

Introduction:

- *"Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, **what shall we do?**" And Peter said to them, "**Repent and be baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will **receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.""* (Acts 2:37-39, ESV) I want all of you to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. We call receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit the baptism in or with the Holy Spirit.
- There are around seven different baptisms mentioned in the Word of God. (Moses, John, Jesus, Suffering, Fire, Holy Spirit, Baptism in name of Jesus)
 - I want to focus on three as they relate to our series on the Baptism in Holy Spirit.
 - I want to show you how they relate and why we should desire to experience all three.
 - I specifically want to show you from the Word of God that there is a difference between receiving the Holy Spirit in the New Birth and being baptized in the Holy Spirit.
 - I want you to be able to see this clearly from the Word so that you may eagerly desire to have ALL that God desires you to have.
- The Greek word for baptism (βαπτίζω) means to dip, immerse, submerge, plunge, sink.
 - Let's look at three baptisms and how they relate to each other and to us.
 - Baptism into Christ body
 - Baptism in water
 - Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Remember, this is the one I am after. The one I want you to want more than anything.

I. Three Baptisms Found In the Word of God

- A. The first baptism we will look at is this: The Holy Spirit baptizes us **into Christ**. He immerses us in Christ!
1. *"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."* (1 Corinthians 12:13, NKJV)
 2. Notice that Paul writes the *we were all baptized into one body*...Christ's body.
 - a) We were immersed into Christ's body. All the 'in Him, in Christ' scriptures are available to me because of this immersion!
 - b) What Jesus did at calvary affects the believer at every level of his life. New life, new identity, divine health, real joy, righteousness, forgiveness, etc.
 - c) This is done by one Spirit, the Holy Spirit. In other words, the Holy Spirit does this work.
 3. When you get baptized into Christ, you are saved! When you are saved you are baptized into Christ/immersed in Him by the Holy Spirit. This is your salvation experience! You become a new creation in Christ, when you are immersed into His body. When you are immersed into His body all the promises of God in Christ are Yes and Amen! They come alive for you!
 4. Now watch this: and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.
 - a) drink (ποτιζω) - potizo - a verb meaning to cause to drink or to give to drink.
 - b) When I drink, I am receiving...I am receiving the Holy Spirit. I am receiving from this one Spirit to be immersed into Christ. Salvation. By Faith!

- B. The second baptism is: The disciple baptizes the new believer **in water**. They immerse in water.
1. *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," (Matthew 28:19, ESV)*
 2. Baptism in water is an act of faith where we are buried with Christ (repentance) and raised up in new life. In water baptism, I am publicly declaring that I now identify with Christ! *"We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."* (Romans 6:4, ESV)
 - a) Water grave, the 'old man' dies and the new man is made alive.
 3. The disciple baptizes the new believer thus making him a disciple of Christ.
 - a) Pastor does not have to do this.
 - b) Other disciples can do this.
 - c) It is great when a father has opportunity to baptize his children.
- C. The third baptism is this: Jesus baptizes us **in/with the Holy Spirit**. Jesus immerses us in the Holy Spirit!
1. *"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."* (Matthew 3:11, ESV)
 2. This baptism is about new power to be witnesses. It is not about the gift of tongues. Holy Spirit is literally 'the Gift' sent from the Father. Tongues is a gift from the Spirit.
 3. One and three cannot be the same thing. Many people argue they are. They can't be.
 - a) They are two totally different subjects. They can't be the same.
 - b) Let's look deeper at the Baptism In the Holy Spirit.

II. The Baptism In the Holy Spirit

- A. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is found in all four Gospels. Just like the death, burial, and resurrection are found in all four Gospels, so is the baptism in Holy Spirit.
1. Mt 3:11 *"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."* (Matthew 3:11, ESV)
 2. Mark 1:8 *"he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."* (Mark 1:8, ESV)
 3. Luke 3:16 *"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."* (Luke 3:16, ESV)
 4. John 1:33 *"I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the **Spirit descend and remain**, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'" (John 1:33, ESV)*
 - a) The Word to John was the one on whom the Spirit descended and remained is Messiah and the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.
 - b) Remaining is not humanities experience, its our goal that He remain. David did not have this experience. Note Psalm 51: *"Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me."* (Psalm 51:11, ESV) Eph 4:30 He can be grieved.
 - c) It is important that the Spirit remained on Jesus! Because He would be and is the One who baptizes us with/in the Holy Spirit.
 - d) If Jesus needed the Holy Spirit to carry out His mission, how much more do we???

