

# Baptism

## Chapter 7

1. And concerning baptism, baptise in this manner: 2. Having first taught all of these things, baptise in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, in living water. 3. But if you have no living water, baptise in other water; and if you cannot do so in cold water, do so in warm. 4. But if you have neither, pour water three times upon the head in the name of Father and Son and Holy Spirit. 5. But before the baptism let the baptiser fast, and the one desiring to be baptised, and whoever else is in the company of the one to be baptised if possible; but you shall at least order the one who desires to be baptised to fast one or two days before their baptism.

### How To Perform A Baptism

The ritual of the Baptism itself does not have to be elaborate. The use a household tub or shower can be used for Baptism. Baptism is used to symbolize the washing away of one's sins of their former life before they came to Messiah and His Faith and Way. The person being Baptised has already been baptised by Holy Spirit when they accepted Yeshua into their life. The next step is to perform the symbolic Baptism.

1. If at all possible both Baptiser and the person being Baptised should fast for one or two days leading up to the day of the Baptism. If there are health issues then fasting is not an option. Baptism should be done during the day.
2. If there is access to a stream, river, or pool it would be appropriate to use one of these options for Baptism. If not, then use a regular household tub or shower. For a tub, fill it, as you would normally do for a bath.
3. The Baptiser can read passages from the Scriptures such as Matthew 3:4-6, 11; 13,14; Acts 2:47
4. The Baptiser recites the following prayers: a. {Make the sign of the Cross on one's self and then over the water say:} In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit; water Blessed by the Living Spirit. [At this point the Baptiser may immerse the person being Baptised in the water or the Baptiser can sprinkle/pour the water over the person being Baptised] b. {"The person Baptising and the person that was Baptised should pray this three times as the Lord has taught."} Our Father in heaven, may your name be sanctified. Your Kingdom come. Your will be done, as in heaven, so on earth. Give us the bread of our need this day. Forgive us our offenses, as we have forgiven those who have offended us. And do not permit us to be brought into trial, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.
5. After the Baptism the Baptiser may recite the following prayer: Before all things I thank you and acknowledge you as Almighty God; to You be the glory for ever and ever.
6. The Baptiser then can read the following passages: Matthew 28:16-20
7. The Baptiser then can recite the following passages from the Didache: Be observant for the sake of your own life. Do no permit your lamps to be quenched, nor lose sight of your sandals; but always be prepared, for you do not know the hour in which the Lord

will come. But you shall assemble yourselves as often as possible, seeking all the things which are befitting to your souls, for the whole time of your faith will not be of benefit to you if you are not perfected in The Way by the last day.

8. The person Baptised may recite the following prayer: Lord, may I never stand in idleness; Guide my thoughts to meditate on You; Guide my hands to do Your work, And guide my ears to hear only Your instructions, And may I always walk in Your Presence.