

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.*”

Immersion is a foundational doctrine of our faith.

“¹ Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Messiah, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward Elohim, ² Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. ³ And this will we do, if Elohim permit.” Hebrews 6:1-3

So what is the “Doctrine of Immersions?” Doctrine in the Greek text is “didache” = teaching

Therefore, the immersions are meant to teach us.

The act of immersion is not something new, nor is it a singular event - It is very Hebrew act.

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

Abram was the first to be called a Hebrew. He crossed over the Euphrates to actually leave Babylon. He then travelled through the wilderness until He crossed over the Jordan to enter the Land of Canaan

Even before he was circumcised, he believed and he crossed over. He left Babylon and went into the Covenant Land where he later entered into the Covenant of circumcision. This is the Covenant pattern and our relationship with YHWH involves walking this Covenant path.

Belief, followed by an act – a sign.

Immersion, like circumcision, is a sign. While circumcision applies to males, immersion applies to everyone.

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

In Matthew 3:11 John stated, “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.”

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

Yahushua was immersed in water so we, as His Talmudim, follow His example.

We repent and are immersed.

We are immersed in His Name and we recognize that we are washed by Him.

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 Peter (Kepha) stated³⁶ *“Therefore let all the house of Yisrael know for certain that YHWH has made this Yahushua, whom you impaled, both Master and Moshiach³⁷ 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 spirit³⁹ 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.”*

So the act of immersion is a critical part of the Covenant path back to YHWH.

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 – They believed the promises and acted. As a result, they were delivered from death by the blood of the lamb, and freed from slavery. Yisrael passed through the same waters used to judge Pharaoh and his army.

The Yisraelites immersed at Sinai. They purified for marriage and made ready to join in a Covenant relationship. Yisrael, as the Bride, needed to be cleansed before she could receive the Torah and join with YHWH.

Yisrael immersed again at the Jordan. Yisrael immersed, while uncircumcised, before entry to the Land, which was the marital home. They were then circumcised by Joshua (Yahushua).

This was a pattern for Yahushua the Messiah as we immerse in His Name. He then, by the Spirit, circumcises our hearts and by doing so He puts His Torah inside us – our hearts and minds.

Water judges and water cleanses. We recognize that Yahushua redeems us, delivers us, cleanses us and brings us into the House. Through Him we are able to return to the Garden – Paradise.

The immersion of Messiah encompasses all of the immersions of Yisrael.

Psalm 51

- 1 Have mercy upon me, O Elohim, according to Your lovingkindness;
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.**
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**
- 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.**
- 4 Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight—
That You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge.**
- 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.**
- 6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make
me to know wisdom.**
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than
snow.**
- 8 Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones You have broken may rejoice.**
- 9 Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O Elohim, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**
- 11 Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Set Apart Spirit
from me.**
- 12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit.**
- 13 Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You.**
- 14 Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O Elohim, the Elohim of my salvation,
And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.**
- 15 O Adonai, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise.**
- 16 For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt
offering.**
- 17 The sacrifices of Elohim are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart—
These, O Elohim, You will not despise.**
- 18 Do good in Your good pleasure to Tzyon; Build the walls of Jerusalem.**
- 19 Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering
and whole burnt offering; Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.**

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, saved from judgment and purified and made ready as a Bride through immersion of Yahushua.

We completely enter and submerge into the waters that can both cleanse and cause death.

We arise out of those waters alive, a symbol of our passage through judgment to life by the authority of Yahushua who will then immerse with the Spirit.

Just as we all came forth from the water of the womb, our immersion represents a new birth – we are born again.

We arise as new creations now ready to experience the resurrection from the dead.

“¹⁰ And you are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power: ¹¹ In whom also you are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Messiah: ¹² Buried with Him in baptism (immersion), wherein also you are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of Elohim, Who hath raised Him from the dead.” Colossians 2:10-12.

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.

(3) Third, whenever possible, the Mikvah is “witnessed” by a person who goes into the water with the one who is immersing.

We will immerse three times in recognition of the Covenant journey of a Hebrew, and as a demonstration of our path into and through the Covenant renewed by Yahushua.

Mikveh Brachot (Walk in Water)

Shehechyanu: (upon walking to the Mikveh)

Baruch Atah YHWH ELOHEINU Melech ha Olam
shehechyanu 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 / 3 Immersions

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, Savior and BrideGroom?**

SECOND IMMERSION (Immerse forward without touching – complete immersion)

**Question 3) Do you believe that Yahushua died and rose on the Third day, and that Yahushua
has the authority to forgive our sins and lead us into the Promised Land?**

THIRD IMMERSION (Immerse forward without touching – complete immersion)

(after immersing 3 times on resurfacing)

Shema:

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

(Walk out of Water)

**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.”**

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