

Immersion

Mark 16:16 proclaims “He who has believed and has been immersed, shall be saved, but he who has not believed shall be condemned.”

Hebrews 6 - Immersion is a Foundational Doctrine. So what is the doctrine of Immersions?

Immersion is not something new nor is it a one time event - It is very Hebrew act.

Hebrew is a person in Covenant. Hebrew means "cross over" so every Hebrew must immerse.

Abraham was the first to cross over. He believed and he crossed over. This is the pattern.

Mikveh means running water so we are immersed in running/ moving water.

Tevila is the act of immersion.

Different immersions of the Covenant

Immersion of Purification example Acts 21. This is the immersion which symbolically cleanses us before we meet with YHWH. Described in Torah. Not a final or complete immersion. Water only can clean what it touches. Something done repeatedly as a means of going from unclean to clean. Consecrate, dedicate something or someone to YHWH

Immersion of Yahanan (Immersion of Repentance) Prepares the way for Messiah.

Mattityahu 3:11. I immerse you in water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to bear. He shall immerse you in the Set Apart Spirit and with fire.

Acts 1:5. Yahushua said “Yahanan truly immersed in water but you shall be immersed in the Set Apart Spirit.”

Yahushua was immersed with this Immersion so we, as His Talmudim follow His example.

Immersion in the Name of Yahushua (Immersion of Identification)

We immerse in the Name of Yahushua in preparation for His Immersion. Name = Authority
By immersing in the Name of Yahushua we recognize His authority to forgive sins after we repent. In Matthew 28:18 Yahushua proclaimed “All authority has been given to Me in the Heavens and on Earth.”

There is a question of what the rest of the text says. In many texts Matthew 28:19 continues “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations immersing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Set Apart Spirit.”

Eusibius quoted Matthew 28:19 over 20 times. *“Go ye and make disciples of all the nations in My Name, teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I commanded you.”*

In the Hebrew Shem Tov verse 19 it simply says “Go” and then Verse 20 continues with “teaching them to guard all that I have commanded you. And see I am with you always, until the end of the age.” These renderings are consistent with the text and the fact that ALL authority was given to Yahushua

Further, it is consistent with the Acts of the Disciples. Throughout the Book of Acts they Immersed in the Name of Yahushua

Acts 2:36-39 Kepha speaking. "36 Therefore let all the house of Yisrael know for certain that YHWH has made this Yahushua, whom you impaled, both Master and Mashiach 37 and having heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Kepha and the rest of the emissaries "Men, brothers, what shall we do? 38 And Kepha said to them Repent and let each one of you be immersed in the Name of Yahushua the Messiah for the forgiveness of sins and you shall receive the gift of the set apart spirit 39 For the promise is to you and your children and to all who are far off, as many as YHWH our Elohim shall call."

Acts 10:43 and 48 "43 to this One (Yahushua) all the Prophets bear witness that through His Name everyone believing in Him receives forgiveness of sins" . . . "48 and he commanded them to be immersed in the Name of Yahushua the Messiah."

Immersion of the Set Apart Spirit and Fire - Only Yahushua can accomplish this immersion.

He will fill us with the Set Apart Spirit, empower us and purify us with His fire.

Conclusion

So the Doctrine of Immersions reveals the Covenant path back to YHWH. Pattern in Torah.

Noah was in Covenant with YHWH, protected from the waters of judgment.

Abram, while uncircumcised believed and crossed over. The immersion is a Covenant event.

Yisrael immersed in the Red Sea – Believe the Promises, delivered by the blood of the lamb, freed from slavery. Israel passed through the same waters used to judge Egypt.

Yisraelites immersed at Sinai - purified for marriage/ join in Covenant relationship.

Again at the Jordan. Yisrael immersed, while uncircumcised, before entry to the land – Enter His House, the Covenant Land.

The immersion of Messiah encompasses all of them. (Read Psalm 51). We believe and our Immersion is the act of faith, our crossing over, which makes us Hebrews. We still need to deal with the sin from the garden so we Repent, we are delivered from the bondage of sin, purified and saved from judgment through immersion of Yahushua. He will then immerse with the Spirit and with fire.

