**) or **κύπτειν**; it does not reflect an original zero grade.

Βάπτω, Βαπτίζω, to dip, dye, bathe, drench, baptize.
— As † **Δάω, Δάπτω**; **Κνάω, Κνάπτω**; from † **βάω**, for **κατα-βιβάζω, ἐμ-βιβάζω, to make to go down or in, plunge, (properly).**

βάπτω dip : O Nor. *kaf* diving, Sk. *gambhan* depth, cf. **βάθος**.

βάπτω tauche ein (Hom.), **βαφή** Färbung (Aesch.), **βαφεύς** Färber, **βύπτειν βαπτίζειν** (Hes.), **δύπτω** (Ap. Rh.), **δύπτως** (Kallimach.) Taucher; **βιπτάζω** (Sophron, Epich.): ai. *gabhrá-s* tief, *gambha(n)* n. Tiefe, Abgrund; an. *kvefja* eintauchen, untersinken, ags. *cvabbe* Sumpf, ostpreuß. *Quebbe*, mhd. *erqueben* ersticken. *γgebho* eintauchen. Fick I⁴, 34 sieht sie auch in **γέφυρα**. Vgl. Bechtel Hauptprobleme 114. Scheftelowitz BB. 29, 15f. 38 stellt dazu auch armen. *cov* Meer, See (**gebhu-*), *covanam* hinuntertauchen.

• translation:

Βαπτίζω, fut. *ίσω*, perf. *ικα*, to immerse repeatedly into a liquid; to submerge—to soak thoroughly, to saturate; hence, to drench with wine. *met.* to confound totally,—to dip in a vessel, and draw.=Pass. perf. **βεβάπτισμαι**, to be immersed, &c. Th. **βάπτω**.

(**Βάπτις**, *εως*, *ή*, or **βαπτισμός**, *οῦ*, *ό*, immersion; submersion; the act of washing, or bathing.

(**Βάπτισμα**, *ατος*, *τό*, an object immersed, submerged, washed, or soaked. s. s. as the foregoing.

Βαπτίζω, f. *-ίσω*, (**βάπτω**) to dip repeatedly; of ships, to sink them, Polyb. 2, 51, 6, etc.—Pass., To bathe, Eubul. Naus. 1: *οἱ βεβαπτισμένοι*, soaked in wine, Lat. *vino madidi*, Plat. Symp. 176 B: *ὀφλήμασι βεβ.*, over head and ears in debt, Plut. Galb. 21; *μειράκιον βαπτίζομενον*, a boy drowned with questions, Heind. Plat. Euthyd. 277 D.—II. to draw water, Plut. Alex. 67; cf. **βάπτω**.—III. to baptize, N. T. Hence,

Βάπτις, *εως*, *ή*, a dipping, bathing; a washing, drawing water; baptism, Eccl.

Βάπτισμα, *ατος*, *τό*, that which is dipped.—II. =foreg., N. T. ---

Βαπτίζω, f. *-ίσω*, p. **βεβάπτικα**, (fr. **βάπτω** to dip) to dip, immerse, immerse, plunge; to wash, cleanse, purify; to baptize; to depress, humble, overwhelm. **Βαπτίζομαι**, to wash one's self, to bathe; to sink, faint, be dejected. I a. act. **εβάπτισα**. impf. pass. **εβαπτίζομην**. per. pass. **βεβάπτισμαι**. I a. pass. **εβαπτίσθην**. I a. mid. ind. **εβαπτισάμην**.

Βάπτισμα, *-ατος*, *τό*, (fr. last) a washing, ablution; purification; baptism; the christian doctrine; depth of affliction or distress. g. sin. **βαπτισματος**, d. *-ματι*.

0.2. NEW TESTAMENT MEANINGS OF “BAPTO”, “BAPTIZO”

0.2.1. THE RITUAL CONNECTED TO REPENTANCE

- **Mt 3:11** "I baptize you with water for repentance, (Ἐγὼ μὲν ὑμᾶς βαπτίζω ἐν ὕδατι εἰς μετάνοιαν)

0.2.2. WASHING

- **Mr 7:4** and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they **wash**. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the **washing** of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches. (καὶ ἀπ’ ἀγορᾶς ἐὰν μὴ **βαπτίζονται** οὐκ ἐσθίουσιν, καὶ ἄλλα πολλά ἐστὶν ἃ παρέλαβον κρατεῖν, **βαπτισμοὺς** ποτηρίων καὶ ξεστῶν καὶ χαλκίων)
- **Hb 6:2** and of instruction about **washings** (βαπτισμῶν διδασχῆς)

0.2.3. DEATH

- **Lk 12:50** I have a **baptism** to be **baptized** with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! (βάπτισμα δὲ ἔχω βαπτισθῆναι, καὶ πῶς συνέχομαι ἕως οὗτου τελεσθῆ.)

