

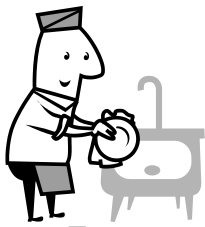
Modes of Washings



Dishwasher



Sink



Faucet



Sprayer

Just as there are a variety of modes/methods of washing dishes, so there were a variety of modes/methods used in ministering the OT divers washings...all with same purpose:



Washing



Rinsing



Bathing



Sprinkling

The significance of the element of water in baptism w/water, having its roots in the OT washings, is...

Cleansing

The verbs (and forms thereof) used to describe the various modes of divers washings under the OT are: wash, rinse, bath and sprinkle.

The closest example to immersion in the OT was when Naaman dipped himself 7 times in Jordan, the purpose being to be 'clean' of his leprosy (2Ki 5:1-14).

John the Baptist preached the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins and his baptism represented purifying (Jn 3:25).

Jesus' and His disciples baptized under the same banner and the 12 Apostles also preached the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins (Jn 3:22-23; 4:1-2; Ac 2:38).

When Paul was baptized w/water, Ananias associated it with the washing away of sins, which purifying typifies (Ac 22:16). Peter declared that baptism couldn't put away the filth of the flesh, but was the answer of a good conscience towards God (1Pet 3:21). This principle can be said of all the 'dead works' under law in which God was simply looking for obedience, by faith (Heb 6:1-2; Rom 3:30). This is clearly seen in John's baptism where the people and publicans justified God being baptized by John, whereas the Pharisees and Lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him (Lk 7:29-30).