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EXTRACT

Few members of the Body of Christ are aware of the Doctrine of Baptisms as mentioned by Paul in Hebrews 6:1-3. As a point of departure, we will first summarise the Doctrine of Baptisms, after which a short, but more comprehensive study on the Water Baptism and the Baptism in the Holy Ghost will follow. A complete discussion of this Doctrine of Baptisms is available in our books, *Laying Down the Foundation, volume 2* and the *Doctrine of Christ*. These books can be downloaded from our website (<https://www.berashithministry.co.za/index.php/products/personal-books>) or a hard copy can be purchased from our online shop (<https://www.berashith-oj.co.za/shop/>). The Doctrine of Baptisms is also available as part of the Berashith Online Journey (<http://www.berashith-oj.co.za/>) as short, manageable lessons.

THE ORIGINAL PLAN

From the beginning, God made man in His image and likeness. It was God's plan for man to rule and have dominion over the earth. So, He put man in the Garden of Eden (the place of God's presence). But man sinned against God and lost the presence of God. He lost the Holy Spirit. Man became spiritually dead. Without Him, we are malfunctioning. God drove man out of the Garden of Eden to protect him from himself by preventing him from eating from the Tree of Life. God is Holy and cannot allow any unholiness in His presence. Therefore, Jesus came to rescue us. He restored everything by dying for us on the Cross. The only way to reconnect with God is to accept His gift of salvation through Jesus Christ, who cleanses us from all our sins.

BAPTISM WITH WATER

After man had sinned, satan blinded him, preventing man from seeing the illuminating light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, the Messiah, who is the Image and Likeness of God. We can only qualify for the presence of God in our lives when the Blood of

Jesus cleanses us and makes way for the return of God's Spirit to our human temples. He who confesses with his lips and believes with his heart confirms his salvation. After we have been born again, we must be baptised, as He was baptised (knowing that He had no sin). Through baptism, we die with Christ, are raised with Christ, and are seated with Him at the Father's right hand. Our bodies are cleansed with pure water. Unless we are born of water and the Spirit, we cannot enter the kingdom of God. We need to be released from our sins to become sons and daughters of the Kingdom.

BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

When Jesus was baptised, He received the Holy Spirit and His ministry started immediately afterwards. Jesus released authority and power to us by releasing the Holy Spirit into us. He commanded us to drive out demons, speak in tongues, lay hands on the sick, and heal them. He gave us the authority to pick up serpents and drink anything deadly without it affecting us. Before Jesus departed to Heaven, He told His disciples that He would send them another Comforter, the Holy Spirit (our Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, Standby). He commanded His disciples to not leave Jerusalem until they had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit came onto them like tongues resembling fire, which were separated and distributed and which settled on each one of them.

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THE DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS

The Bible teaches seven different baptisms, although Paul specifically mentions “*one Lord, one faith, **one baptism***”.

*There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ **One Lord, one faith, one baptism**, ⁶ One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.* Ephesians 4:4- 6 KJV

What is Paul referring to? There is only **ONE BAPTISM** essential for **SALVATION**. There is **one** of the different baptisms which every believer must obey and take part in. Does this mean all the other baptisms are not essential? No. All seven baptisms are part of a package deal and essential for a believer to walk in total freedom. They are not essential for salvation, but for other things. Before we discuss the **ONE** baptism, let us look at a summary of the different baptisms.

1. Baptism of Moses

*For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were **baptized into Moses** in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.* 1 Corinthians 10:1-4 ESV

This was a foreshadowing of the New Testament baptism. Israel passed through the Red Sea. This was their water baptism. The cloud was the Spirit of the Lord leading them on. This was their baptism in the Holy Spirit (Exodus 14:21-31). God delivered the children of Israel from bondage to the Egyptians. This event is called the “Exodus”. This baptism is symbolic and serves as a type of the One to come. It was a prophecy that one day we would all be baptised in water and the Holy Spirit.

Notice that the Israelites were baptised in water INTO Moses. They were baptised into the leadership of Moses. Today we are not baptised into any leadership but the leadership of Christ Jesus.

2. Baptism of Suffering

Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” ³⁹ *And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “**The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized.**”* Mark 10:38-39 ESV

This baptism is not in water, but it refers to the suffering and shame associated with the death of Christ, also called the “*baptism of the cross*”. The cup Jesus had to drink was a cup of shame and torment on the cross (Matthew 26:36-46). He was “immersed” in pain and dishonour. Similarly, our calling is to suffer for the sake of Christ.

In fact, you were called to live this way, because Christ also suffered in your place, leaving you his example for you to follow. 1 Peter 2:21 TPT

3. The Baptism of John

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ *And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.* ⁶ *Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey.* ⁷ *And he preached, saying, ‘After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.’* ⁸ ***I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.*** Mark 1:4- 8 ESV

John prepared the way of the Lord and made His paths straight (Mark 1:3). His baptism was in water (*specifically the Jordan River*) for repentance and forgiveness of sins. Many still participate in this baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sin.

4. The Baptism of Jesus

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.

¹⁴ *John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”* ¹⁵ *But Jesus answered him, “**Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.**”* Then he consented. ¹⁶ *And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;* ¹⁷ *and behold, a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’*

Matthew 3:13-17 ESV

This account tells of Christ’s own baptism in the water of the Jordan River. Christ knew no sin, with no need of repentance or forgiveness (2 Corinthians 5:21), however, He still underwent a baptism to “**fulfill all righteousness**”. He shows us the will of the Father by obedience. This act of obedience gave all believers right standing before the Father. The Father confirmed His love for His Son and immediately bestowed the Spirit upon Him. This event released Jesus to begin His ministry.

