



The Doctrine Of Baptisms & Mikvah (מקווה)



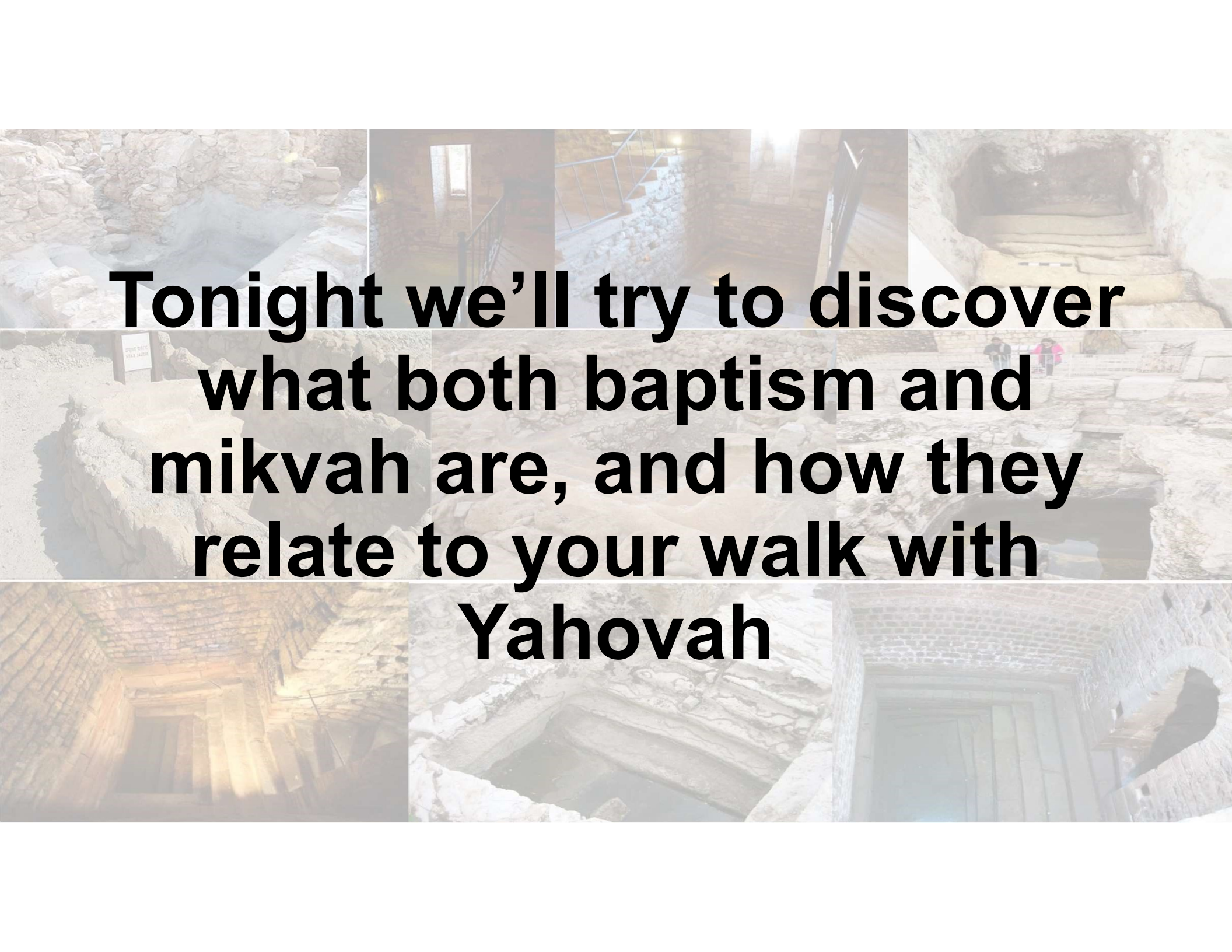
**Baptism and mikvah
are similar but not the
same.**



They are sometimes at odds doctrinally, while they are often doctrinally complementary.



**We traditionally look at
Mikvah as being a Hebrew
concept while we see
baptism as being a
Christian rite**



**Tonight we'll try to discover
what both baptism and
mikvah are, and how they
relate to your walk with
Yahovah**



Hebrews 6:1-2

¹Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, ² of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.



