

## Receiving the Holy Spirit

### 1. The Holy Spirit baptizes us in Jesus:

Baptize comes from the Greek word **baptizo** meaning to “immerse/submerge/to make overwhelmed/fully wet” total immersion into.

1Cor. 12:13 “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...”

- The Holy Spirit baptizes us into the one body of Christ.

1. The Holy Spirit baptizes us in **Jesus**.

2. The disciple baptizes us in **Water**.

Matt. 28:19 Jesus said: “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing [immersing] them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.”

3. Jesus baptizes us in the **Holy Spirit**.

**It is very important for us to understand the difference between the first baptism – **Of the Holy Spirit baptizing us into Jesus or the Body of Christ as becoming a believer.****

**And the baptism or infilling **in/with** the Holy Spirit as given to us by Jesus.**

When you saved, the Holy Spirit baptizes you into the body of Christ.

But the Bible talks specifically of a baptism in/with the Holy Spirit.

Matt. 3: 11 John the Baptist: “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 [Jesus] will baptize you with/in the Holy Spirit and with fire.”

1Cor. 12:3 “By the Holy Spirit we were baptized into the body of Christ.”

Matt. 3:11 “He [Jesus] baptizes us in/with the Holy Spirit.”

This cannot be the same baptism because grammatically and theologically they are saying two different things. Two different subjects.

The first baptism is the Holy Spirit baptizing; the second baptism is Jesus doing the baptizing.

Jesus wants to immerse us, completely surround us, totally filled with to overflowing with the Holy Spirit.

Mark 1:8 John the Baptist: “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 with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

Notice the similarities.

Notice the differences:

John 1:33 “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 baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

Remember up to this time, the Holy Spirit had never descended and remained on a person.

In the Old Covenant, the Holy Spirit came upon a person for an assignment, but would not remain.

- Holy Spirit descended upon King Saul, Samson, David and others in O.T. but did not remain.

John the Baptist saw the Spirit descending and remaining on Jesus at His water baptism.

“Heavens opened and the Holy Spirit, like a dove, descended upon Jesus.”

It’s not about the dove, it’s about the Holy Spirit coming on Jesus.

**Question:** If Jesus, as a human on earth needed to be baptized with the Holy Spirit- don’t you think you need the Holy Spirit on the earth also?

**Salvation**

**Water**

**Spirit**

**The first baptism – The Holy Spirit baptizes us into Jesus – the Body of Christ is Salvation.**

**The second baptism – a disciple baptizes us in Water = Water baptism.**

**The third baptism – Jesus baptizing us with/in the Holy Spirit = Spirit.**

**Question: Is Jesus our example? YES**

- Did Jesus have these three baptisms in His life?
  1. Was Jesus saved? No, He didn't need to be saved.
  2. Jesus was water baptized – He fulfilled righteousness.
  3. Jesus was filled with/in the Holy Spirit.

Notice the three baptisms in these scriptures: These are the final words of Jesus on earth.

Acts 1:4-5 “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.”

- V. 37 “When they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?”
- V.38 “Peter said to them, Repent [that's how you get saved], and let everyone of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ – [water baptism], for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”
- Notice the three things they were told to do:
  1. Repent. 2. Be Baptized. 3. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus told them to wait for the Promise of the Father:

- v. 39 “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.”
- That's us, we are included in receiving the Promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:12 “But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, [born again], both men and women were baptized – [water baptized].”

V. 14, 15 “When the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had receive the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.”

If they were saved and that is all you have from the Holy Spirit, why did Peter and John come down to pray for them to receive the Holy Spirit when they already had the Holy Spirit?

v. 16-17 “For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.”

Many believers receive Jesus and Lord and Savior but have not received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

If you received Jesus as Lord and Savior of your life; why would you not receive the Holy Spirit to lead you and guide you, direct you and empower you to live the life of a follower of Jesus Christ.

Acts 19:1,2 “It happened while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus and finding some disciples [believers in Jesus], he said to them. “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?”

- These were disciples – followers of Jesus.
- Why did Paul ask them this question if they had already received the Holy Spirit at conversion?

v. 2 “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.”

v. 3 “He said to them, into what then were you baptized? So they said, into John’s baptism.

John’s baptism represented baptism:

v. 4 “The Paul said, John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

- That is how you get saved – Repent and believe on Jesus.

V. 5 “When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”

V. 6 “When Paul laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.”

The New Testament pattern is that people got saved – water baptized – received the infill of the Holy Spirit.

1John 5:7 “For there are three that bear witness in heaven; the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.”

To what do they bear witness? To the supernatural.

There is a God, The Word [Jesus], the Holy Spirit in heaven.

These three baptisms happen to us on earth:

1John 5:8 “And there are three that bear witness on earth; the Spirit, the Water, and the Blood, and these three agree as one.”

- Spirit = The Holy Spirit
- Water = The water baptism
- Blood = The Blood of Jesus shed to redeem us.

They bear witness to the fact there is a supernatural God in heaven that changes people’s lives.

Many believers get saved and are going to heaven, but they never get baptized in/with the Holy Spirit to walk in power and victory over the enemy and their flesh.