

WEEK FOUR: BAPTISM (S)

WATER BAPTISM – IT IS NOT JUST _____.

NOT JUST A SUGGESTION, IT IS A _____ (MATTHEW 28:19).

THE _____ is the baptizer.

MATTHEW 3: 11: (JOHN BAPTIST – A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST. “I baptize you with water for 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.

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS (MATTHEW 3: 13-17)

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

¹⁵ Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

¹⁶ **As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water.** At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

MARK 16:16, “**Whoever believes and is baptized** will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned”

Baptism is from the Greek word _____ meaning “to dip into” or “immerse.”

The Greek language clearly uses different words to express sprinkling or pouring, none of which ever refers to baptism. The New Testament reveals that baptism was usually performed in a river, with those who were baptized coming out of the water after being immersed.

JESUS REMOVES YOUR SIN AND TRANSFORMS YOU. BAPTISM ILLUSTRATES OUR SALVATION IN JESUS. IN BAPTISM WE ARE IDENTIFIED WITH JESUS DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION. AS THE WATER WASHES OVER US, WE REALIZE OUR OLD, BROKEN, SINFUL SELF HAS BEEN PUT TO DEATH AND RAISED TO NEW LIFE.

BAPTISM REMINDS US OF OUR NEW LIFE WITH GOD. BAPTISM REMINDS US THAT WE HAVEN'T FIXED OURSELVES; JESUS HAS FORGIVEN US AND WASHED US CLEAN BY HIS GRACE. WE ARE NOT OUR OWN. IN BAPTISM GOD SEALS WHAT HE HAS DONE IN MAKING YOU NEW. YOUR CHURCH CELEBRATES YOUR FAITH WITH YOU!

ROMANS 6: 3-4, 1 PETER 3:21, LUKE 3:21-22,

ROMANS 6:3-4, "Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

1 PETER 3:21, "AND THIS WATER SYMBOLIZES BAPTISM THAT NOW SAVES YOU ALSO – NOT THE REMOVAL OF DIRT FROM YOUR BODY BUT THE PLEDGE OF A CLEAR CONSCIENCE TOWARD GOD. IT SAVES YOU BY THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST.

LUKE 3:21-22, "WHEN ALL THE PEOPLE WERE BEING BAPTIZED, JESUS WAS BAPTIZED TOO.

Water Baptism IS A:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

THE WATER DOES NOT _____.

ONLY JESUS _____.

God sent a special messenger preceding Jesus Christ who taught the need for baptism. What was his message? (John 1:19-27).

MATTHEW 3:11, "THOSE WHO REPENT I BAPTIZE WITH WATER "

DO YOU SEE REPENTANCE AND WATER BAPTISM LINKED?

WHAT IS EXPECTED TO SEE DEMONSTRATED AS A RESULT OF REPENTANCE?

MATTHEW 3:8, "YOU MUST PROVE YOUR REPENTANCE BY A **CHANGE LIFE**".

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, CHANGED LIFE, PURE AND GOOD ATTITUDE, LOVELY HEART. ONE WHO IS FOLLOWING & SERVING CHRIST AND HIS TEACHINGS, LIVING THE WAY THAT HE LIVED. DESIRING TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS – DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT JESUS IS THE WAY!

BAPTISM WAS MUCH MORE THAN SIMPLY A SYMBOL OF CLEANSING. JOHN TAUGHT A BAPTISM OF

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

WHAT IS BAPTISM A PICTURE OF?

HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTISED? IF SO. WHAT WAS THAT EXPERIENCE LIKE FOR YOU?

(IT'S GOOD TO REMEMBER, JOURNAL, AND REFLECT)

MY WATER BAPTISM EXPERIENCE FOR ME WAS.....

_____.

HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM

The Spirit of God descending like a dove and descending on him. (GOD BAPTIZED JESUS IN THE SPIRIT) – BEFORE HIS MINISTRY STARTED.

