

I Corinthians 12:13 -- "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into (EIS) one body"

I Corinthians 15:29 -- "Otherwise, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them?"

Galatians 3:3 -- "For all of you who were baptized into (EIS) Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ"

Of these 77 uses of BAPTIZO in the New Testament, 17 appear to hold promise of relevance for the mode of baptism:

Matthew 3:6	Mark 7:4	John 3:23
Matthew 3:11	Luke 3:16	Acts 1:5
Matthew 3:16	Luke 11:38	Acts 8:38
Mark 1:5	John 1:26	Acts 11:16
Mark 1:8	John 1:31	I Corinthians 10:2
Mark 1:9	John 1:33	

An analysis of these 17 uses to detect recurring ideas yields the following:

(1) Eight uses refer to being baptized with water (an instrumental use, either with EN or without it):

Matthew 3:11	John 1:26	Acts 1:5
Mark 1:8	John 1:31	Acts 11:16
Luke 3:16	John 1:33	

(2) Three uses refer to being baptized in (EN) the Jordan River:

Matthew 3:6	Mark 1:5	Mark 1:9 (EIS)
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(3) Six uses are special cases, and need to be dealt with individually:

Matthew 3:16	Luke 11:38	Acts 8:38
Mark 7:4	John 3:23	I Corinthians 10:2

Summary of the New Testament Meaning of BAPTIZO, Based on Usage Alone

Of the eight uses of BAPTIZO that refer to being baptized with water, we recognize that water is the element used in the ordinance of baptism, whether we are speaking of John's baptism, of Jesus' baptism prior to His death, or of Christian baptism. In each of the eight uses mentioned in the list of 77 the relevant words have been translated "with water".

If it is objected that it would be more accurate to translate the prepositional phrase "EN water" as "in water" rather than "with water", then certain facts should be noted.