Christian Foundations

**Scripture identifies six
principle doctrines of Yahshua
which comprise the
FOUNDATION upon which
Christians are to build their
lives on.**



Christian Foundations

Repentance From Dead Works (sin)

Faith Towards Yahovah

The Doctrine Of Baptisms

The Laying On Of Hands

The Resurrection Of The Dead

Eternal Judgment



A Rabbit Hole

Judgments

**The Great White Throne Judgment
(for the unsaved Revelation 20:11-15)
and**

**The Judgment Seat of Yahshua
(for the saved 2 Corinthians 5:10).**



Christian Foundations

Once we are securely built on the principles of the doctrine of Yahshua. We need to go on to perfection and maturity by building the rest of our spiritual lives on this foundation. This is a process and not a one time event.

Being Saved





Being Saved

Romans 10:9

⁹That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the LORD Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.



Being Saved

**“Saved” –
‘Sozo’ in Greek**

Means “to make whole”.



Being Saved

**This is a process.
We are not completely whole until
we are given our immortal bodies.
Being saved is not an end state, it
is a growth process as we become
more mature in our spiritual lives.**



Baptism

**Most Christian religions recognize
three foundational baptisms**

Water Baptism

Spirit Baptism

Fire Baptism



Baptism

**This is the doctrine of
baptisms
(it is plural);
there is more than one
baptism.**



Baptism

**Baptism comes from the Greek baptiszo:
to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge –
to cleanse by dipping, submerging, or to wash, to make clean with water, bathe –
to overwhelm**



Baptism

John 3:5-8

⁵ Yahshua answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."



Baptism

1 Corinthians 10:1-2

¹For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud (Spirit Baptism) and that they all passed through the sea (Water Baptism). ²They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.



Baptism

**Baptism is an action
identifying us with
Yahshua's death and
resurrection.**



Baptism

Romans 3:4

4“Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Yahshua was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life”

The background of the slide is a collage of six photographs. The top row features three images: a large, rectangular stone font with a central basin; a view down a narrow, dimly lit stone corridor; and a stone font with a small, arched opening. The bottom row features three images: a stone font with a small sign that reads 'BAPTISTE DE LA VILLE'; a view of a stone font with a small, arched opening; and a stone font with a small, arched opening. The word 'Baptism' is centered over the top row of images.

Baptism

**Baptism does not save you,
but shows the world what has already
happened in your life. It is a public
confession of faith. It shows that you have
died to your old sinful ways, and have put
on the new man (or woman), which is
righteous and holy.**



Why Should I Be Baptized?



Why Should I Be Baptised?

Yahshua told us to baptize the new believers, and He Himself was baptized to give the example by being baptized.



Why Should I Be Baptised?

Matthew 3:17

¹⁷When Yahshua rose from the water, Yahovah said from Heaven “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased”



Why Should I Be Baptised?

**You should be baptized because
Yahshua tells you to, and because
He set the example by being
baptized.**



Why Should I Be Baptised?

If God the Father was “well pleased” when Yahshua was baptized, you should please Him by doing the same.

Water Baptism





Water Baptism

**Water baptism is a
necessary act in
Christian life.**



Water Baptism

**We should be baptized
because Yahshua told us
to.**



Water Baptism

Matthew 28:19

**19“Go ye therefore, and
teach all nations,
baptizing them...”**



Water Baptism

Matthew 3:11
John the Baptist
(Yohannan Ben Zechariah
[a Cohen]) is speaking



Water Baptism Rabbit Hole

**Because the Pharasitical system was so
corrupt –
with High Priests who were political
appointees and not from the lineage of
Aaron,
Yahshua needed to be mikvah by a Cohen.
We'll cover the mikvah later.**



Water Baptism

Matthew 3:11

¹¹ I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and with fire:

Holy Spirit Baptism





Holy Spirit Baptism

Acts 2:1-4

¹And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ²And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. ³And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.



Holy Spirit Baptism

Baptism in the Holy Spirit gives you the power to overcome sin, live a holy life, and become a bold witness for Yahshua. The Holy Spirit gives you the boldness to preach (or witness) without fear.



Holy Spirit Baptism

Acts 4:31

³¹And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spake the word of God with boldness.



Holy Spirit Baptism

**Without Yahshua, your preaching
or witnessing is done from the
flesh and will go nowhere. Your
flesh is weak.**

**YOU NEED THE BAPTISM OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT.**



Holy Spirit Baptism

Yahshua told His disciples after His resurrection to wait for the Holy Spirit before they started preaching. They couldn't preach out of the flesh. Their flesh was too weak to stand up to the persecutions that would come. They needed the Holy Spirit for boldness and comfort.