MATTHEW 3:11, “THOSE WHO REPENT I BAPTIZE WITH WATER, BUT THERE IS COMING A MAN AFTER ME WHO IS MORE POWERFUL THAN I AM. IN FACT, I’M NOT WORTHY ENOUGH TO PICK UP HIS SANDALS. HE WILL SUBMERGE YOU INTO UNION WITH THE SPIRIT OF HOLINESS AND WITH A RAGING FIRE!”

THE BAPTIZER IS: _____

- JOHN BAPTIZED WITH WATER.
- FATHER GOD BAPTIZED JESUS WITH THE POWER OF HEAVEN.
- JESUS WILL BAPTIZE BELIEVERS WITH THE SAME HOLY SPIRIT – THE BAPTISM OF FIRE.

ACTS 2:1-4, “When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them

SOME WOULD SAY THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM WAS ONLY FOR THOSE DISCIPLES OF THAT DAY AND IT IS NOT FOR TODAY. WE KNOW THAT IS NOT TRUE, MANY PEOPLE RECORDED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT WERE BAPTIZED IN THE SPIRIT OTHER THAN THE 12 DISCIPLES.

LUKE 1:15 – JOHN THE BAPTIST WAS EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT EVEN BEFORE HIS BIRTH – JOHN WAS CALLED TO PROPHECY – SET APART FOR SPECIAL SERVICE.

Many different manifestations of the Holy Spirit occurred in the book of Acts.....

1. Acts 4: 31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.
2. Acts 8: 14-17 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received 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. 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.
3. Acts 9: 17,18 And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.

ACTS 10: STORY OF CORNELIUSN (REALLY COOL STORY)

4. Acts 10: 44-46 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.
5. Acts 19: 1-6 And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." Then 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." When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied
6. 1 Corinthians 10: 1-4 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ

LUKE/ACTS – BIBLICAL AUTHOR LUKE SHOWED THAT IT WAS A _____

A 2ND EXPERIENCE FROM _____.

LUKE REFERS TO THE SPIRIT BAPTISM MORE THAN ANY OTHER AUTHOR. BUT PAUL DOES ACKNOWLEDGE THE BAPTISM OF THE SPIRIT AND ALSO THAT HE SPOKE IN TONGUES.

1 CORINTHIANS 14

Let love be your highest goal! But you should also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives—especially the ability to prophesy. ² For if you have the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking only to God, since people won't be able to understand you. You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit, but it will all be mysterious. ³ But one who prophesies strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them. ⁴ A person who speaks in tongues is strengthened personally, but one who speaks a word of prophecy strengthens the entire church.

⁵ I wish you could all speak in tongues, but even more I wish you could all prophesy. For prophecy is greater than speaking in tongues, unless someone interprets what you are saying so that the whole church will be strengthened.

VS 18, “¹⁸ I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you”.

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS AN _____ OF THE SPIRIT.

WHEN YOU ARE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT YOU WILL RECEIVE;

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

SCRIPTURES FOR YOU TO READ IN YOUR OWN TIME:

ROMANS 8:26, JUDE 1:20, TITUS 3:5, EPHESIANS 6:18, JOHN 20:22, ACTS 4:8, ACTS 13:9

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED IN THE SPIRIT: EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, YOU **CONSTANTLY NEED A NEW**

FULLNESS. EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE BEEN FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, YOU CAN EASILY BE CAUGHT UP BY THE WORLD WE LIVE IN AND CAN LOSE SOMETHING OF THE FULLNESS OF THE SPIRIT

HOW DO I BECOME BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT? SIMPLY ASK GOD FOR IT!

Jesus skillfully expresses the essence of this experience: “If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?” (Lk 11:13).

The first thing you must have before asking God for this gift is the right motive.

What God wants from you are four specific things:

1. **your body**
2. **your soul**
3. **your spirit**
4. **your entire life**

THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY, BUT NOT IN THIRD PLACE.

OUR FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT IS WHEN HE CONVICTS US OF OUR SINS AND WE REPENT AND GIVE OUR LIVES TO CHRIST JESUS.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS OUR _____.