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6 NIV

5. Baptism of Fire

*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**.¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire. Matthew 3:11-12 ESV*

Christ will one day gather His wheat securely into His barn, but the chaff will be burned with unquenchable fire (Matthew 3:12). Seemingly, this speaks of the future administration of judgment on those who disobey the Gospel. Similarly, 2 Thessalonians 1:5-9 reveals Christ will return in “**flaming fire**”, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and do not obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. It is eternal “**fire**” to all those who do not obey the Gospel and reject the Lord.

In the context of sanctification, this verse may be applied to our own lives. All filthiness in us should be burned to cleanse us, purify us, and make us whole and holy so we will be blameless and spotless before our Bridegroom.

There is also evidence that a wall of fire surrounds us for our protection.

'And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,' declares the LORD, 'and I will be its glory within.' Zechariah 2:5 NIV

Our Bridegroom will bring fire upon those who seek to destroy us.

Let the heads of those who surround me be covered with the trouble their lips have caused.¹⁰ Let burning coals fall upon them; may they be thrown into the fire, into miry pits, never to rise. Ps 140:9-10 NIV1984

6. Baptism of the Holy Spirit

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. ¹¹ His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire. Matthew 3:11-12 ESV

This baptism is not in the Name of Jesus but performed directly by the hand of Christ. It is the baptism of the Holy Spirit upon men. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on “all flesh” was prophesied in Joel 2:28. It began on Pentecost when the apostles gathered in Jerusalem to wait for Christ’s promise of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5, 8). With a mighty rushing sound, the Holy Spirit filled the apostles (baptised them). They began to speak in different tongues. This also fulfilled John’s prophecy that Christ would baptise with the Holy Spirit. Additionally, it partially fulfilled the pouring out of the Spirit on “all flesh”.

7. Baptism in the Name of Jesus

*“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”³⁷ 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?” ³⁸ 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 2:36-38 ESV*

The Jews realised they had killed the Son of God and asked Peter what they could do. He instructed them to repent and be baptised in the Name of Jesus. This baptism was not merely ceremonial but for “**the forgiveness of your sins**”. The Scriptures are clear that baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ is for the forgiveness of sins. Without this baptism, there is no forgiveness. For the believer, this is crucial. We want to participate in the victory of the resurrected life of Christ, but few are willing to share in His suffering. We need to grasp this Biblical truth that we too need to die first before

we can be resurrected. If you have never gone down into the water the question remains: "When were you then executed and sentenced to death?"

Our burial with Christ occurs during baptism when the old self dies (Romans 6:1-6). Baptism is our execution on the stake. Our sins are nailed to the cross (Colossians 2:11-15) and Christ washes them away by His Blood (Acts 22:16). Baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ places us into the Body of Christ. ***"For as many of you were baptized into Christ have put on Christ"*** and were made ***"sons of God, through faith"*** (Galatians 3:26, 27 KJV). Those who were baptised were those whom the Lord added to the number of saved believers. (Acts 2:42-47). Baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ also happened in water, directly after repentance. In Acts 10, Peter asks, *"Who can refuse the water?"* After Philip had preached Jesus to the eunuch, the eunuch remarked: *"See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?"* (verse 36). They both went down into the water and Philip baptised him.

Baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ saves us. After commanding all to repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, Peter tells them to *"save themselves!"* Consequently, baptism occurred for those who received His words (Acts 2:40-41). Peter writes in 1 Peter 3:21 that *"baptism now saves you"*.

He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned. Mark 16:16 MKJV

The baptism of John into repentance was no longer valid or essential for salvation. We now need baptism into the remission of sins in the Name of Jesus.

We also find confirmation in Acts 18. A Jew named Apollos was accurately teaching the things regarding Jesus, yet he knew only of the baptism of John. Consequently, Paul needed to correct those whom Apollos had taught in Ephesus. In this instance, Priscilla and Aquila explained the way of God to Apollos more accurately (Acts 18:24-26). **Those under the baptism of John still needed a baptism in the Name of Jesus** (Acts 19:1-7). **Thus, the baptism in the Name of Jesus is the ONE BAPTISM!**

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BAPTISED WITH WATER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

God's ORIGINAL PLAN

- He made man in His image and likeness.
- Man was to rule and have dominion over Earth.
- He put man in the Garden of Eden, the place of God's presence.
- Man sinned and lost the presence and Holy Spirit of God.
- Man became spiritually dead and is malfunctioning without Him.
- God drove man from the Garden of Eden (His presence).
- Cherubim protected man from God's presence so as to not be consumed.
- God is Holy and cannot allow any unholiness in His presence.
- Jesus came to rescue us by restoring everything through His death on the Cross.
- **THE ONLY WAY TO BE RECONNECTED WITH GOD, IS BY ACCEPTING HIS GIFT OF SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, WHO CLEANSSES US FROM ALL OUR SINS.**

BACKGROUND

GOD'S ORIGINAL PLAN

When God created Adam and Eve, HE dwelled with them in the Garden of Eden. His original plan was that man would share in His authority and rule on earth, not to serve Him as a servant (Genesis 1:26-28).

GOD GAVE MAN HIS IMAGE AND LIKENESS.

God said, Let Us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the [tame] beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth. Genesis 1:26 AMPC [Psalms 104:30; Hebrews 1:2; 11:3]

GOD PLACED MAN IN HIS PRESENCE, WHICH IS THE HEBREW MEANING OF THE WORD 'EDEN'.

- God's greatest desire was for man to live with Him and act like Him.
- **Image** = Resemblance (Strong's H6754) or exact **likeness** (Webster's "image").
- Therefore, to be made in God's image means that man resembles God and is an exact likeness of Him.
- **Eden** = A place of **God's presence** (Isaiah 51:3; Ezekiel 28:13)
- God gave man His nature and then put Him in His presence.
- God wants a relationship with us.

CREATED FOR A PURPOSE

We were created:

- To have dominion over all the earth.
- With an image different from all other creatures in His creation.
- With our own spiritual and moral nature.
- With the ability to function like He does.
- To see things that are not yet visible (FAITH).

*What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of [earthborn] man that You care for him? ⁵ Yet You have made him but a little lower than God [or heavenly beings], and You have **crowned him with glory** and honour. ⁶ You made him have **dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet:** Psalms 8:4-6 AMPC [I Corinthians 15:27; Ephesians 1:22, 23; Hebrews 2:6- 8]*

God gave man instructions to govern his life in the garden. One of these instructions was about what he could and could not eat.

*And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷ But of the **tree of the knowledge of good and evil and blessing and calamity you shall not eat**, for in the day that you eat of it you shall **surely die**. Genesis 2:16-17 AMPC*

- Death is the proscribed consequence of disobeying this principle.
- The consequence of man's choice to disobey God is shown in Genesis 3.

In the sweat of your face shall you eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you shall return. Genesis 3:19 AMPC

DEATH IS THE ABSENCE OF GOD'S PRESENCE IN MAN'S LIFE

- The more serious consequence of man's disregard for God's principles for life in the garden was his loss of the Holy Spirit and his subsequent separation from God.
- This spiritual death is at the root of all the ills that plague us as individuals and our society.
- Without Him, we have no hope of finding true happiness or fulfilling the purpose for which we were born.
- Man cannot live up to the potential and purpose God built into him until the love and intimacy God and man enjoyed in the Garden are restored!

CREATOR GOD IS MAN'S SOURCE

- When God made man, He spoke to Himself and created man out of Himself.
- Thus, man was created both to be of the same essence as God, who is spirit, (John 4:24) and to live in the same environment as God, which is the realm of the Spirit or the environment of God.

*So God created man in **His own image**, in the **image and likeness of God** **He created him**; male and female He created them. Genesis 1:27 AMPC [Colossians 3:9, 10; James 3:8, 9]*

- It doesn't matter how expensive an item is. When using it in the wrong environment, it will not function, e.g. an expensive big-screen TV cannot function underwater. In the wrong environment, man also cannot function properly.
- EDEN, the place of God's presence, is man's ideal environment.
- Unbroken fellowship between God and man was the environment that God planned for man.
- Your ideal environment is nothing more or less than the presence of God Him.

OUTSIDE OF GOD'S PRESENCE, WE CREATE A STATE OF MALFUNCTION FOR OURSELVES

The fall of man, as man's choice to sin is often called, is a fall from God's presence, with the accompanying loss of the Holy Spirit.

*Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the Garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ **So [God] drove out the man**; and He placed at the east of the Garden of Eden the **cherubim and a flaming sword which turned every way**, to keep and guard the way to the tree of life. Genesis 3:23-24 AMPC [Revelation 2:7; 22:2, 14, 19]*

- Man's banishment from Eden meant banishment from God's presence.
- We now have to work hard to get into God's presence.

CONTAMINATED

Why have we been contaminated ever since the Fall?

GOD IS HOLY

This means God is completely pure in motive and perfect in goodness, righteousness, and justice.

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy. Psalms 99:9 KJV

Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself, and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. Isaiah 8:13 KJV

For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called. Isaiah 54:5 KJV

But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness. Isaiah 5:16 KJV

SO IS HIS PRESENCE ALSO HOLY

*And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou **standest is holy ground**. Exodus 3:5 KJV*

*And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? ¹⁴ And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant? ¹⁵ And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place **whereon thou standest is holy**. And Joshua did so. Joshua 5:13-15 KJV*

WHEN MAN WAS CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE, THE HOLINESS OF GOD WAS HIS BIRTHRIGHT

God placed cherubim at the entrance of the garden to protect His presence from sinful man.

CHERUBIM

Cherubim are winged angels that are guardians of the Lord's presence.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest between the cherubims shine forth. Psalms 80:1 KJV

The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved. Psalms 99:1 KJV

O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth. Isaiah 37:16 KJV

- This protection of the presence of the Lord was particularly evident in the design of the Ark of the Covenant, where the cherubim, with outspread wings, guarded the Mercy Seat on top of the Ark where God dwelt.
- When the high priests went into the Most Holy Place, the cherubim were the first things they saw.
- They had to get past the cherubim to reach God.
- Anything contaminated by sin would never get past the cherubim because nothing sinful could enter God's presence, lest they were consumed by HIM.

SERAPHIM

- The seraphim not only protected the holiness of God but also met Isaiah's needs when he recognised his sinfulness in the presence of a Holy God.
- Their role was both to protect God's presence and to preserve man when he recognised his sinfulness and repented.

*In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. ² Above it stood the **seraphim**: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. ³ And one cried unto*

another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. ⁴ And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a **man of unclean lips**, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. ⁶ **Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:** ⁷ **And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.** Isaiah 6:1-7 KJV

- The seraphim and cherubim didn't protect man from God. They protected God's presence from man.
- Their task was to prevent man from coming into God's presence - His intended environment for man and therefore the place where man functions properly despite his sin and loss of holiness.
- Man is still made in the image of God.
- What changed was man's ability to act like God!
- Because he lost the Holy Spirit, man can no longer function in the spiritual and moral character of God.
- Man is still spirit just like God is Spirit, but he no longer possesses truth and righteousness as God does.

This is why David, after his sin with Bathsheba, sought God with these words:

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. ¹¹ Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Psalms 51:10-11 KJV

JESUS CAME TO OUR RESCUE

Jesus died for us even while we were unable to return to His presence because of the contamination by SIN.

While we were yet in weakness [powerless to help ourselves], at the fitting time Christ died for (in behalf of) the ungodly. ⁷ Now it is an extraordinary thing for one to give his life even for an upright man, though perhaps for a noble and lovable and generous benefactor someone might even dare to die. ⁸ But God shows and clearly proves His [own] love for us by the fact that **while we were still sinners, Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) died for us.** ⁹ Therefore, since we are **now justified (acquitted, made righteous, and brought into right relationship with God) by Christ's blood**, how much more [certain is it that] we shall be saved by Him from the indignation and wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if **while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son**, it is much more [certain], now that we are reconciled, that **we shall be saved (daily delivered from sin's dominion) through His [resurrection] life.**
Romans 5:6-10 AMPC

God rescued us because He wants His family back!