0.2.4. IDENTIFICATION

- **Mt 28:19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, **baptizing** them in (εἰς) the **name** of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (βαπτίζοντες αὐτοὺς εἰς τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ υἱοῦ καὶ τοῦ ἁγίου πνεύματος)
- **Rom 6:3-4** all of us who have been **baptized** into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by **baptism** into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life (ὅσοι ἐβαπτίσθημεν εἰς Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν, εἰς τὸν θάνατον αὐτοῦ ἐβαπτίσθημεν; ⁴ συνετάφημεν οὖν αὐτῷ διὰ τοῦ βαπτίσματος εἰς τὸν θάνατον, ἵνα ὡς περ ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ἐκ νεκρῶν διὰ τῆς δόξης τοῦ πατρὸς, οὕτως καὶ ἡμεῖς ἐν καινότητι ζωῆς περιπατήσωμεν.)

0.3. BAPTISM AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

0.3.1. JESUS, THE HOLY SPIRIT, CHURCH UNITY

- **Mt 3:11** "I baptize you **with** (ἐν) water for repentance, but he who is coming after me ... will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire (Ἐγὼ μὲν ὑμᾶς βαπτίζω ἐν ὕδατι εἰς μετάνοιαν, ὁ δὲ ὀπίσω μου ἐρχόμενος ... αὐτὸς ὑμᾶς βαπτίσει ἐν πνεύματι ἁγίῳ καὶ πυρί)
- the agent → Jesus
- the medium → the Holy Spirit
- **1Cor 12:13** in (ἐν) one Spirit we were all baptized into (εἰς) one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and all were made to drink of one Spirit (ἐν ἐνὶ πνεύματι ἡμεῖς πάντες εἰς ἓν σῶμα ἐβαπτίσθημεν, εἴτε Ἰουδαῖοι εἴτε Ἕλληνες εἴτε δοῦλοι εἴτε ἐλεύθεροι, καὶ πάντες ἐν πνεύμα ἐποτίσθημεν)
- the agent → the Holy Spirit
- the medium → the Body (church)

0.3.2. JESUS, THE HOLY SPIRIT, POWER

- **[PROMISE] Acts 1:5-8** John baptized with water, but you will be **baptized** with the Holy Spirit (ἐν πνεύματι βαπτισθήσεσθε ἁγίῳ) not many days from now." ... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you (ἀλλὰ λήψεσθε δύναμιν ἐπελθόντος τοῦ ἁγίου πνεύματος ἐφ’ ὑμᾶς), and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth
- **[FULFILLMENT] Acts 2:4** And they were all **filled** with the Holy Spirit (καὶ ἐπλήσθησαν πάντες πνεύματος ἁγίου)

Acts 19:1-7 Ἐγένετο δὲ ἐν τῷ τὸν Ἀπολλῶ εἶναι ἐν Κορίνθῳ Παῦλον διελθόντα τὰ ἀνωτερικὰ μέρη [κατ]ελθεῖν εἰς Ἐφεσον καὶ εὑρεῖν τινὰς μαθητὰς ² εἶπέν τε πρὸς αὐτούς· εἰ πνεῦμα ἅγιον ἐλάβετε πιστεύσαντες; οἱ δὲ πρὸς αὐτόν· ἀλλ’ οὐδ’ εἰ πνεῦμα ἅγιον ἔστιν ἠκούσαμεν. ³ εἶπέν τε· εἰς τί οὖν ἐβαπτίσθητε; οἱ δὲ εἶπαν· εἰς τὸ Ἰωάννου βάπτισμα. ⁴ εἶπεν δὲ Παῦλος· Ἰωάννης ἐβάπτισεν βάπτισμα μετανοίας τῷ λαῷ λέγων εἰς τὸν ἐρχόμενον μετ’ αὐτόν

Acts 19:1-7 And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. ² And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³ And he said, "**Into what** then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." ⁴ And Paul said, "**John** baptized with the baptism of **repentance**, telling the people to **believe** in

ἵνα πιστεύσωσιν, τοῦτ' ἔστιν εἰς τὸν Ἰησοῦν.⁵ ἀκούσαντες δὲ ἐβαπτίσθησαν εἰς τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ,⁶ καὶ ἐπιθέντος αὐτοῖς τοῦ Παύλου [τὰς] χεῖρας ἦλθε τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον ἐπ' αὐτούς, ἐλάλουν τε γλώσσαις καὶ ἐπροφήτευον.⁷ ἦσαν δὲ οἱ πάντες ἄνδρες ὡσεὶ δώδεκα

the one who was to come after him, that is, **Jesus.**"⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in[to] the name of the Lord Jesus.⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.⁷ There were about twelve men in all.

1. MOTIVATION

1.1. WHAT IS CHURCH?

- a building? ... an institution/organization? ...
- (1) humanity of the future world [1Cor 15]; (2) the temple of God [1Cor 3]; (3) the army of God [David and Goliath]
- **1Tim 3:15** ...the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of truth (ἐκκλησία θεοῦ ζῶντος, στῦλος καὶ ἐδραῖωμα τῆς ἀληθείας.).
- **2Tim 2:20** Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable (Ἐν μεγάλῃ δὲ οἰκίᾳ οὐκ ἔστιν μόνον σκευὴ χρυσᾶ καὶ ἀργυρᾶ ἀλλὰ καὶ ξύλινα καὶ ὀστράκινα, καὶ ἃ μὲν εἰς τιμὴν ἃ δὲ εἰς ἀτιμίαν).

1.2. HOW JESUS VIEWS THE CHURCH

- **Eph 5:25-26** Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,
- **Mt 18:20** For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.

2. COMMITMENT

2.1. CHURCH AND THE SPIRITUAL UNITY

2.1.1. THE BAPTISM OF IDENTIFICATION → BELONGING (RELATIONSHIP)

- **LOVE**
- **1Cor 10:16** The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ (κοινωνία ἐστὶν τοῦ αἵματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ;)? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ (κοινωνία τοῦ σώματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ ἐστὶν)?

2.1.2. THE BAPTISM OF DEATH → MEMBERSHIP (INSTITUTION)

- **RESPONSIBILITY**
- **2Cor 4:9-12** ...persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.¹¹ For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.¹² So **death** is at work in us, but life in you (ὁ θάνατος ἐν ἡμῖν ἐνεργεῖται, ἡ δὲ ζωὴ ἐν ὑμῖν)
- **Gal 6:1-2** Brothers, if anyone is caught in any **transgression** (ἐν τινι παραπτώματι), you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.² **Bear one another's burdens** (Ἀλλήλων τὰ βάρη βαστάζετε), and so fulfill the law of Christ
- **2Cor 11:28** ...there is the daily pressure on me of my **anxiety** for all the churches (χωρὶς τῶν παρεκτὸς ἢ ἐπίστασίς μοι ἢ καθ' ἡμέραν, ἡ μέριμνα πασῶν τῶν ἐκκλησιῶν)

2.2. CHURCH AND THE SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

2.2.1. THE BAPTISM OF IDENTIFICATION → REVIVAL (THE PRESENCE OF GOD)

- **CELEBRATION**
- **Rom 8:14** For all who are **led by the Spirit of God** (πνεύματι θεοῦ ἄγονται) are sons of God ...**16** The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.
- **1Cor 14:25** the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that **God is really among you** (ἀπαγγέλλων ὅτι ὄντως ὁ θεὸς ἐν ὑμῖν ἐστὶν)

2.2.2. THE BAPTISM OF DEATH → PROGRAM/LITURGY (DEAD FORMALISM)

- **ATTENDANCE**

- **Mt 15:8** "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.
- **Gal 4:10** Ye observe **days**, and **months**, and **times**, and **years**.
- **2Tim 3:5** ...having the appearance of godliness (έχοντες μόρφωσιν εύσεβείας), but denying its power (τήν δέ δύναμιν αύτης ήρνημένοι). Avoid such people.
- **Isa 1:14** Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.
- **Heb 10:24-25** And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works (κατανοώμεν άλλήλους είς παροξυσμόν άγάπης και καλών έργων), ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some (μη έγκαταλείποντες την έπισυναγωγήν έαυτών, καθώς έθος τισίν), but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

2.3. CHURCH AND THE SPIRITUAL MINISTRY/SERVICE

2.3.1. THE BAPTISM OF IDENTIFICATION → MUTUAL HELP (EFFECTIVENESS)

- **ENCOURAGEMENT**
- **Eph 4:15** ...speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ
- **1Thes 5:14** ...we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle (νουθετείτε τους άτάκτους), encourage the fainthearted (παραμυθεΐσθε τους όλιγοψύχους), help the weak (άντέχεσθε των άσθενών), be patient with them all (μακροθυμείτε προς πάντα)
- **1Thes 5:11** Therefore encourage one another and build one another up (αρακαλείτε άλλήλους και οϊκοδομείτε), just as you are doing

2.3.2. THE BAPTISM OF DEATH → CARNAL MIND (HIERARCHY)

- **ANNOYANCE**
- **Gal 5:15** But if you bite and devour one another (δάκνετε και κατεσθίετε), watch out that you are not consumed by one another (άναλωθητε.)
- **3John 1:9** I have written something to the church, but Diotrefes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority (άλλ' ό φιλοπρωτεύων αύτων Διοτρέφης ούκ έπιδέχεται ήμάς.)
- **James 4:1** What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you (Πόθεν πόλεμοι και πόθεν μάχαι εν ύμϊν)? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?
- **Jude 1:4** certain people have crept in unnoticed (παρεισέδυσαν γάρ τινες άθρωποι)

3. TO REMEMBER

- Jesus founded a family, a nation, a kingdom – not a system of individually independent paths to heaven.
- On earth it is impossible to have content without form, spiritual reality without physical expression, → the soul without the body is dead.
- Becoming Christian is the same as become a church “member” in a spiritual sense. But the spiritual sense must find also a physical realization.