

It was Miles Coverdale, who gave us our first complete translation of the Bible, who had in the fly-leaf of his Bible the following words concerning the laws of interpretation:

“It shall greatly help you to understand Scripture, if you mark not only what is spoken, or written, but of whom, and to whom, with what words, at what time, where, to what intent, with what circumstance, considering what goes before, and what follows”.



**The following are internal laws for studying scripture that enable the Bible student to get the proper interpretation:**

1. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God (II Timothy 3:16)
2. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God *that the man of God may be perfect (fitted), thoroughly furnished unto all good works* (II Timothy 3:16)
3. Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, *rightly dividing* the Word of truth (II Timothy 2:15)
4. No prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation (II Peter 1:20)
5. The dispensation of God which is given to me (Paul) for you to fulfil (complete, fill to the full so no more can be added) the Word of God; even the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but is now manifest to His saints. (Colossians 1:25,26)
6. I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me; and I say to this man, 'Go', and he goeth, and to another 'Come', and he cometh; and to my servant, 'Do this', and he doeth it...". When Jesus heard this he marvelled and said to them that followed, "Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel" (Matthew 8:8-10). This is to show that all authority is under authority and the word of God is the final authority.
7. Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17)
8. That you may approve the things that are (more) excellent (Phillipians 1:10) comparing spiritual things with spiritual (I Cor. 2:13).

2 Tim 2:15 (KJV)

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

**Right thing Wrong**

Wrong Division  
 Truth for yesterday  
 Heb 5:12-14  
 2 Sam 6:6-7, Num 4:15  
 Heb 8:8

**Right thing Right**

“Right Division”  
 Truth for today  
 2 Tim 2:15  
 2 Tim 3:16,17  
 Eph 3:1-9  
 Col 1:25-26

**Wrong thing Wrong**

Curses God  
 Open Rebellion  
 The Lost Sinner  
 Rom 3:10, 23  
 Prov 6:11-14  
 Prov 17:11  
 Psalm 14:1

**Wrong thing Right**

Superficial Religion  
 False Worship  
 False Prayer  
 Matt 15:7-9  
 Matt 7:22,23  
 Luke 8:11-15



Although some things today appear to be outrageous, how can the Christian take a position on any issue that claims to be out of the Bible or received from God? How do we ensure that we do the right thing right?

The principles of right division give the Bible student a compass and a rudder to study scripture and protect from error... by navigating through the Bible knowing what pertains to whom, and when.

All scripture is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness therefore, the Christian is lacking nothing to study and be approved unto God (2 Tim 2:15; 3:16,17).

When you study the Bible, you must compare scripture with scripture (Phil 1:10) to arrive at the scriptures interpretation of what is being said. If you don't then you may take the word of God out of context and arrive at your own interpretation full of error (2 Peter 1:20).

**Scriptural Babies – A problem**

Heb 5:12-14 (KJV)

12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

**Spiritual Nutrition – We Need to Grow Up**

2 Tim 3:16-17(KJV)

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Good news... as all scripture leads to a balanced diet that helps the Christian grow strong. However, there are cooking instructions for accurately preparing each meal to ensure proper digestion otherwise heartburn will result.

2 Tim 2:15 (KJV)

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Cooking Instructions for proper digestion and interpretation call for comparing everything you pick up with the other food items of the same kind. This ensures the freshest ingredients for using when applying any recipe.

1 Cor 2:13

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

**Spiritual Exercise – Bible Aerobics**

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Compare the Scriptures</u>		<u>What Happened</u>	<u>Conclusion</u>
Eat Meat	Genesis 1:29-31	Genesis 9:1-3 1 Tim 4:3	Commandment to eat meat was given after the flood.	Last orders supercede all previous orders. Eat meat
	Eat vegetables and fruit	Eat meat		
Baptism or Baptize	See Below	See Below	Baptism, Baptize Washing with water Priestly activity	One baptism today... by the Holy Spirit upon salvation

## An Example of Right Division - Baptism

Matt 3:1-2

3:1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, 2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

So what about baptism? Let's look at the scriptures and find our study material.

Concordance		
22 matches in KJV for "baptism"		
Reference	Context	Strongs
Matt 3:7	of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O	908
Matt 20:22	drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They	908
Matt 20:23	of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit	908
Matt 21:25	The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they	908
Mark 1:4	in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of	908
Mark 10:38	cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?	908
Mark 10:39	of the cup that I drink of, and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall	908
Mark 11:30	The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men? answer me.	908
Luke 3:3	country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission	908
Luke 7:29	him, and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John.	908
Luke 12:50	But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be	908
Luke 20:4	The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men?	908
Acts 1:22	Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up	908
Acts 10:37	all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;	908
Acts 13:24	first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of	908
Acts 18:25	and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.	908
Acts 19:3	them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.	908
Acts 19:4	said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto	908
Rom 6:4	Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was	908
Eph 4:5	One Lord, one faith, one baptism,	908
Col 2:12	Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the	908
1 Peter 3:21	The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the	908

There are 22 occurrences in the bible of the word "baptism"

Concordance		
9 matches in KJV for "baptize"		
Reference	Context	Strongs
Matt 3:11	I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is	907
Matt 3:11	shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and	907
Mark 1:4	John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the	907
Mark 1:8	have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.	907
Luke 3:16	saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I	907
Luke 3:16	shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and	907
John 1:26	John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one	907
John 1:33	I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto	907
1 Cor 1:17	For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of	907

There are 9 occurrences in the bible for the word "baptize"

Now looking up the Strong's Greek/Hebrew definitions, we find more clue's to the meaning of the word:

**NT:907 (Strong's)**

**baptizo** (bap-tid'-zo); from a derivative of [NT:911](#); to immerse, submerge; to make overwhelmed (i.e. fully wet); used only (in the N. T.) of ceremonial ablution, especially (technically) of the ordinance of Christian baptism:

KJV - Baptist, baptize, wash.

**NT:910 (Strong's)**

**Baptistes** (bap-tis-tace'); from [NT:907](#); a baptizer, as an epithet of Christ's forerunner:

KJV - Baptist.

**Strong's Greek/Hebrew Definitions**

**bapto** (bap'-to); a primary verb; to overwhelm, i.e. cover wholly with a fluid; in the N. T. only in a qualified or specially, sense, i.e. (literally) to moisten (a part of one's person), or (by implication) to stain (as with dye):

KJV - dip.

So, based on these findings, we can search on the words "wash + water" together

Concordance		
77 matches in KJV for "wash + water"		
Reference	Context	Strongs
Gen 18:4	Let a little <b>water</b> , I pray you, be fetched, and <b>wash</b> your feet, and rest	4325 ▲
Gen 18:4	a little <b>water</b> , I pray you, be fetched, and <b>wash</b> your feet, and rest	7364
Gen 24:32	and provender for the camels, and <b>water</b> to <b>wash</b> his feet, and the men's feet	4325
Gen 24:32	provender for the camels, and <b>water</b> to <b>wash</b> his feet, and the men's feet that	7364
Ex 29:4	door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shalt <b>wash</b> them with <b>water</b> .	7364
Ex 29:4	door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shalt <b>wash</b> them with <b>water</b> .	4325
Ex 30:18	of brass, and his foot also of brass, to <b>wash</b> withal: and thou shalt put it	7364
Ex 30:18	tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put <b>water</b>	4325
Ex 30:20	of the congregation, they shall <b>wash</b> with <b>water</b> , that they die not; or when	7364
Ex 30:20	congregation, they shall <b>wash</b> with <b>water</b> , that they die not; or when they	4325
Ex 40:12	the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and <b>wash</b> them with <b>water</b> .	7364
Ex 40:12	the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and <b>wash</b> them with <b>water</b> .	4325
Ex 40:30	tent of the congregation and the altar, and put <b>water</b> there, to <b>wash</b> withal.	4325
Ex 40:30	tent of the congregation and the altar, and put <b>water</b> there, to <b>wash</b> withal.	7364
Lev 1:9	But his inwards and his legs shall he <b>wash</b> in <b>water</b> : and the priest shall burn	7364
Lev 1:9	inwards and his legs shall he <b>wash</b> in <b>water</b> : and the priest shall burn all on	4325
Lev 1:13	But he shall <b>wash</b> the inwards and the legs with <b>water</b> : and the priest shall	7364
Lev 1:13	<b>wash</b> the inwards and the legs with <b>water</b> : and the priest shall bring it all,	4325
Lev 14:8	And he that is to be cleansed shall <b>wash</b> his clothes, and shave off all his	3526
Lev 14:8	clothes, and shave off all his hair, and <b>wash</b> himself in <b>water</b> , that he may be	7364
Lev 14:8	off all his hair, and <b>wash</b> himself in <b>water</b> , that he may be clean: and after	4325
Lev 14:9	his hair he shall shave off: and he shall <b>wash</b> his clothes, also he shall <b>wash</b>	3526
Lev 14:9	he shall <b>wash</b> his clothes, also he shall <b>wash</b> his flesh in <b>water</b> , and he shall	7364
Lev 14:9	<b>wash</b> his clothes, also he shall <b>wash</b> his flesh in <b>water</b> , and he shall be clean.	4325
Lev 15:5	whosoever toucheth his bed shall <b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe himself in	3526
Lev 15:5	<b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe himself in <b>water</b> , and be unclean until the even.	4325
Lev 15:6	he sat that hath the issue shall <b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe himself in <b>water</b> ,	3526
Lev 15:6	<b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe himself in <b>water</b> , and be unclean until the even.	4325
Lev 15:7	flesh of him that hath the issue shall <b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe himself in	3526
Lev 15:7	<b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe himself in <b>water</b> , and be unclean until the even.	4325
Lev 15:8	upon him that is clean; then he shall <b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe himself in	3526
Lev 15:8	<b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe himself in <b>water</b> , and be unclean until the even.	4325
Lev 15:10	that beareth any of those things shall <b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe himself in	3526
Lev 15:10	<b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe himself in <b>water</b> , and be unclean until the even.	4325 ▼