- We are encouraged to ask the Holy Spirit to fill us up on a regular basis. When you feel depleted or need strength, ask Him to replenish you (Ephesians 5:18).

It's not enough to exist with the belief that The Father and the Son are first and the Holy Spirit is secondary.

They are _____ and work in harmony with each other. The uniqueness of the Holy Spirit is His presence within us. Jesus said before he ascended to heaven that the Holy Spirit would come and dwell within us as a believer. With that, He empowers us to live victoriously for the cause of Christ and glory of the Father.

JOHN 14:15-17, "IF YOU LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS. AND I WILL ASK THE FATHER, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER ADVOCATE TO HELP YOU AND TO BE WITH YOU FOREVER – _____ . THE WORLD CANNOT ACCEPT HIM, BECAUSE IT NEITHER SEES HIM OR KNOWS HIM. BUT YOU KNOW HIM, FOR HE LIVES WITH YOU AND WILL BE IN YOU!"

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS CONNECTED WITH GROWING US TO BE MORE LIKE _____.

1. **Being a person, the Holy Spirit has feelings. He can become sad or angry, and others can insult Him and blaspheme against Him (Is 63:10; Mt 12:31; Ac 7:51; Eph. 4:30; Hebrews 10:29)**
2. **He has intentions, shows willfulness and discretion, loves, communicates, testifies, teaches, and prays (Neh. 9:20; Jn. 15:26; Ac 13:2; Rm 8:26,27; 15:30; 1Co 12:11). These are qualities that distinguish Him as a person.**
3. The Holy Spirit was present during each stage of Christ's life. When the angel appeared to Mary, the mother of Jesus, he declared: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most - High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God" (Lk 1:35).

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another** _____ to be with you forever. He is the Spirit of truth. The world is unable to receive him because it doesn't see him or know him. But you do know him, because he remains with you and will be in you" (Jn. 14:16-17)

There is no doubt that in the church a life filled with the Holy Spirit should be the _____.

The filling of the Holy Spirit was even a requirement for serving in the church. Without a life full of the Holy Spirit, it is impossible to build the body of Christ, and we end up limiting God's work in our lives.

Referring to the HOLY SPIRIT, Jesus affirmed in JOHN 16:8, "When he comes, he will **convict the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment.**"

The emphasis on the Holy Spirit does not come from any religious organization in particular, but from _____ Himself.

"In order to receive the power of God, one does not need a religious formula, but rather a relationship with a person.

Acts clearly states how to recognize someone that is full of the Spirit: "You will be My witnesses" (1:8)

_____ is a distinguishing mark of the disciples, while being a witness distinguishes those who are full of the Spirit.

If we analyze what Paul says in Galatians 3:2—"I only want to learn this from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law or by believing what you heard?"

We realize that this is a rhetorical question; no one receives the Holy Spirit based on what they do. We experience salvation freely; there is no reason to relate to God differently in our experience with the Holy Spirit.

It is also a grace-based experience. In the same way that we receive Christ without doubting whether He will enter our lives or not, we should receive the Holy Spirit by _____ and believe that He will respond to our requests without delay.

JOHN 14:16, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another **advocate** to help you and be with you forever"

AN ADVOCATE IS SOMEONE WHO _____.

JOHN 14:26, "But, the **Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthened)**, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will help you remember everything that I have told you

What does the Holy Spirit do?

- 1) HE IS YOUR _____.
- 2) HE _____ YOU.
- 3) HE MAKES YOU _____.
- 4) HE HELPS YOU TO DO THE FATHERS _____.
- 5) HE GIFTS YOU FOR _____.
- 6) HE IMPARTS _____.
- 7) HE GIVES _____.
- 8) HE _____ AND GIVES _____.
- 9) HE _____ YOUR _____.
- 10) HE USES YOU FOR _____.
- 11) HE WILL _____ YOU.

ROMANS 8:1, THERE IS NOW NO CONDEMNATION FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST "