

BAPTISMA is used 22 times in the New Testament. It is used only by Christians writers, and is simply transliterated as "baptism". It is used to refer to John's baptism, to Christian baptism (both ritual and Spirit), and to the experience of martyrdom (in a figurative sense).

BAPTISTES is used 14 times in the New Testament. It is used only by Christian writers (except for a reference in Josephus' *Antiquities of the Jews* to refer to John the Baptizer).

BAPTISMOS is used 4 times in the New Testament. It is used in Mark 7:4 and 7:7 to refer to the ritual washing of cups and pots by the Jews; in Hebrews 6:2 to refer to Christian Baptism; and in Hebrews 9:10 of the various ceremonial cleansings of the Old Testament.

With regard to the use of BAPTISMOS in Hebrews 9:10, it is important to note that no ceremonial cleansings specifically by the mode of immersion are prescribed in the Old Testament. In addition, it should be noted that the context of Hebrews 9:10 (particularly verses 11-23) describes some of the Old Testament ceremonial cleansings -- of the book, of the people, of the tabernacle, and of the vessels of the tabernacle -- all of which were accomplished by sprinkling. It does not follow that the different cleansings (BAPTISMOIS) of Hebrews 9:10 should be translated "different sprinklings". Rather, it should be translated "different baptisms" or "different cleansings", since not all of the Old Testament cleansings were accomplished by "sprinkling". But even if they had been, BAPTISMOS should not be translated "sprinkling". BAPTISMOS is a washing, a cleansing, a baptism.

BAPTIZO is used 77 times in the New Testament. All of its uses follow.

Matthew 3:6 -- "they were being baptized by him (John the Baptizer) in (EN) the Jordan River"

Matthew 3:11 -- "I baptize you with (EN) water for repentance; but He who is coming after me . . . will baptize you with (EN) the Holy Spirit and fire"

Matthew 3:13 -- "Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him.

Matthew 3:14 -- "I have need to be baptized by you"

Matthew 3:16 -- "And after being baptized Jesus went up (ANABAINO) immediately from (APO) the water"

Matthew 28:19 -- "baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit"

Mark 1:4 -- "John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance

Mark 1:5 -- "they were being baptized by him in (EN) the Jordan River"