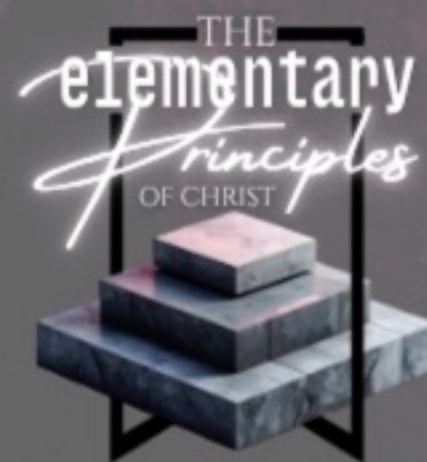


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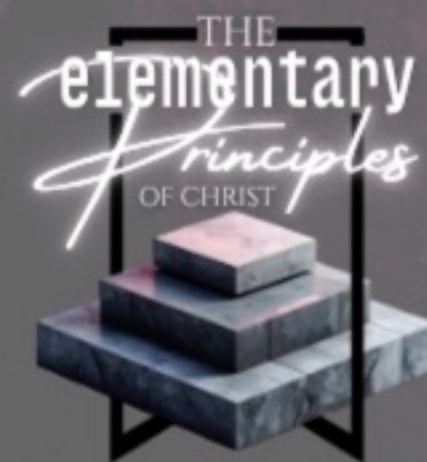
What is the doctrine of baptisms?

- *Baptismos* (plural) – “as a religious technical term related to ceremonial rites of purification by the use of water act of dipping, immersion” (ALGNT)
 - “a washing, purification effected by means of water” (THAYER)
- Scriptural appearance (4x) — **Mark 7:4, 8; Hebrews 6:2; 9:10**



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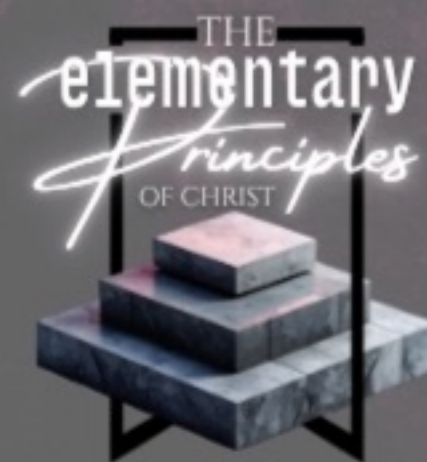
- The one baptism of the Christian faith? (**Eph. 4:5; Acts 19:4-5**)
- Several acts of baptism within the divine record? (**Acts 2:41, 47**)
- The baptisms directly under the reign and administration of Christ? (**Matthew 3:11-12; Acts 19:4-5**)
- **The various Jewish washings as shadows in the Old Testament culminating in the fulfillment of the cleansing of Jesus' blood by the one baptism in His name. (**Hebrews 9:6-14; 10:1-2, 19-22**)**



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Baptisms for Purification

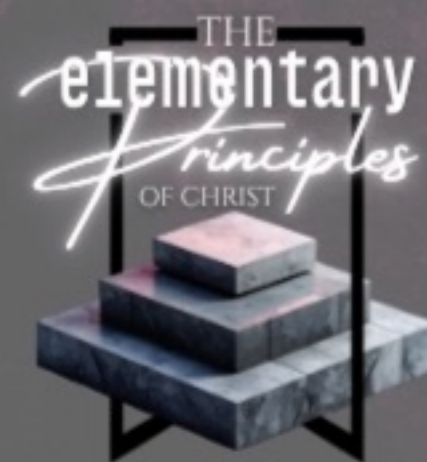
- Various washings unable to purify conscience — **Hebrews 9:9-10, 13** — *“ashes of a heifer...purifying of the flesh”*
- Instructions on the water of purification — **Numbers 19**
- Ezekiel’s use of the water of purification — **Ezekiel 36:24-27**
- The water of purification tied to the cleansing of Christ’s blood accessed in baptism — **Hebrews 9:13-14; 10:19-22 (Acts 22:16)**



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Baptisms for Consecration

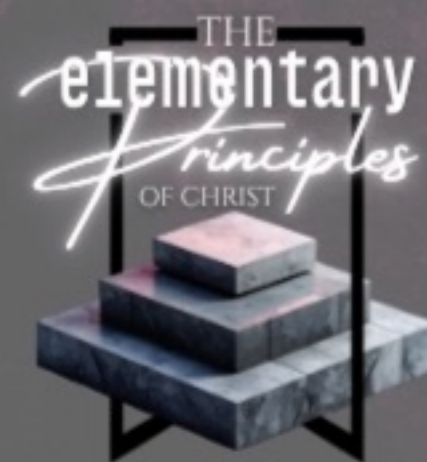
- Baptism consecrates — John 17:19; 1 Corinthians 6:11, 19-20
- Initial washing of priests in consecration to service — Exodus 29:1, 4; Leviticus 8:6
- Purification by Jesus' blood consecrates us to service — Hebrews 9:13-14; 10:22; Romans 6:4; Colossians 3:1; Ephesians 2:4-6, 10



The Doctrine of Baptisms

Baptisms to Approach God in Service

- Priests washed every time they approached God to serve — **Exodus 30:17-21; 2 Chron. 4:6** — *“their hands and their feet”*
- The offering itself was washed — **Leviticus 1:8-9**
- Baptism is the washing that makes our service acceptable — **Hebrews 9:14; 10:22 (Romans 12:1; Hebrews 13:12, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:5)**



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