



## ***The Baptism with the Holy Spirit***

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*John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*

*John 1:30 This is He on behalf of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'*

*John 1:31 I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water."*

*John 1:32 John testified saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him.*

*John 1:33 I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.'*

*John 1:34 I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."*

The Old Testament makes plain that the long-awaited Messiah would be empowered by the Spirit of God, and that in His day the Spirit would be poured out on all His people.

*Isa 11:1-2 "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from His roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him."*

*Isa 42:1 "Behold My Servant, whom I uphold, my Chosen, in whom My soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations."*

*Isa 61:1-2 "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners; To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD."*

This is why God said to John in John in 1:33, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit."

And the Old Testament described what would happen for the people who follow the Messiah, Jesus

*Joel 2:28 "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh."*

*Isa 44:3 "I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit upon your offspring, and My blessing on your descendants."*

*Eze 36:27 "And I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes and be careful to obey My rules."*

So, John mentions the Holy Spirit and His coming upon Jesus, and Jesus's baptizing with the Spirit, to emphasize that the days of the Messiah are here.

What does it mean that Jesus baptizes with the Holy Spirit?

1. It means that The Spirit Comes Through Jesus
2. Jesus Immerses People in the Spirit
3. Baptism Signifies All That the Spirit Does for Us

The term is a broad, overarching one that includes the whole great saving, sanctifying, and empowering work of the Spirit in this age.

Four key effects of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

1. The Spirit gives new life. John 6:63 "It is the Spirit who gives life."

*"Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God. . . . That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:3, 6)*

2. The Spirit makes us live-givers, not just life-getters.

*John 7:38-39 "Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit."*

*The Spirit not only makes us alive; he makes us life-giving. He flows out of you like a brimming spring.*

3. The Spirit witnesses about Jesus.

*John 15:26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about Me."*

4. The Spirit glorifies Jesus.

*John 16:14 "When the Spirit of truth comes . . . He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you."*

When the Spirit comes, He will glorify Jesus! When He comes, He comes to witness to Christ and to glorify Christ. All the work of the Spirit is from Jesus and for Jesus.

After the Apostle Peter and the other Apostles were commanded by the Jewish religious leaders to stop preaching about the resurrection of Jesus, notice what they said. *Acts 5:29-32 But Peter and the apostles answered and said, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a cross. He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."*

Now, could it be that if someone refuses to obey God in the very first command given (water baptism) to those who say that want to follow Jesus; could that impact whether or not they are baptized in the Holy Spirit?

The message Peter gave in Acts 2 ended with the words,

*Acts 2:38 Repent, each of you and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

\*\*4-5 pm meeting today for all those who will participate in next week's Super Baptism service. Come if you already signed up. Come even if you haven't signed up.