

## Receiving the Holy Spirit Baptism

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

- Baptism means to “immerse” to completely submerge.
- 1Cor. 12:13 “For by one Spirit we were all **baptized** into one body...”
- The Holy Spirit baptizes us into the body of Christ = **Salvation**.

The Holy Spirit baptizes us into **Jesus**.

### 2. The disciple baptizes us in Water:

- Matt 28:19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.”
- This is water baptism.

### 3. Jesus baptizes us in the Holy Spirit:

- The Bible calls this the baptism in the Holy Spirit.
- There is an important difference in the 1<sup>st</sup> baptism and the 3<sup>rd</sup> baptism.
- The first baptism is “**of**” the Holy Spirit.
- The third baptism is “**in** or **with**”

# 1 - The Holy Spirit performs the baptism bringing us into Jesus = Salvation.

#3 – The Bible talks about a baptism “**in** or **with**” the Holy Spirit that happens after you are baptized into Jesus at Salvation.

Matt 3: 11 John the Baptizer speaking:

“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/in the Holy Spirit and fire.”

Remember 1Cor. 12:13 saying that it is “by the Spirit we are baptized into the Body of Christ = Salvation.”

Now, Matt 3:11 tells us that “He-Jesus will baptize us with/in the Holy Spirit and fire.”

**#1 & #3 baptisms are not the same:** either theologically or grammatically.

There are two different subjects doing action:

1. Is the Holy Spirit baptizing us into the Body of Christ = Salvation.
2. Is Jesus baptizing us with or in the Holy Spirit = Power.

The third baptism – **IN** or **WITH** the Holy Spirit is recorded in all four of the Gospels.

Mark 1:8 John the Baptizer again: “I indeed baptize 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 1:33 John the baptizer again: “I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, upon whom you see the Sprit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes **with** the Holy Spirit.”

**Question:** When did John the baptizer see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Jesus?

At the water baptism of Jesus.

“The heavens opened and the Holy Spirit – like a dove – came upon Jesus.”

**Question:** If Jesus needed the Holy Spirit to come on Him when He was on this earth, don't we need the Holy Spirit?

**We need to understand three words:**

**Salvation**  
**Water**  
**Spirit**

1. When we are saved, the Holy Spirit baptizes us into the Body of Christ.
2. When we are water baptized, a follower baptizes us in the water.
3. Jesus baptizes us in/with the Holy Spirit.

**Question:** Is Jesus our example? I would hope you agree and can say YES!

Did Jesus have these three baptisms in His life?

1. He didn't need to be saved or born again because He was born right the first time.  
We need to be born again because we are born into sin.
2. Jesus was water baptized.
3. Jesus was baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:4-5 these are the last words of Jesus before His Ascension into heaven:  
“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.”

**Wait for the PROMISE, and you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit!**

Acts 2 teaches about the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came.  
Peter stands and preaches the message that this is what was foretold by the Prophet Joel.

v. 37 “Now 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?”

**Watch for the three baptisms:**

v. 38 “Then Peter said to them, **Repent**, and let everyone 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.**”

1. Repent = get saved.
2. Be baptized = water baptism
3. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit

Jesus said to wait for the PROMISE of the Father – which was the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

v. 39 “For the **PROMISE** is to you and to your children, and to all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

- That’s us.

Acts 8:12 “When they **believed** Philip as he preached the things concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were **baptized**.

v. 14-17 “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.”

Many believers have been saved, baptized in water; but have never received the Holy Spirit!

## **If you've received Jesus as Lord and Savior of your life, been baptized in water – why would you not want to receive the Holy Spirit?**

- Why would you not want the Holy Spirit to lead, guide, direct you into a greater relationship with The Father who wants to give you ALL of His Kingdom?
- Why would you not want Him to help you be the husband/father, wife/mother, disciple you need to be?

Yes, the Holy Spirit does come to live inside us when we are born again; but the Holy Spirit wants to baptize us with/in the Holy Spirit.

Acts 10      The Gentiles received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 19:1- “It happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus, and finding some **disciples** – [followers of Jesus].

v. 2      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.”

v. 3      And he said to them, “Into what then were you baptized?”

So they said, “Into John’s baptism.”

v. 4      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 = salvation.

v. 5      When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus = they were water baptized.

v. 6      And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.”

### **The New Covenant pattern is:**

1. People received salvation
2. Followers were water baptized
3. Followers received the gift 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.”

v. 8 “There are three that bear witness on earth; the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

1. Spirit baptism
2. Water baptism
3. Blood – blood of Jesus for salvation

- The Three bear witness to the supernatural – The Father, The Word = Jesus, The Holy Spirit that changes people's lives.

1. When we get saved – we become a New Person
2. When we get baptized in water – the Old Person is cut off – dies.
3. When we are baptized in the Holy Spirit – we receive the power to walk in the New.

If Jesus – Himself, the early believers and many followers through time realized their need to receive and be filled with the Holy Spirit – do you realize your need to receive and be filled, guided, empowered, directed by the Holy Spirit to be a fruitful believer for the Kingdom of God?