Holy Spirit Baptism

**Preaching, witnessing and
just plain living without the
Holy Spirit is powerless.**



Holy Spirit Baptism

Yahshua said in John 5:15
15“without ME ye can do
NOTHING”

and He speaks to us through the
Holy Spirit.



Holy Spirit Baptism

They weren't preaching using man's wisdom; they were preaching using the Holy Spirit of Yahovah. The Holy Spirit was guiding their preaching.

Baptism Of Fire





Baptism Of Fire

**The Baptism of Fire is the
holy purge given to you by
the Holy Spirit.**



Baptism Of Fire

Matthew 3:11

¹¹ I [John the Baptist] indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and with fire”.



Baptism Of Fire

This is the Holy Spirit's work of purging you of ALL of your sins, referred to in the Bible as sanctification. Sanctification is the processes of making you holy.



Baptism Of Fire

**Once you start bearing
spiritual fruit, Yahovah will
purge you so that you will
bear MORE FRUIT.**



Baptism Of Fire

John 15:2

2“...every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.”



Baptism Of Fire

**If you are willing to let Him
purge you at any cost, you will
bring forth much fruit. It will be
quality fruit that can withstand
Yahovah's test of fire.**



Baptism Of Fire

1Corinthians 3:13

¹³Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.



Baptism Of Fire

Baptism of Fire also refers to the persecution that all Christians will face. Your faith will be tried by fire that it might be found unto praise, honor and glory at the appearing of Yahshua.



Baptism Of Fire

1 Peter 1:7

⁷That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Yahshua.



Baptism Of Fire

2 Timothy 3:12

**¹²If you are living holy, you will
suffer persecution**



Baptism Of Fire

1 Peter 4:12-13

¹² Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: ¹³ But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Yahshua's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.



Baptism Of Fire

The persecution will divide us between the sheep and the goats, for the goats will not be able to stand the heat, thus purging the church of the fake Christians. It will either strengthen your faith in Yahshua, or show that you never had faith.



Baptism Of Fire

Philippians 1:14

¹⁴“And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear”.



Baptism Of Fire

The Baptism of Fire is the act of the Holy Spirit to purge you of ALL your sins, including ones you don't even know about, and make you pure, holy, separate from this world, and set apart for God.



Baptism Of Fire

1 Corinthians 12:13

¹³For 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.

Baptism Is Not Mikvah



The background of the slide is a collage of several images showing ancient stone structures, likely Jewish ritual baths (mikvahs). The images are semi-transparent and layered, showing different views of stone pools and staircases. The text is overlaid on this background.

Baptism Is Not Mikvah

Like many things we read in the Bible, baptism is only a part of what Yahshua practiced. Yahshua followed the Hebrew, Torah based, practice of Mikvah. Baptism is what is practiced by “Christian” religions.



Mikvah



Mikvah

Most forms of ritual impurity can be purified through immersion in any natural collection of water. This requires "living or running water", such as springs or groundwater wells.



Mikvah

Living water has the further advantage of being able to purify even while flowing, as opposed to rainwater which must be stationary in order to purify. The *mikveh* is designed to simplify this requirement, by providing a facility that remains in contact with a natural source of water.



Mikvah

“The Greek word for baptism is baptizo meaning to immerse or dip a cloth into a vat of dye. The word is derived from an industry of dying cloth in Lebanon. The vats used to hold the different colors of dye, and the process of placing the cloth into the vats was called baptizo.



Mikvah

The ritual purity process of immersion, in the Torah and time of Yahshua, was known as Mikvah.



Mikvah

The Hebrew word for immersion is tevilah and means literally immersing in a ritual bath known as a mikvah



Mikvah

Immersion is the act of washing, performed to correct a condition of ritual impurity and restore the impure to a state of ritual purity. It is never for the purpose of cleaning or bathing the body.



Mikvah

The mikvah was of great importance to the first century Jew. It was understood that if a community or village had only enough money for a synagogue or a mikvah, the mikvah would be built first.



Mikvah

The Torah speaks of numerous things that make a person Tomeh (ritually unclean), and a number of processes of purification. The one act required in all purification processes was immersion in the mikvah.



Mikvah

Life for the average Jew, in the average village, depended on access to the mikvah. A man from the tribe of Levi, a son of Aaron could not assume his office as priest until he had gone through a mikvah.



Mikvah

**Before a person could be tahor
(ritually clean) to enter the
grounds of the Holy Temple in
Jerusalem, he must be
immersed in the mikvah.**



Mikvah

The severest punishment was imposed on a person for entering the Temple area in the state of tomeah (ritual impurity).



Mikvah

A woman in her monthly cycle was required to wear special clothing so all would know that she was in a state of niddah (ritually unclean due to monthly cycle). She would not be tahor (ritually clean) until after entering the mikvah.



Mikvah

Immersion in a mikvah is an integral part of conversion to Judaism. Without immersion conversion is not valid. There are many more times an immersion in a mikvah is customary.



Mikvah

**The Mikvah is a ritual bath,
the Hebrew word mikvah
means a "pool" or
"gathering" of water.**



Mikvah

Leviticus 11:36

36"Only a spring and a pit, a gathering (Mikvah) of water, shall be clean..."



Was Yahshua Baptized Or Mikvah?



Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

Baptism (mikvah) is done by complete immersion in water only. This is the only method found in the Bible, and therefore is the only legitimate one with God. The first proof is that people were traveling to bodies of water to be baptized.



Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

Now if they were baptizing by sprinkling or pouring water on them, why would then have been traveling to bodies of water when they could have just used some water from their well or cistern? Because it was a mikvah, not a baptism.



Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

**Baptism was not a religious
rite in the Old Testament or
the Gospels – one was
Mikvah**



Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

Yohannan Ben Zechariah was performing the mikvah in the Jordan River:

Matthew 3:6

⁶And were baptized (*mikvah*) of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.



Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

Mark 1:5

⁵And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized (*mikvah*) of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.



Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

**Yahshua was mikvah in the
Jordan River by Yohannan Ben
Zechariah**



Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

(Mark 1:9)

⁹At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized (*mikvah*) by John in the Jordan.



Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

Yahshua's mikvah was by immersion



Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

Matthew 3:16

¹⁶“he went up straightway out of the water”.

Yahshua had been under the water.



Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

Another reason why immersion is the only valid method is because it is the only one that portrays the death and resurrection of our Yahshua. The submersion under the water symbolizes both death and burial.



Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

Romans 6:4

4“Therefore we are buried with him by baptism (*mikvah*) into death...”



Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

Nothing about sprinkling or pouring symbolizes death. Immersion also is the only one that portrays a resurrection from the dead. Just as Yahshua rose from the dead, you rise out of the water.



Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

Colossians 2:12

¹²“Buried with him in baptism (*mikvah*), wherein also ye are risen with [him] through the faith of the operation of Yahovah, who hath raised him from the dead”.



Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

Immersion is the only acceptable method of Mikvah because it is the only one used in the Bible, and it is the only one that symbolizes Yahshua's death and resurrection



Six Reasons For Mikvah



Six Reasons For Mikvah

Purification
Repentance
Identification
Spirit
Fire
Suffering



Six Reasons - Purification

Purification

**You are contaminated by the world
and the mikvah will wash away the
uncleanliness and leave it behind
you**



Six Reasons- Purification

Acts 21:26

²⁶The next day Paul took the men and purified himself along with them. Then he went to the temple to give notice of the date when the days of purification would end and the offering would be made for each of them.



Six Reasons- Purification

John 11:55

⁵⁵When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, many went up from the country to Jerusalem for their ceremonial cleansing before the Passover.



Six Reasons- Purification

You would go to the Temple with your sin offering (a sacrificial animal) – disrobe – enter the mikvah pool, totally immerse yourself – allow the moving water to wash over you removing any uncleanness allowing it to wash away with the water, never to come back. That's your past, it is over. The uncleanness is gone.



Six Reasons- Repentance

Repentance

Your past sins are separated from you by the mikvah. This provides redemption from your past.



Six Reasons- Repentance

Matthew 3:11

¹¹ I indeed baptize (*mikvah*) you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize (*mikvah*) you with the Holy Spirit, and with fire.



Six Reasons- Repentance

Luke 3:3

³ And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism (*mikvah*) of repentance for the remission of sins;



Six Reasons- Repentance

Mark 1:4

⁴ John did baptize (*mikvah*) in the wilderness, and preach the baptism (*mikvah*) of repentance for the remission of sins.



Six Reasons- Repentance

Acts 19:4-5

⁴ Then said Paul, John verily baptized (*mikvah*) with the baptism (*mikvah*) of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Yahshua.

⁵ When they heard this, they were baptized (*mikvah*) in the name of Yahshua.



