

## THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

### Luke 3:16

**Introduction:** Satan will do all he can to distract us from the study of the Holy Spirit. He will misdirect, confuse, create disorder, etc. Satan seeks to nullify the believer's knowledge of standing before God, eternal security, the motive for Holy living.

The Holy Spirit enlightens individuals about Jesus and their need of His salvation, then convicts the individual that Jesus is their only hope and upon the believer trusting Jesus, the Holy Spirit then indwells the believer and then the believer is baptized in the Holy Spirit. What does "Baptism" of the Holy Spirit mean?

### I. BAPTIZO (Greek)

1. Bapto - the primary meaning is a dipping; the secondary meaning is to stain/dye.
2. Baptizo - the primary meaning is a physical influence or power; the secondary meaning is being brought under the influence or power of another.
3. Water baptism - means to dip or immerse, to put in and take out, a temporary situation or position.
4. Baptism of Christ or of the Holy Spirit is not temporal, but permanent, coming under the power, influence of each.
5. Being baptized into Christ is to come under a new relationship with Christ.

### II. WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURES ABOUT BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

1. One group says that Christ baptizes and the believer receives the Holy Spirit and power.
  - Another group says the Holy Spirit baptizes and the believer receives Christ and Christ-likeness and qualities.
  - Group one quotes: **Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33; Acts 1:5; 11:16**
    - Upon receiving the Holy Spirit one comes under His influence and power.
    - Christ never baptized with water! It was not that important!
    - Christ never emphasized water baptism, only the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
    - Belief in Jesus Christ enables Christ to baptize the believer in the Holy Spirit who empowers and enables.
  - Group two quotes: **1 Corinthians 12:12-13**
    - The Holy Spirit joins the believer to Jesus Christ's body. Every believer by the one Holy Spirit is made a part of Christ's single body, family.
    - **Galatians 3:27** - Water, ritual baptism is not "putting on Christ."
      - One cannot be joined to Christ and not have put on Christ with ALL His qualities.
      - Emotional or physical experiences do not put on Christ.
    - **Romans 6:1-4** - Continuing a habitual life of sin is NOT consistent with the indwelling Holy Spirit.
      - The Old Sin Nature was not destroyed at the Cross, it was judged and the Holy Spirit is now free to deal with it as the believer allows.

- Being a part of Christ is reason to live Holy.
- Satan would have believers think it is impossible to live a Holy life.
- **Colossians 2:9-13** - Those who substitute a ritual (water baptism) do so in place of one of God's most glorious achievements.
- Water baptism CANNOT transform anything!
- **Ephesians 4:4-6** - "One baptism" is Holy Spirit baptism. How do some "faiths" handle this passage?
- The ritual of baptism has divided Christ's Family.
- **1 Peter 3:21** - Not water baptism, but being in Christ and the Holy Spirit in the believer.
- **Mark 16:16** - Can water save an unbeliever?
- **"...he that believeth NOT shall be damned..."**

### III. WHAT DOES BAPTISM ACCOMPLISH?

1. It accomplishes divine union. The believer is joined to Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ to the believer.
2. It is Jesus Christ's prayer answered. (**John 17:11-23**)
  - Total unity of the God-Head; God head and the believer; Believer and believers.
3. The only ground of righteousness for the believer is established.
  - God accepts ONLY His bestowed righteousness and the Holy Spirit gives it to the believer.
  - Unsaved, unbelievers are not in Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ is not in them.
  - It is impossible to be in Jesus Christ and not have His righteousness.
  - **Romans 8:1; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2 Corinthians 5:17, 21; Ephesians 1:3, 6; 2:13**

### IV. WHAT BAPTISM IS NOT

1. Baptism is NOT regeneration for that occurs to bring salvation.
2. Baptism is NOT the indwelling of the Holy Spirit for that is Christ's gift of enablement to believers as a "down payment" a sealing for all eternity.
3. Baptism is not the "filling" of the Holy Spirit for the believer is baptized ONCE by the Holy Spirit but "filled" many times.
  - No feeling or experience is needed or seen.
  - Believers are never encouraged to be baptized by the Holy Spirit, but to be FILLED.
  - Every believer is baptized by the Holy Spirit, but NOT filled.
  - Every believer who is baptized by the Holy Spirit is eternally secure.
  - Baptism of the Holy Spirit comes upon salvation of the believer.

### CONCLUSION:

1. Upon belief in Jesus, the Holy Spirit gives eternal life, Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to the believer (indwells), the Holy Spirit then places the believer into Christ (baptizes).
2. No human effort, ritual, etc. can accomplish this miracle. Only Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.