

My baptism into Christ is the most important of the three baptisms

Eph 4:5 **One Lord** (Christ, my owner), **one faith** (His), **one baptism** (into Him);

Heb 6:1-2 **...Not laying again the foundation of...the doctrine of (three) baptisms...**

Baptism #1 – The baptism of repentance, forgiveness of sins, the birth of Christ into me

Acts 19:4 **Paul** (to some disciples), **“John baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after Him, that is, on Christ Jesus (who will bear their sins on the cross).”**

Acts 2:38 **Peter said "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized (cleansed) in the name (by the word) of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you will (afterwards, if you're willing) receive the gift of the Holy Spirit”.**

Ezek 36:25 **I will sprinkle clean water (my word) on you (your heart) you will be clean**

Acts 26:18 **...That they may receive forgiveness of sins...**

1 Pe 1:23 **Having been born again...by (their heart belief of) the word of God...**

John 1:12 **As many as received Him (Jesus, the word of God) He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name (His word):**

John 3:3 (Jesus)...**Unless one is born again, they cannot see the kingdom of God** (kingdom words are in their spirit, they see them, but their will isn't yet there)

Baptism #2 – Water baptism, my outward act symbolizing my belief that my heart is clean from sin, also anticipating my immersion into Christ and my dying with Christ to my flesh

Mark 1:8 (John) **I indeed baptized you with water** (after you repented), **but He** (Jesus) **will baptize you with the Holy Spirit** (after you surrender to Him).

Acts 8:36-38 **...Here's water, why can't I (an Ethiopian) be baptized?" "You may if you believe with all your heart," He said "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." They went down into the water and he baptized him.**

Baptism #3 – My baptism with the Holy Spirit, into Christ, my will (soul) putting on Christ

Acts 1:5 **John baptized with water but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit;**

Rom 13:14 **Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh...**

Gal 3:2 **As many of you as were baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.**

Matt 18:3 **Unless you are converted (born again) and (then) become as a little child (willing to obey) you will not enter the kingdom of heaven (enter Christ).**

Eph 4:22-24 **Put off...the old person (human nature or flesh)...put on the new person (your spirit ruling over your will) **which was created to be like God...** TLB**

Rom 8:9 **You are not in the flesh but in the spirit if the Spirit of God lives in you;**

Rom 8:14 **As many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the children of God.**