Six Reasons - Identification

Identification

**Identifying with Messiah
through His act of burial and
resurrection into a new life.**



Six Reasons - Identification

Acts 2:38

³⁸ Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized (*mikvah*) every one of you in the name of Yahshua for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Six Reasons - Identification

Romans 6:3-4

³ Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized (*mikvah*) into Yahshua were baptized (*mikvah*) into his death? ⁴ Therefore we are buried with him by baptism (*mikvah*) into death: that like as Yahshua was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.



Six Reasons - Identification

Galatians 3:27-29

²⁷ For as many of you as have been baptized (*mikvah*) into Yahshua have put on Yahshua.

²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Yahshua. ²⁹ And if ye be Yahshua's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.



Six Reasons - Spirit

Spirit

**Receiving the Holy Spirit;
sealing each Believer for the
day of redemption**



Six Reasons - Spirit

Mark 1:8

⁸ I indeed have baptized (*mikvah*) you with water: but he shall baptize (*mikvah*) you with the Holy Spirit.



Six Reasons - Spirit

John 14:26

²⁶ But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.



Six Reasons - Spirit

Acts 11:15

¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, as on us at the beginning.



Six Reasons - Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³ Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

The background of the slide is a collage of various archaeological ruins, including stone walls, staircases, and ancient structures, all in a sepia or aged tone.

Six Reasons - Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 Manifestations of the Spirit

⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. ⁸ For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; ⁹ To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; ¹⁰ To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: ¹¹ But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.



Six Reasons - Fire

Fire

**Being Spirit-filled by holy fire
through His teachings, fruit-
bearing, and gifts**



Six Reasons - Fire

Acts 2:3-4

³ And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.



Six Reasons - Fire

Acts 2:17-21

¹⁷ And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith Yahovah, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

¹⁸ And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:



Six Reasons - Fire

**¹⁹ And I will shew wonders in heaven above,
and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and
fire, and vapour of smoke:
²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness, and
the moon into blood, before the great and
notable day of the Yahovah come: ²¹ And it
shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call
on the name of the Yahovah shall be saved.**



Six Reasons - Suffering

Suffering

**We learn His ways by laying
down our own self-will**



Six Reasons - Suffering

Romans 5:3-5

³ And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; ⁴ And patience, experience; and experience, hope: ⁵ And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of Yahovah is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us.



Six Reasons - Suffering

Romans 8:17-18

¹⁷ And if children, then heirs; heirs of Yahovah, and joint-heirs with Yahshua; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. ¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.



Six Reasons - Suffering

2 Timothy 3:12

¹² Yea, and all that will live
godly in Yahshua shall
suffer persecution.



Six Reasons

There is so much more to mikvah than that of being immersed completely into water as a new Believer through obedience. It also the immersion of teachings, the fruit-bearing and the gifts that are received from the Holy Spirit; and not to be left unmentioned, our sealing to Yahshua!



Mikvah In Prophecy



Mikvah In Prophecy

In Revelation 19:7 the bride who is the Lambs wife made herself ready. While everyone else was running around doing their thing, the bride got ready and was immersed into the mikvah.



Mikvah In Prophecy

In Jeremiah 17:12-13 it is written:
¹²"A glorious high throne from the beginning
is the place of our sanctuary. ¹³ O Yahovah,
the hope (mikvah) of Israel, all that forsake
thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart
from me shall be written in the earth, because
they have forsaken Yahovah, the fountain of
living waters".



Mikvah In Prophecy

The word translated “hope” in verse 13 is ‘Mikvah’ thus giving us the understanding that Messiah is the cleansing fountain (Mikvah) or hope of Israel.



Mikvah In Prophecy

**While Messiah still hung, on the cross
a Roman soldier pierced His side.
Immediately there came out blood and
water";
(the cleansing fountain or Mikvah for
Israel).**



Mikvah In Prophecy

In Zechariah 13:1 it is prophetically written:

¹"In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness."

Summary



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There Are Six Christian Foundations –

one is the Doctrine of Baptisms



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Being “Saved” – (to make whole) is a process. We are not completely whole until we are given our immortal bodies. Being saved is not an end state, it is a growth process as we become more mature in our spiritual lives.



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Mikvah requires "living or running water"



Summary

Yahshua was mikvah, not baptized.



Summary

Raised as a Jew, Yahshua was familiar with mikvah, how it was practiced, and what it meant. He had never heard of baptism.



Summary

There are six reasons for Mikvah:

**Purification
Repentance
Identification
Spirit
Fire
Suffering**



Summary

**There is so much more to
baptism or mikvah than
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into water**



Summary

**Prophetically, Yahshua has
Mikvah Israel and all those
who believe in Him.**

