

“THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT”

-THE THREE BAPTISMS-

Hebrews 6:1-3

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits.

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- The doctrine of baptisms is an elementary principle.
- The doctrine of baptisms is foundational.
- Going on to maturity requires that these foundational, elementary principles are in place.
- Note that “baptisms” is plural.
- Has the foundation of baptisms been laid in your life?
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The First Baptism: Salvation

1 Cor. 12:13

13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free — and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

- Who is doing the baptizing? The Holy Spirit is!
- What are we baptized into? The Body of Christ!
- How many believers experience this baptism? All born - again believers do!
- **When we accept Christ as Savior and repent of our sins, the Holy Spirit immerses us into the Body of Christ.**

When I say, “Do I need another baptism?” What am I NOT saying?

- I don’t mean for salvation.
- All we need for salvation is to repent and believe.
- The thief on the cross was saved and was never even water baptized.
- However, he never had the opportunity to and he didn’t need too have eternal life.
- But if we’re going to go on to maturity and also follow Christ’s example...
- We will need a Second Baptism.

The Second Baptism: Water Baptism.

Matt 28:19

Go [implied You] therefore and make disciples of all the nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- ❑ What are they baptized in? In Water.
- ❑ Who is doing the baptizing here? Other Believers are doing the baptizing.. We are most familiar with water baptism, which we call believers' baptism. It is fulfilled my immersion, (Read Acts 8:26-39.)
- ❑ The Ethiopian Enoch followed Christ's example of water baptism by immersion.
- ❑ As believers we too need to follow Christ's example (Matt. 3:13-17) and the example given to us in Scripture. It is a huge step towards Christian maturity.

But Heb. 6:2 says "baptisms". Do I still need another baptism?

The Third Baptism: The Spirit Baptism.

Matt 3:11-12.

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He will baptize** you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

- Who is doing the baptizing? Jesus Christ himself is doing the baptizing.
- Into what /who does Jesus Christ baptize us into? Into the Holy Spirit!
Please take note, this is not the first or the second baptism that we have already studied!
- **In the First Baptism:** The Spirit baptizes us in Jesus, (Salvation).
- **In The Second Baptism:** Other believers baptize us in Water, (Believers baptism).
- **In The Third Baptism:** Jesus baptizes us in the Holy Spirit, (The Fathers Promise).

Being totally baptized by Jesus Christ and totally immersed in the Holy Spirit certainly cannot be a bad thing!

It is recorded in all four of the Gospels!

Mark 1:8

"I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Luke 3:16

John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

John 1:32-33

"I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."

This text of John 1:32-33.

"I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see **the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him**, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' NKJV

- This is the best definition of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit!
- The Holy Spirit has descended upon people before but had never remained.
- Jesus was the first one He ever descended and remained on, (Matt. 3:16-17)!
- **Don't you want to be immersed in Him?**

The Holy Spirit indwells us when we are saved, (John 3:8) reads, "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." NKJV

Gal. 4:6 Reads, "And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" NKJV

Rom 8:9 "But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His." NKJV

- If you have received Jesus Christ as your personal Savior then the Holy Spirit already lives within you. He abides in you.
- Jesus' disciples first experienced this immediately after the resurrection as found in John 20:21-22 "So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." NKJV
- The indwelling of the Spirit and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit are two distinct works.

- Jesus instructs the disciples who have already received the Holy Spirit, which was indwelling them (Read John 20:22) to wait in Jerusalem until they experience the Baptism in the Holy Spirit-the Fathers promise.

Acts 1:4-5 "And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." NKJV

- Luke 24:49 "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." NKJV

The last thing Jesus told his disciples wasn't "Go!"

Jesus' last instruction was "Wait!"

They waited 10 days after Jesus' ascension. Why? To fulfill the feast of Pentecost

Do we have to wait a certain amount of time to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit? No!

The Holy Spirit has already been poured out upon all flesh!

Acts 2:17-18. "And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on my menservants and on my maidservants I will pour out my Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy."

- Pentecost has now been fulfilled!
- The promise of the Father is available to every believer!

Acts 2:38-39. Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

Who is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit for?

- For you
- For your children
- To all who are far off
- To as many as the Lord will call
- To all who ask. (Read Luke 11:9-13).

WHICH OF THESE THREE BAPTISMS HAVE YOU RECEIVED?

DO YOU NEED ANOTHER BAPTISM?

IF SO FOLLOW GOD'S WORD WITH AN OBEDIENT AND HUNGRY HEART!

BE BAPTIZED IN JESUS (SALVATION),

BE BAPTIZED IN WATER (BELIEVERS BAPTISM),

BE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT BY JESUS CHRIST, (THE FATHERS PROMISE-
THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.)

In Christ's love

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