The Immersion Procedure

The person being immersed immerses himself and goes forward under the water. He does not lean backward relying upon anyone. Mikvah is a picture of a number of things:

(1) First, the proper Mikvah shows that the immersion is totally the decision of the person who immerses himself. No one makes him do it and no one helps him do it. It is totally his choice and each person is responsible for his own immersion.

(2) Second, the Mikvah shows complete repentance. Not only does the person immerse, but the water is supposed to touch every part of the body. With the exception of concerns for basic modesty, the person immersing himself removes as much clothing as possible.

(3) Third, whenever possible, the Mikvah is "witnessed" by a person who goes into the water with the one who is immersing himself. The job of the witness is to insure that the person was totally immersed and that even their hair went totally under the water. The witness is the person who usually says the appropriate blessing at the beginning and at the conclusion of the three immersions.

(4) Fourth, mikvah is not a once-in-a-lifetime experience. This is the first of a lifetime of immersions.

Mikveh Brachot

(Walk in Water)

Shehecheyanu: (upon walking to the Mikveh)

Baruch Atah **YHWH ELOHEINU** Melech ha Olam
shehecheyanu w'kiy' manu w'higianu Iazman hazeh...Ahmeen

Blessed are you **YHWH** our **ELOHIM** King of the universe who
has kept us alive and strong and brought us to this day...Ahmeen

Mikveh Bracha: (before immersing)

Baruch Atah **YHWH ELOHEINU** Melech haOlam Asher kidshanu
b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al hat v'ilah....Ahmeen

Blessed are you **YHWH** our **ELOHIM** King of the universe
who sanctifies with your Torah and has given us the responsibility
to immerse in the Mikveh...Ahmeen

3 Questions/ Immersions

Immerse in the Name (Authority) of Yahushua Ha Moshiach

Question 1) Do you repent of your transgressions and desire to live a life in obedience to Elohim?

FIRST IMMERSION (Immerse forward without touching – complete immersion)

Question 2) Do you Believe that Yahushua Ha Moshiach is the Son of Elohim and agree to follow Him as your Teacher, Master and Savior?

SECOND IMMERSION (Immerse forward without touching – complete immersion)

Question 3) Do you believe that Yahushua died and rose on the Third day that Yahushua has the authority to forgive our sins?

THIRD IMMERSION (Immerse forward without touching – complete immersion)

Shema:

(after immersing 3 times on resurfacing)

Shema Yisrael **YHWH ELOHEINU YHWH** echad
Hear O' Yisrael **YHWH** our **ELOHIM YHWH** is one...Ahmeen

(Walk out of Water)

Mee Kamocha (Song of the Sea)
(on the bank or the side of the Mikveh)

Mee kh'mok-hah ba'ay-leem **YHWH** Mee kh'-mok-hah ne dar ba-kodesh
nor-ah t'heelot oseh felehx2

Who is like Thee O' **YAH** among the gods Who is like Thee
YAH there is none else You are awesome in praise doing wonders
O' **YAH** who is like Thee O'**YAH**

Romans 6:4 “We are therefore buried with Him through immersion unto death, that as Messiah was raised from the dead by the esteem of the Father, so also we should walk in newness of life.”

Showchain Odd (He who abides forever)

Show-chain-odd marome v'kad-dosh sh'mo
V'ka-toov ra-na'noo tza-deekeem B'**YHWH**
La-y'sha-reem na-va t'hee-la B'fee y'sha-reem teet-ha-lahl
oov'deev-ray tza-dee-keem teet-ba-rahch, oo-veel-shone
chas-see-deem teet-roe-mahm oov-v'keh-rev k'doe-sheem teet-ka-dahsh

He who abides forever Holy and Exalted is His Name
And it is written Sing joyfully you righteous to **YHWH**
it is befitting for the upright to praise Him by the mouth of the
upright you shall be lauded; by the words of the of the righteous
you shall be blessed; by the tongue of the pious you shall be Exalted
and in the midst of the Holy, you shall be sanctified....Ahmeen v' Ahmeen