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**JOH 15:2, “Every branch in Me [Baptism of the Spirit] that does not bear fruit, He takes away [Divine Discipline]; and every {branch} that bears fruit [Fruit of the Spirit], He prunes it [suffering for blessing], that it may bear more fruit [Divine good and the glorification].**

This past week, we began JOH 15:2 with some isagogics and categorical doctrines as an introduction to this verse.

1. The first principle that we noted in JOH 15:2 is the principle of being “in Christ, as New Creatures or “in Christ as “New Spiritual Species” which says “Every branch in Me” referring to “every believer that is found and involved the Baptism of the Spirit.

According to the Word of GOD there are eight different baptisms found in the Bible, Five Dry and Three Wet.

1. The Baptism of John the Baptist; MAR 1:4.
2. The Baptism of Moses (1CO 10:1–3).
3. The Baptism of Jesus (MAT 3:13-17 ).
4. The Baptism of Fire (MAT 3:11-12).
5. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit (1CO 12:13).

6. The Baptism of the Cross; (MAR 10:35-39).
7. The Baptism of Church-age believers; (MAT 28:19).
8. Noah's type Baptism (1PE 3:18-22)

So, we have eight different baptisms that are found in the New Testament which means to be identified with something or someone as we ought to. Remember that the word baptism means identification or association, not water, though water is used in some of the baptisms.

And, as we also noted on Friday, there are two categories of baptisms or identification in the Scripture:

1. We have an actual identification which we call a Real Baptism.
2. We have a Ritual Baptism which is represented by the use of water and the appropriate identification that is mentioned in the passage.

The ritual baptism also uses water.

Now, there are five “real baptisms,” meaning something is *really identified* with something else which is real or someone else who is real.

We are going to look at a few in detail. I am going to give you some of the real baptisms and how they really relate to the Doctrine of Dispensations and living the spiritual life. I am also going to attempt to give you some further insight into the Doctrine of Baptisms by revealing to you the importance of identification and association, especially when we are living the spiritual life.

The Bible mentions some very important principles that do not include water.

Let me illustrate this by giving you a list of distinct baptisms found in the Bible including the only one left in operation today as taught by Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery; EPH 4:5.

Now, when the apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Ephesus, he said;

**EPH 4:4-5, {There is} one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.**

Notice in this section of the Word of God that oneness and unity is needed to fulfill the PPOG followed by your very own PSD.

Notice how fantastic the Apostle Paul writes as God the Holy Spirit, our Mentor, inspired the genius of the Apostle Paul, to put in writing many of the doctrines found in the Mystery Doctrines of the Church-age; EPH 3:1-10.

Now, since we are right here, let's look at what many believers can expect as they continually search for truth and not compromise their doctrinal conclusions. Look at what the apostle Paul wrote in EPH 4:4-6, where Paul never said; "There is one body, etc." To be totally accurate and seeking to emphasize certain nouns in the Greek language looks and sounds something like this:

EPH 4:4-6, notice what the apostle Paul says; **One body, one Spirit, one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.**

That is a loaded passage.

So, let me give you some doctrinal principles so that you will be able to receive even more than what you expected.

1. There is Noah's type of Baptism where the Apostle Peter mentions that eight people were saved by water because Noah's family identified with Noah and they were saved or delivered OUT OF THE WATER not saved or delivered in or by the water; GEN 6:13; 1PE 3:18-22.

We should never teach on the subject of baptism unless we include these two entire chapter found in GEN 6:1-13 and 1PE 3:18-22.

**GEN 6:1-13, Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.**

**Then the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless, his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."**

**The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came into the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown. Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.**

**And the Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them."**

**But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God.**

**And Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence.**

**And God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth. Then God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth.**

2. We have the Baptism unto Moses when the apostle Paul presents Israel’s baptism unto Moses “in the cloud and in the sea;” 1CO 10:1-2; EXO 14:29.

For example, look at the first dry baptism which is the Baptism of Moses; 1CO 10:1-2. In 1CO 10:1, we read; **For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;**

Now, the word “baptized is the aorist passive indicative of the verb baptizo and the passive voice tells us that they received the action of the verb which is the fact that they were being identified with Moses.

And this identification, not water baptism, but identification with Moses also went on after they crossed the Red Sea and lived in the wilderness.

**So that in 1CO 10:3-6, and all ate the same spiritual food; and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.**

**Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low [killed by God] in the wilderness. Now these things happened as examples for us, that we should not crave evil things, as they also craved.**

This was a real identification in which Moses was identified with the open path through the Red Sea and the Jews were identified with Moses. And, the water involved in this baptism killed the Egyptian military, it did not save them at all.

Here, mainly Egyptian unbelievers were immersed in the water as a means of our Lord killing them with the exception of a few Egyptians and rabble who had believed in the God of Israel, Jehovah Elohim, the Lord God who led others to salvation by means of the Ten Plagues.

Here, mainly unbelievers, with the exception of some, were immersed or dipped in the water as a means of death.

3. The next baptism is the baptism of the cross which is found in MAR 10:38. One of the many benefits of reading the verses that we are noting so that we can become familiar with the book in the Bible as well as the author of the book and the personality and character that we are studying in the book.

Here, the cup mentioned is the cup of the Cross where our LORD was about to be identified with the sins of mankind. Nothing to do with water here but everything to do with the reality of the identification that would take place between the Lord Jesus Christ drinking the cup of sins from mankind by means of the Baptism of the Cross.

4. The fourth baptism is the Baptism of the Spirit which is a Real dry baptism and not a WET baptism because the Baptism of the Spirit occurs at the moment of salvation for Church-age believers only, **1CO 12:13, For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.**

The baptism of the Spirit is the means of forming the Royal Family and of breaking the back of the old sin nature as the old ruler of human life. Through this baptism, the believer is positionally changed because he or she was placed in Christ, and identified with Him, as a member of His body, which is the Church, where He is the head and we are identified as members of His body. Here is the most important baptism for us. This is a real baptism not a ritual. In fact, this baptism, the baptism of the Spirit, is more real to us then who we are at the present time.