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Lev 15:11	issue, and hath not rinsed his hands in <b>water</b> , he shall <b>wash</b> his clothes, and	4325
Lev 15:11	not rinsed his hands in <b>water</b> , he shall <b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe himself	3526
Lev 15:11	<b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe himself in <b>water</b> , and be unclean until the even.	4325
Lev 15:13	seven days for his cleansing, and <b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe his flesh in	3526
Lev 15:13	<b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe his flesh in running <b>water</b> , and shall be clean.	4325
Lev 15:16	copulation go out from him, then he shall <b>wash</b> all his flesh in <b>water</b> , and be	7364
Lev 15:16	him, then he shall <b>wash</b> all his flesh in <b>water</b> , and be unclean until the even.	4325
Lev 15:21	whosoever toucheth her bed shall <b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe himself in	3526
Lev 15:21	<b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe himself in <b>water</b> , and be unclean until the even.	4325
Lev 15:22	any thing that she sat upon shall <b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe himself in	3526
Lev 15:22	<b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe himself in <b>water</b> , and be unclean until the even.	4325
Lev 15:27	things shall be unclean, and shall <b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe himself in	3526
Lev 15:27	<b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe himself in <b>water</b> , and be unclean until the even.	4325
Lev 16:4	are holy garments; therefore shall he <b>wash</b> his flesh in <b>water</b> , and so put	7364
Lev 16:4	holy garments; therefore shall he <b>wash</b> his flesh in <b>water</b> , and so put them	4325
Lev 16:24	And he shall <b>wash</b> his flesh with <b>water</b> in the holy place, and put on his	7364
Lev 16:24	And he shall <b>wash</b> his flesh with <b>water</b> in the holy place, and put on his	4325
Lev 16:26	let go the goat for the scapegoat shall <b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe his flesh	3526
Lev 16:26	<b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe his flesh in <b>water</b> , and afterward come into the	4325
Lev 16:28	And he that burneth them shall <b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe his flesh in	3526
Lev 16:28	<b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe his flesh in <b>water</b> , and afterward he shall come	4325
Lev 17:15	country, or a stranger, he shall both <b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe himself in	3526
Lev 17:15	<b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe himself in <b>water</b> , and be unclean until the even:	4325
Lev 22:6	and shall not eat of the holy things, unless he <b>wash</b> his flesh with <b>water</b> .	7364
Lev 22:6	and shall not eat of the holy things, unless he <b>wash</b> his flesh with <b>water</b> .	4325
Num 8:7	unto them, to cleanse them: Sprinkle <b>water</b> of purifying upon them, and let	4325
Num 8:7	let them shave all their flesh, and let them <b>wash</b> their clothes, and so make	3526
Num 19:7	Then the priest shall <b>wash</b> his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in <b>water</b> ,	3526
Num 19:7	his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in <b>water</b> , and afterward he shall	4325
Num 19:8	And he that burneth her shall <b>wash</b> his clothes in <b>water</b> , and bathe his flesh	3526
Num 19:8	that burneth her shall <b>wash</b> his clothes in <b>water</b> , and bathe his flesh in	4325
Num 19:8	clothes in <b>water</b> , and bathe his flesh in <b>water</b> , and shall be unclean until the	4325
Num 19:19	day he shall purify himself, and <b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe himself in	3526
Num 19:19	and <b>wash</b> his clothes, and bathe himself in <b>water</b> , and shall be clean at even.	4325
Num 19:21	unto them, that he that sprinkleth the <b>water</b> of separation shall <b>wash</b> his	4325
Num 19:21	he that sprinkleth the <b>water</b> of separation shall <b>wash</b> his clothes; and he that	3526
Num 19:21	his clothes; and he that toucheth the <b>water</b> of separation shall be unclean	4325
Deut 23:11	be, when evening cometh on, he shall <b>wash</b> himself with <b>water</b> : and when	7364
Deut 23:11	cometh on, he shall <b>wash</b> himself with <b>water</b> : and when the sun is down, he	4325
Job 9:30	If I <b>wash</b> myself with snow <b>water</b> , and make my hands never so clean;	7364
Job 9:30	If I <b>wash</b> myself with snow <b>water</b> , and make my hands never so clean;	4325
John 13:5	After that he poureth <b>water</b> into a bason, and began to <b>wash</b> the disciples'	5204
John 13:5	<b>water</b> into a bason, and began to <b>wash</b> the disciples' feet, and to wipe them	3538

## Conclusion

It was part of the history of Israel to have the Priests (starting with Aaron and his sons) wash with water to prepare their offering and their bodies for the priestly activity.

1 Pet 2:9 (KJV)

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

In the New Testament the call to the nation of Israel was to be a generation of priests, a holy nation, resulting in the evangelizing of the nations... this activity is part of the Kingdom of Heaven (Gen 18:18; 22:18; 26:4; Zech 8:23; Gal 3:8; Rev 21:10-27, 22:1-2)

John the Baptist lead the call for the nation of Israel to repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand:

Matt 3:1-2 (KJV)

1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,  
2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

The King and Kingdom were rejected. God has these plans on hold waiting for His time to begin the prophetic clock with the return of Elijah (Mal 4:4-6). With this suspension, the activity of water baptism is now a dead work (wrong thing right when applied to us today).

Today, when we accept Christ as our Saviour, we participate in just **one baptism and this baptism is with the Holy Spirit who we are sealed with until the day of redemption:**

Eph 4:4-6 KJV

4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;  
5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Eph 1:13-14 KJV

3 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,  
14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Eph 4:30 KJV

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

In conclusion, let us accept the truth that water washing do not apply today and rejoice in the fact that we are complete in Christ.

Col 2:10-14 KJV

10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:  
11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:  
12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.  
13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;  
14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;