- B. The three baptisms are found together in the Word. And all of humanity needs them.
1. Salvation. This is our first baptism...into Christ. We are born again.
 - a) Jesus did not need to be born again. He already was already born perfect.
 - b) I needed to be born again. Being born again does not make me perfect. It positions me perfectly before God. My performance is not perfect; my position is!
 2. Baptism in water.
 - a) Jesus was baptized in water.
 - b) I need to be baptized in water.
 3. Baptism in the Holy Spirit.
 - a) Jesus needed the Holy Spirit for ministry.
 - b) I need the Holy Spirit to be an empowered witness for Christ.
- C. There is a pattern to being baptized in the Holy Spirit in the Word of God.
1. Acts 1:4-5 Jesus commands His disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they receive the promise of the Father, the Holy Spirit - which is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. *"for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."* (Acts 1:5, ESV)
 - a) They receive in Acts 2. Peter preaches. The people are convicted.
 - b) "What do we do?" they ask *"And Peter said to them, **Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**"* (Acts 2:38, ESV)
 - (1) Repent
 - (2) be baptized
 - (3) receive the gift of Holy Spirit. Three different things. *For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.*
 - c) This is the pattern in the Word of God!
 2. Read Acts 8:12-17
 - a) vs. 12 they believed, salvation, immersed into Christ.
 - b) vs. 12 they were water baptized
 - c) When the apostle heard of this they sent Peter and John that the new believers might receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.
 - d) Why would the apostles need to go to Samaria to pray for the people who were saved to receive Holy Spirit if they received Him at salvation? There was something more for these disciple to have.
 3. Acts 19:1 Paul is the greatest theologian of all time.
 - a) He finds disciples in Ephesus. He asks: Did you receive The Holy Spirit when you believed?
 - b) If you receive the baptism in Holy Spirit when you believe, then why would Paul, the greatest theologian ever to live, ask that question?
 - c) "No" ... Then, what baptism did you receive? ..."John's."
 - d) Paul preaches Christ, they believe in Jesus and are saved. Immersed into Christ
 - e) vs 5 Water baptized.

- f) vs 6 Lays hands on them and they are baptized in the Holy Spirit.
4. This is the pattern of the NT: Repent/salvation, water baptized and baptism of Holy Spirit.

III. Three Witnesses

- A. There are three that bear witness: *"So there are three witnesses in heaven: the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit, and these three are One; and there are three witnesses on the earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree [are in unison; their testimony coincides]"* (1 John 5:7-8, AMP)
1. Three that bear witness in heaven: Father, Word, and Holy Spirit
 2. Three that bear witness on earth: Spirit, Water, blood
 3. Three baptisms we are looking at are the three witnesses on earth to our transformation and empowerment.
 - a) Blood = salvation
 - b) Water - old man dies and is buried in Christ.
 - c) Spirit. Baptism in Holy Spirit
 - d) What do they bear witness to?
 - (1) Salvation - new person, immersed in Christ
 - (2) Water baptism - old man dies and is buried with Christ.
 - (3) Holy Spirit baptism - the power to be an awesome witness of Christ and walk out this new life.
- B. The OT shadow carries the same witness!
1. *"For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,"* (1 Corinthians 10:1-2, ESV)
 - a) Under the cloud = Spirit. Spirit could be cloud by day, oil, fire by night,
 - b) through the sea = water
 - c) Baptized into Moses = immersed in Christ. Moses is a deliverer and a 'type' of Christ The Deliverer!
 2. There are the three again: salvation, water, Spirit. Spirit/ water/ blood
 3. One last illustration from the Word: The tabernacle of Moses points to the reality of Christ. It spoke of things to come. It wasn't the reality it was a shadow of Christ. IE. Power Point.
 - a) The tabernacle had one door. Jesus. When you entered the tabernacle the first thing you saw was... (Pattern is Spirit, Water, blood)
 - b) Altar - sprinkling of the blood - salvation. Next...
 - c) Laver- washed with water - water baptism Next...
 - d) Flask of oil/menorah - anointed with oil - baptism of HS
 - e) The Holy of Holies. You do not get to the Holy of holies without the blood the water and the oil! You die if you don't go in God's way!

Conclusion:

- Who wants to get saved today?
- Who want to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit today?
- In Acts 10 they were saved, received Holy Spirit and then baptized.