

# Foundations — My Life In Christ — Unit 1

## MLIC 1.2

## First Steps - Two Baptisms

I. **First Steps** – Steps of faith and obedience to the Lord are vital to experiencing the growth necessary to fully discover and realize God's unique plan for your life. You will hear this referred to as “walking with the Lord.” **Heb 6:1-2** Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, **let us go on to perfection**, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 **of the doctrine of baptisms**, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

**A. Let us go on to perfection –**

1. **Heb 6:1-2** THEREFORE LET us go on and get past the elementary stage in the teachings and doctrine of Christ (the Messiah), **advancing steadily toward the completeness and perfection that belong to spiritual maturity**. Let us not again be laying the foundation of repentance and abandonment of dead works (dead formalism) and of the faith [by which you turned] to God, AMP
  2. **What do the above verses tell you about God’s work in the life of the Believer and how it will be built?**
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**B. Foundation Stones (Heb 6:1-3):**

1. **Jesus Christ – Cornerstone or beginning point for building – Eph 2:20**
2. **Repentance and faith** – turn from self oriented living to installing Christ as Lord personally – **Acts 2:38-39**
3. **Baptisms** – Immersed physically in water and spiritually in the Holy Spirit – **Romans 6:1-4 / Acts 1:5**
4. **Laying on of hands** – Taking your place in the local body of Christ in conjunction with the Elders and deacons
  - a. For Receiving the Holy Spirit – **Acts 8:17, 19**
  - b. For Placement in Local church service – **Acts 6:6 / Acts 13:3**
  - c. For Healing – **Acts 12:17**
  - d. For Blessings – **Genesis 48:14**
5. **Resurrection from the dead** – the other great miracle – Christ was physically dead, raised from the dead, and Believer’s shall also be physically raised from the dead. **1 Cor 15:1-11**
6. **Eternal Judgment** – Each person will stand before God, saved totally by grace while still rewarded for works of faith. **Eph 2:8-9; 2 Peter 2:4-11**

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## II. The Doctrine of Baptisms:

### A. Definitions:

1. **Root Greek word – “bapto”** “to dip something into a fluid and then take it out; to cover with a fluid.” **Luke 16:24**
2. **Greek Word “baptizo”** – to cause something to be dipped; to be plunged; (fully wet) submerged into.” **Acts 2:38**

### B. Water Baptism:

1. **Baptism of John - Matt 3:1-11** 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!**" ... "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.'" ... "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 **Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance ...**
    - a. **Turning from sin** – \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. **Turning to belief in Messiah’s imminent arrival - faith**
    - c. **Jesus was baptized by John – Matt 3:13-17** Then Jesus **came from Galilee to John** at the Jordan to be baptized by him. ... 17 "**This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**"
  2. **Baptism of Believer’s - Matt 28:18-20 ... 19** Go therefore and **make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo...
    - a. **Turning from sin** – repentance – Acts 2:37-38
    - b. **Turning to God** – faith – Born again
    - c. \_\_\_\_\_
      - Water Baptism administered throughout the New Testament
      - Water Baptism is for all believers
      - Water Baptism administered directly after conversion
    - d. Baptized into Christ as a step of faith – Gal 3:27 – Identification
    - e. Other Scriptures: Mark 16:15-18 / Acts 2:41 / Acts 8:12-38 / Acts 9:5-18 / Acts 10:48 / Acts 16:14-34 / Acts 18:8 / Acts 19:1-6 / Rom 6:3-10
    - f. When should a Believer be water baptized?
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C. **Baptism in the Holy Spirit - Acts 2:38** Then Peter said to them, "**Repent, and let every one of you be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and **you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** (Read Acts 2:1-4 as well)

1. **Promised:**

- a. **Foretold** in the Old Testament: **Joel 2:28** "And it shall come to pass afterward that I will **pour out My Spirit on all flesh**; ... **Isa 28:11-12** For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, 12 To whom He said, "**This is the rest** with which You may cause the weary to rest," and, "**This is the refreshing**"; yet they would not hear.
- b. **Promised** by Jesus: **Acts 1:4-5** And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to **wait for the Promise of the Father**, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be **baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now." John 1:33 / John 7:38-39 / Luke 24:49

2. **Terms that describe receiving the Holy Spirit's fullness:**

- a. **Poured out upon** – **Joel 2:28** "And it shall come to pass afterward that **I will pour out My Spirit** on all flesh;
- b. **Baptism** with the Holy Spirit – **Matt 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. / Acts 1:5
- c. **Endued with Power** – **Luke 24:49** Behold, I send the **Promise of My Father** upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until **you are endued with power from on high.**"
- d. **Come upon** – **Acts 1:8** But you shall receive power when the **Holy Spirit has come upon you**; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
- e. **Filled** with the Holy Spirit – **Acts 2:4** And they were all **filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

3. **What is the result of being baptized with the Holy Spirit?**

- a. **Joel 2:28** \_\_\_\_\_