- He knows that we are malfunctioning. He restored us to our right environment.
- He deals with all sin, iniquity and rebellion before we can even get near His holy place.
- If we would get there, we would find cherubim and seraphim hovering around God to prevent us from approaching Him before our sin has been atoned for.

- Restoring us to our garden home has been God's plan all along.
- We are all valuable to God despite our sins.

RECONNECTED

- **The only way we become reconnected with God is by accepting His gift of salvation through Jesus Christ who cleanses us from all sin.**
- The only to **stay connected** is by living in His presence daily.

*Now there was a certain man among the Pharisees named **Nicodemus**, a ruler (a leader, an authority) among the Jews, ² Who came to Jesus at night and said to Him, Rabbi, we know and are certain that You have come from God [as] a Teacher; for no one can do these signs (these wonderworks, these miracles--and produce the proofs) that You do unless God is with him.*

³ *Jesus answered him, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, **that unless a person is born again (anew, from above), he cannot ever see (know, be acquainted with, and experience) the kingdom of God.*** ⁴ *Nicodemus said to Him, How can a man be born when he is old? **Can he enter his mother's womb again** and be born?* ⁵ *Jesus answered, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, **unless a man is born of water and [even] the Spirit, he cannot [ever] enter the kingdom of God. [Ezekiel 36:25-27.]*** ⁶ ***What is born of [from] the flesh is flesh [of the physical is physical]; and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.*** John 3:1-6 AMPC

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WATER BAPTISM

BAPTISM WITH WATER

- Since man had sinned in the Garden of Eden, satan has been blinding our minds, preventing us from seeing the illuminating light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, the Messiah, who is the image and likeness of God.
- We can only be qualified to receive the presence of God into our lives when the Blood of Jesus cleanses us and makes way for the return of God's Spirit to our human temples.
- He who confesses with his lips and believes with his heart confirms his salvation.
- Jesus commands that after we have been born again, we must be baptised as He was baptised, even though He did not have any sin.
- In baptism, we are buried with Him and raised with Him from the dead.
- Our bodies are cleansed with pure water. Unless a man is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.
- We are released from our sins.
- We become sons and daughters of the Kingdom.

BLINDED BY THE ENEMY

- We are blinded by the enemy to not see His image and His likeness, which is the glory of Jesus.

*For the God of this world has blinded the unbelievers' minds [that they should not discern the truth], preventing them from seeing the illuminating light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ (the Messiah), **Who is the Image and Likeness of God.** 2 Corinthians 4:4 AMPC*

- Put on the full armour of light!

*Besides this you know what [a critical] hour this is, how it is high time now for you to wake up out of your sleep (rouse to reality). For **salvation (final deliverance) is nearer** to us now than when we first believed (adhered to,*

trusted in, and relied on Christ, the Messiah). ¹² The night is far gone and the day is almost here. **Let us then drop (fling away) the works and deeds of darkness and put on the [full] armor of light.** ¹³ Let us live and conduct ourselves honorably and becomingly as in the [open light of] day, not in reveling (carousing) and drunkenness, not in immorality and debauchery (sensuality and licentiousness), not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ **But clothe yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ** (the Messiah), and make no provision for [indulging] the flesh [put a stop to thinking about the evil cravings of your physical nature] to [gratify its] desires (lusts). Romans 13:11- 14 AMPC

Being “sprinkled” in a religious system as a child/baby **is not sufficient. Faith in Jesus is a prerequisite for baptism.** An infant or young child cannot be converted to qualify for baptism.

In Greek, baptism is “**Baptizò**”, which means “**to immerse, to dunk, or to submerge.**” **It does not mean to be sprinkled!**

*And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; **what doth hinder me to be baptized?***

³⁷ *And Philip said, If thou **believest with all thine heart**, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Acts 8:36-37 KJV*

*And Philip said If you **believe with all your heart** [if you have a **conviction, full of joyful trust, that Jesus is the Messiah and accept Him as the Author of your salvation in the kingdom of God, giving Him your obedience, then**] you may. And he replied I do believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Acts 8:37 AMPC*

SOMEONE, IN AND UNTO

An understanding of the exact meaning of the Greek word “**baptizo**” will give us a better understanding of what Christ requires of us. Baptism is a transition from one side (*the dark side, the old nature*) to another side (*the light, the new creation man*). It is not a partial transition but a full transition.

The word “**baptizo**” implies immersion by going down into the water or by pouring water over the whole body. The requirement is total and not partial immersion. This automatically disqualifies the sprinkling of a few drops of water on the forehead.

“**Baptizo**” speaks of three elements, namely **SOMEONE** to baptise you **IN** something and **UNTO a result**. Understanding these fundamental issues will bring revelation knowledge of the different baptisms.

- “**Someone**” will always be involved in your baptism, e.g., a believer, the Holy Spirit, or Yashuah.
- “**In**” refers to the element in which you are being immersed, e.g., water or the Holy Spirit.
- “**Unto**” describes the result that you are baptised unto, e.g., unto salvation.

Thus, there must be “someone” to perform the baptism in something, and there must be a result – “something” unto which the person is baptised. We are baptised by someone in something. **John the Baptist** baptised believers **IN** water **UNTO** repentance for forgiveness of sin. He baptised in water, but He who would come after him would baptise in the Holy Ghost.

I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Matthew 3:11 NIV

This is a baptism **IN** the Holy Spirit **UNTO** power. This power refers to resurrection power, which is Dunamis power. The same power God the Father used to raise His Son from the dead is also in you and me (Romans 11:8).

For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body--whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.
1 Corinthians 12:13 NIV

THE BLOOD OF JESUS

- We cannot qualify for the presence of God unless the Blood of Jesus cleanses us and makes way for the return of God's Spirit to our human temples.
- The key to the continuing work of Jesus in each of us is the Holy Spirit.
- When the Spirit is alive in us, He restores the presence of God to our lives and leads us into the holiness that was our birthright at creation.
- The Holy Spirit is God. He is the key to getting us into God's presence.

JESUS CHRIST

- Accepting and declaring openly that Jesus Christ is the Messiah, Lord and Saviour, is the first step towards baptism in water.
- You need Jesus Christ as your Saviour before you can receive the Holy Spirit.

CONFESSION

Confessing with your lips and believing in your heart confirms your salvation.

*Because if you acknowledge and **confess with your lips** that Jesus is Lord and in your heart **believe** (adhere to, trust in, and rely on the truth) that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart a person **believes** (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Christ) and so is justified (declared righteous, acceptable to God), and with the **mouth he confesses***

*(declares openly and speaks out freely his faith) **and confirms [his] salvation.*** Romans 10:9-10 AMPC

Through the Messiah have we obtained eternal salvation in the Kingdom of God.

And the message of God kept on spreading, and the number of disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem; and [besides] a large number of the priests were obedient to the faith [in Jesus as the Messiah, through Whom is obtained eternal salvation in the kingdom of God]. Acts 6:7 AMPC

GOD'S COMMAND TO US

Jesus approached and, breaking the silence, said to them, All authority (all power of rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹ Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ Teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you, and behold, I am with you all the days (perpetually, uniformly, and on every occasion), to the [very] close and consummation of the age. Amen (so let it be). Matthews 28:18-20 AMPC

JESUS DID NOT HAVE ANY SIN, YET WAS BAPTISED

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John to be baptized by him. Matthews 3:13 AMPC

THE HOLY SPIRIT

- We have to make disciples and baptise them, BUT...
- He who is coming next is mightier than us, and...
- HE will baptise with the Holy SPIRIT and with FIRE!

*John answered them all by saying, **I baptize you with water**; but He **Who is mightier** than I is coming, the strap of Whose sandals I am not fit to unfasten. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Luke 3:16 AMPC*

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

- **REPENT** (change our views and purpose to accept the will of God in the inner self instead of rejecting it), and...
- Be **BAPTISED** (released from sins and receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit).

*Now when they heard this they were stung (cut) to the heart, and they said to Peter and the rest of the apostles (special messengers), Brethren, **what shall we do?** ³⁸ And Peter answered them, **Repent (change your views and purpose to accept the will of God in your inner selves instead of rejecting it)** and be **baptized**, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of and **release from your sins**; and you **shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**. Acts 2:37- 38 AMPC*

*And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He that **believeth and is baptized shall be saved**; but he that believeth not shall be damned. Mark 16:15-16 KJV*

A BORN-AGAIN EXPERIENCE

Jesus answered, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you unless a man is born of water and [even] the Spirit, he cannot [ever] enter the kingdom of God. John 3:5 AMPC [Ezekiel 36:25-2.]

JESUS DISARMED THE PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS

*In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, but in a [spiritual] circumcision [performed by] Christ by **stripping off the body of the flesh** (the whole corrupt, carnal nature with its passions and*

lusts). ¹² [Thus you were circumcised when] **you were buried with Him in [your] baptism**, in which you were also **raised with Him** [to a new life] through [your] faith in the working of God [as displayed] when He raised Him up from the dead. ¹³ And you who were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh (your sensuality, **your sinful carnal nature**), **[God] brought to life together with [Christ]**, having [freely] **forgiven us all our transgressions**, ¹⁴ Having cancelled and blotted out and wiped away the handwriting of the note (bond) with its legal decrees and demands which was in force and stood against us (hostile to us). This [note with its regulations, decrees, and demands] He set aside and cleared completely out of our way by nailing it to [His] cross. ¹⁵ **[God] disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us** and made a bold display and public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him and in it [the cross].
Colossians 2:11- 15 AMPC

CONSIDER YOURSELVES ALSO DEAD TO SIN, BUT ALIVE IN GOD!

Are you ignorant of the fact that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus **were baptized into His death?** ⁴ **We were buried therefore with Him by the baptism into death**, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious [power] of the Father, so we too might [habitually] live and behave in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have become one with Him by sharing a death like His, **we shall also be [one with Him in sharing] His resurrection [by a new life lived for God].** ⁶ **We know that our old (unrenewed) self was nailed to the cross with Him** in order that [our] body [which is the instrument] of sin might be made ineffective and inactive for evil, that we might **no longer be the slaves of sin.** ⁷ For when a man dies, he is freed (loosed, delivered) from [the power of] sin [among men]. ⁸ **Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,**
⁹ Because we know that Christ (the Anointed One), being once raised from

the dead, will never die again; death no longer has power over Him. ¹⁰ *For by the death He died, He died to sin [ending His relation to it] once for all; and the life that He lives, He is living to God [in unbroken fellowship with Him].* ¹¹ *Even so consider yourselves also dead to sin and your relation to it broken, but alive to God [living in unbroken fellowship with Him] in Christ Jesus.*
Romans 6:3-11 AMPC

CLOTHED WITH CHRIST

*For in Christ Jesus you are all **sons of God through faith.*** ²⁷ *For as many [of you] as were baptized into Christ [into a spiritual union and communion with Christ, the Anointed One, the Messiah] have put on (**clothed yourselves with**) **Christ.*** ²⁸ *There is [now no distinction] neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is not male and female; for you are all **one in Christ Jesus.*** Galatians 3:26- 28 AMPC

THE MIND OF CHRIST

*For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? **But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart.*** 1 Corinthians 2:16 AMPC [Isaiah 40:13]

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. ² *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye **transformed by the renewing of your mind,** that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.* Romans 12:1-2 KJV

ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM

[There is] one body and one Spirit--just as there is also one hope [that belongs] to the calling you received-- ⁵ *[There is] **one Lord, one faith, one baptism,*** ⁶ *One God and Father of [us] all, Who is above all [Sovereign over all], pervading all and [living] in [us] all.* ⁷ *Yet grace (God's unmerited favor) was given to each of us individually [not indiscriminately, but in different ways] in proportion to the measure of Christ's [rich and bounteous] gift.*
Ephesians 4:4-7 AMPC

BAPTISED INTO ONE BODY

For by [means of the personal agency of] one [Holy] Spirit we were all, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, baptized [and by baptism united together] into one body, and all made to drink of one [Holy] Spirit.
1 Corinthians 12:13 AMPC

CLEANSING OF THE BODY WITH PURE WATER

*Let us all come forward and draw near with true (honest and sincere) hearts in unqualified assurance and absolute conviction engendered by **faith** (by that leaning of the entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness), having our hearts sprinkled and purified from a guilty (evil) conscience and our **bodies cleansed with pure water.*** Hebrews 10:22 AMPC

Jesus answered, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, unless a man is born of water and [even] the Spirit, he cannot [ever] enter the kingdom of God. [Ezekiel 36:25-27.] ⁶ ***What is born of [from] the flesh is flesh [of the physical is physical]; and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.***
John 3:5- 6 AMPC

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KINGDOM

- You were put into the family and Kingdom of God Almighty.
- You are now part of the body of Christ.

*For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the **Spirit of adoption [the Spirit producing sonship] in [the bliss of] which we cry, Abba (Father)! Father!** Romans 8:15 AMPC*

*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is **a new creature: old things are passed away**; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV*

SIGNS FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE

And these attesting signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new languages; ¹⁸ They will pick up serpents; and [even] if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will get well. ¹⁹ So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and He sat down at the right hand of God. Mark 16:17-19 AMPC [Psalms 110:1]

PETER'S TEACHING AFTER HE HAD RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT

RELEASED FROM SINS

*Now when they heard this they were stung (cut) to the heart, and they said to Peter and the rest of the apostles (special messengers), Brethren, what shall we do? ³⁸ And Peter answered them, **Repent** (change your views and purpose to accept the will of God in your inner selves instead of rejecting it) and be **baptized**, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of and **release from your sins**; and you shall receive the gift of **the Holy Spirit**. Acts 2:37-38 AMPC*

*Therefore those who accepted and welcomed his message **were baptized**, and there were added that day about 3,000 souls. Acts 2:41 AMPC*

THE IMPORTANCE OF BAPTISM TO GOD

- If baptism was not important to God, the Spirit would have taken Philip away immediately after he had preached the Gospel to the eunuch. But The Spirit took him away only **AFTER** the man was baptised. Also, keep in mind that even Jesus was baptised - knowing that He had no SIN!

*Then **Philip** opened his mouth, and beginning with this **portion of Scripture he announced to him the glad tidings (Gospel) of Jesus and about Him.***

*³⁶ And as they continued along on the way, they came to some water, and the eunuch exclaimed, See, [here is] water! **What is to hinder my being baptized?** ³⁷ And Philip said, If you believe with all your heart [if you have a conviction, full of joyful trust, that Jesus is the Messiah and accept Him as the Author of your salvation in the kingdom of God, giving Him your obedience, then] you may. And he replied, I do believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. ³⁸ And he ordered that the chariot be stopped; **and both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and [Philip] baptized him.** ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord [suddenly] **caught away Philip**; and the eunuch saw him no more, and he went on his way rejoicing. Acts 8:35-39 AMPC*

EVEN BEFORE THEY WERE BAPTISED WITH WATER, WHILE PETER WAS STILL SPEAKING, THE HOLY SPIRIT FELL ON THE PEOPLE

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all who were listening to the message. ⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised [the Jews] who came with Peter were surprised and amazed because the free gift of the Holy Spirit had been bestowed and poured out largely even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they heard them talking in [unknown] tongues

(languages) and extolling and magnifying God. Then Peter asked, ⁴⁷ **Can anyone forbid or refuse water for baptizing these people, seeing that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?** Acts 10:44-47 AMPC

PAUL MINISTERED TO PEOPLE AND STRAIGHT AWAY WHEN THEY BELIEVED, HE BAPTISED THEM

And he took them the same hour of the night and bathed [them because of their bloody] wounds, and he was baptized immediately and all [the members of] his [household]. **Acts 16:33 AMPC**

TESTIMONY OF PAUL'S BAPTISM

*And instantly something like scales fell from [Saul's] eyes, and he recovered his sight. Then he arose and was **baptized**.* Acts 9:18 AMPC

EXAMPLES OF OTHER BAPTISMS

*But Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, believed [that Jesus is the Messiah and acknowledged Him with joyful trust as Savior and Lord], together with his entire household; and many of the Corinthians who listened [to Paul also] **believed and were baptized**.* Acts 18:8 AMPC

*Came to see me, and standing by my side said to me, Brother Saul, look up and receive back your sight. And in that very instant I [recovered my sight and] looking up saw him. ¹⁴ And he said, The God of our forefathers has destined and appointed you to come progressively to know His will [to perceive, to recognize more strongly and clearly, and to become better and more intimately acquainted with His will], and to see the Righteous One (Jesus Christ, the Messiah), and to hear a voice from His [own] mouth and a message from His [own] lips; ¹⁵ For you will be His witness unto all men of everything that you have seen and heard. ¹⁶ And now, why do you delay? **Rise and be baptized, and by calling upon His name, wash away your sins.*** Acts 22:13-16 AMPC

NB! WATER BAPTISM IS A SIGN OF SALVATION!

IT SYMBOLISES THE SALVATION WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED!

Many born-again people believe they have received the Holy Spirit already before baptism. The Scripture teaches us differently.

When he had said this, he breathed on them and told them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. John 20:22 AMPC

This must have been an act of salvation because just before Jesus ascended to Heaven, He commanded the very same group of people to not leave Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit!

*While he was meeting with them, he ordered them, "**Don't leave Jerusalem. Instead, wait for what the Father has promised**, about which you heard me speak, ⁵ because John baptized with water, but you will be **baptized with the Holy Spirit** a few days from now." Acts 1:4-5 ISV*

*But you will **receive power** when the **Holy Spirit comes on you**, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8 NIV*

"Receive power" refers to when you receive the Holy Spirit. The Body of Christ has become powerless because of the absence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We need to tap into the source to demonstrate God's Kingdom with signs and wonders. The Kingdom of God is not in word but in the demonstration of the power.

For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power. 1 Corinthians 4:20 KJV

We cannot exercise our authority or do what Jesus commanded us to do, namely to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead and cast out devils (Mat 10:8)., unless we receive the Holy Ghost and His power.

*How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the **Holy Ghost and with power**: who went about doing good, and **healing** all that were **oppressed of the devil**; for God was with him. Acts 10:38 KJV*

*And Stephen, **full of faith and power**, did great **wonders** and **miracles** among the people. Acts 6:8 KJV*

Don't resist the power that is ordained by God, but receive the Holy Spirit and the power and start demonstrating it, as Jesus commanded us to do!

*Let every **soul be in subjection to the higher powers**: for there is no power but of God; and the **powers that be are ordained of God**. ² Therefore he that **resisteth the power**, withstandeth the ordinance of God: and they that withstand shall receive to themselves judgment. Romans 13:1-2 ASV*

*And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in **demonstration of the Spirit and of power**: ⁵ That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. 1 Corinthians 2:4-5 KJV*

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HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM

BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

- After Jesus was baptised, He received the Holy Spirit
- Jesus received the Holy Spirit and His ministry started. The Holy Spirit led Jesus. The first miracle He performed was changing water into wine.
- Jesus gave us authority and power by releasing the Holy Spirit into us.
- Jesus commanded us to drive out demons, speak in tongues, lay hands on the sick, and heal them. He said we would be able to pick up serpents and drink anything deadly without it harming us.
- Before Jesus departed to Heaven, He told His disciples that He would send them another Comforter, the Holy Spirit (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, Standby).
- They had to wait in Jerusalem to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit came onto them like tongues resembling fire, which were separated and distributed and settled on each one of them.
- Paul asked the people of Ephesus if they had received the Holy Spirit. They had not even heard of the Holy Spirit! He laid hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.
- The Holy Spirit gives us a new language. This is a private language - a tongue spoken not to men but to God. In the Holy Spirit, we utter secret truths and hidden things not obvious to human understanding.

JESUS RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT

*John gave further evidence, saying, I have seen the **Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven**, and it dwelt on Him [never to depart]. John 1:32 AMPC*

THE HOLY SPIRIT LED JESUS

*THEN JESUS, full of and controlled by the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was **led in [by] the [Holy] Spirit**. Luke 4:1 AMPC*

*Then Jesus went back full of and under the **power of the [Holy] Spirit** into Galilee, and the fame of Him spread through the whole region round about.
¹⁵ And He Himself conducted [a course of] teaching in their synagogues, being recognized and honored and praised by all. Luke 4:14-15 AMPC*

THE FIRST MIRACLE AFTER JESUS HAD RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT

ON THE third day there was a wedding at Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited with His disciples to the wedding. John 2:1-2 AMPC

*And when the manager **tasted the water** just now **turned into wine**, not knowing where it came from--though the servants who had drawn the water knew--he called the bridegroom. John 2:9 AMPC*

JESUS DID MANY GREAT WORKS AFTER RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT

*So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was **sick** at Capernaum.
⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the **point of death**. ⁴⁸ Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see **signs and wonders, ye will not believe**. John 4:46-48 KJV*

*And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days. ³² And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his **word was with power**. ³³ And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an **unclean devil**, and **cried out with a loud voice**, ³⁴ Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God. ³⁵ And Jesus*

rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not. ³⁶ *And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with **authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.*** Luke 4:31-36 KJV

*Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers **diseases** brought them unto him; and he **laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.*** ⁴¹ *And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.* Luke 4:40-41 KJV

*And immediately he rose up before them, and **took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house,** glorifying God.* Luke 5:25 KJV

JESUS COMMANDED HIS DISCIPLES TO GO AND PREACH THE GOSPEL AND BAPTISE THE PEOPLE

*And He said to them, **Go into all the world and preach and publish openly the good news (the Gospel)** to every creature [of the whole human race].* ¹⁶ ***He who believes** [who adheres to and trusts in and relies on the Gospel and Him Whom it sets forth] and is **baptized will be saved** [from the penalty of eternal death]; but he **who does not believe** [who does not adhere to and trust in and rely on the Gospel and Him Whom it sets forth] **will be condemned.*** Mark 16:15-16 AMPC

JESUS GAVE US AUTHORITY

Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. ³⁴ *For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and **gave authority to his servants,** and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.* Mark 13:33-34 KJV

*For even though I boast rather freely about our **power and authority**, which the **Lord gave** for your upbuilding and not for demolishing you, yet I shall not be put to shame [for exceeding the truth], 2 Corinthians 10:8 AMPC*

THESE SIGNS WILL ACCOMPANY THEM

*And these attesting signs will accompany those who believe: in **My name they will drive out demons**; they will **speak in new languages**; ¹⁸. They will **pick up serpents**; and [even] if they **drink anything deadly**, it will **not hurt them**; they will lay their **hands on the sick**, and **they will get well**. Mark 16:17-18 AMPC*

JESUS DEPARTED TO HEAVEN

So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and He sat down at the right hand of God. Mark 16:19 AMPC [Psalms 110:1.]

AFTER THE WATER BAPTISM HE WHO IS MIGHTIER WILL COME AND BAPTISE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

*John answered them all by saying, **I baptize you with water**; but He Who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of Whose sandals I am not fit to unfasten. He will **baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire**. Luke 3:16 AMPC*

- After we are born again and baptised in water, we receive the Power of the Holy Spirit!
- God doesn't intend that you live for Him on your own. He wants to live through you by the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit!

*And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, **Receive ye the Holy Ghost**: John 20:22 KJV*

JESUS TOLD HIS DISCIPLES TO WAIT UNTIL THEY HAD RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT

*And while being in their company and eating with them, **He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem** but to **wait** for what the Father had promised, Of which [He said] you have heard Me speak. [John 14:16, 26; 15:26.]⁵ For John baptized with water, but not many days from now you shall **be baptized with (placed in, introduced into) the Holy Spirit**. Acts 1:4-5 AMPC*

*And I will ask the Father, and He will give you **another Comforter** (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever. John 14:16 AMPC*

THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME UPON THEM!

*And when the day of **Pentecost** (50 days after Jesus' resurrection) was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. Acts 2:1 KJV*

*And there appeared to them **tongues resembling fire, which were separated and distributed and which settled on each one of them**.⁴ And they were **all filled (diffused throughout their souls) with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other (different, foreign) languages (tongues), as the Spirit kept giving them clear and loud expression [in each tongue in appropriate words]. Acts 2:3-4 AMPC*

PHILIP WENT TO SAMARIA TO PREACH THE GOSPEL

*Now those who were scattered abroad went about [through the land from place to place] preaching the glad tidings, the Word [the doctrine concerning the attainment through Christ of salvation in the kingdom of God].⁵ **Philip** [the deacon, not the apostle] went down to the city of **Samaria** and proclaimed the Christ (the Messiah) to them [the people]; [Acts 6:5].⁶ And*

great crowds of people with one accord listened to and heeded what was said by Philip, as they heard him and **watched the miracles and wonders** which he kept performing [from time to time]. ⁷ **For foul spirits came out of many who were possessed by them**, screaming and shouting with a loud voice, and many who were suffering from palsy or were crippled **were restored to health**. ⁸ And there was great rejoicing in that city. Acts 8:4-8 AMPC

PETER AND JOHN WENT TO SAMARIA SO THE SAMARITANS COULD ALSO RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

Now when the apostles (special messengers) at Jerusalem heard that [the country of] Samaria had accepted and welcomed the Word of God, they sent **Peter and John** to them,¹⁵ And they came down and prayed for them **that the Samaritans might receive the Holy Spirit**; ¹⁶ For He had not yet fallen upon any of them, but they had only been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ **Then [the apostles] laid their hands on them one by one, and they received the Holy Spirit**. Acts 8:14-17 AMPC

THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US A NEW LANGUAGE

- Salvation saves us and baptism with the Holy Spirit empowers us.
- It is the Language of the Spirit.

And they were all filled (diffused throughout their souls) with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other (**different, foreign**) languages (**tongues**), as **the Spirit** kept giving them clear and loud expression [in each tongue in appropriate words]. Acts 2:4 AMPC

THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME WHILE PETER WAS STILL PREACHING THE GOSPEL TO THE GENTILES

*While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy **Spirit fell on** all who were listening to the message. ⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised [the Jews] who came with Peter were surprised and amazed, because the free **gift of the Holy Spirit had been bestowed and poured out largely even on the Gentiles.** ⁴⁶ For they heard them talking in [unknown] tongues (languages) and extolling and magnifying God.*
Acts 10:44-46 AMPC

PAUL LAID HANDS ON THEM

*WHILE APOLLOS was in Corinth, Paul went through the upper inland districts and came down to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. ² And he asked them, **Did you receive the Holy Spirit** when you believed [on Jesus as the Christ]? And they said, **No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.** ³ And he asked, Into what [**baptism**] **then were you baptized?** They said, Into **John's baptism.** ⁴ And Paul said, John baptized with **the baptism of repentance**, continually telling the people that they should believe in the One Who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus [having a conviction full of joyful trust that He is Christ, the Messiah, and being obedient to Him]. ⁵ **On hearing this they were baptized [again, this time] in the name of the Lord Jesus.** ⁶ And as Paul laid **his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke in [foreign, unknown] tongues (languages) and prophesied.** Acts 19:1-6 AMPC*

PAUL SPOKE IN TONGUES AND SO SHOULD WE

*Now I wish that you might all speak in [unknown] tongues, but more especially [I want you] to **prophecy** (to be inspired to preach and interpret*

the divine will and purpose). He who prophesies [who is inspired to preach and teach] is greater (more useful and more important) than he who speaks in [unknown] tongues, unless he should interpret [what he says], so that the church may be edified and receive good [from it]. 1 Corinthians 14:5 AMPC

THE POWER SOURCE

- The Holy Spirit is the Power Source. When we reject Him, we won't see miracles, healings, demons cast out, or people speaking in tongues!
- Accept Him by receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit. You will then open yourself to God's supernatural power, working in all these wonderful ways. But you must receive the Source to have His Power.
- **This is essential and not optional!**
- Part of receiving the Power is speaking in tongues. This is how you will get revelations and tap into the Holy Spirit inside of you to renew your mind.

On the day of Pentecost, they were all with "**one accord**". God Almighty had already prophesied in Zephaniah that He would change the speech of the people to a pure speech and they would serve him with one accord!

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. Acts 2:1 KJV

For at that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call upon the name of the LORD and serve him with one accord. Zephaniah 3:9 ESV

We highly recommend you to study also the booklet "Speaking in Tongues" to discover the Biblical Truth of this precious gift from the Holy Spirit!

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Berashith is the Hebrew for "In the Beginning":
The Son of God willingly destroyed Himself on the Cross

"I am the Bright Morning Star - surely I come quickly"

Revelation 22:16, 20

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