

Water

&

HOLY SPIRIT

BAPTISM



"Let there be Light" – Gen 1:3

EXTRACT

Understanding God's original plan from the beginning of creation gives us a better understanding of where and why water baptism and baptism with the Holy Spirit is necessary.

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 God put man in the Garden of Eden (place of God's presence). But man sinned against God and lost the presence of God – lost the Holy Spirit. Man lives a life of spiritual death - without Him we as saints are malfunctioning. To protect mankind against himself (not to eat from the tree of life), God drove man out of the Garden of Eden (His presence).

God is Holy and cannot allow any unholiness in His presence. But Jesus came and rescue us – and restored everything by dying on the Cross for us. The only way to reconnected with God is to accept His gift of salvation through Jesus Christ to cleanse us from all our sin

BAPTISM WITH WATER

After man sinned in the Garden of Eden, satan blinded 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 in our life when the blood of Jesus cleanses us and makes way for the return of God's Spirit to our human temples. He who confess with his lips and believes with his heart confirms his salvation. After we are born again - Jesus commands us to be baptized as He was baptized (knowing that He did not have any sin). We died with Christ, raised with Christ and seated with Christ at the Father's right hand. Our bodies 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

BAPTISM WITH HOLY SPIRIT

After Jesus was baptized, Jesus received the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit led Jesus and His ministry started and the first miracle He did was changing water into wine just after He received the Holy Spirit. 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 and we will be able to pick up serpents and drinking anything deadly without it affecting us. Before Jesus departed to Heaven - He told His disciples that He will send them another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthenener, Standby - the Holy Spirit. He commanded his disciples not to leave Jerusalem until they 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. Paul ask the people of Ephesus - ***did you receive 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 that speaks not to men but to God which in the Holy Spirit he utters secret truths and hidden things not obvious to the understanding.

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BAPTIZING WITH WATER & HOLY SPIRIT

ORIGINAL PLAN

- Made man to His image and likeness
- Man to rule and have dominion over earth
- Put man in the Garden of Eden - Place of God's presence
- Man sin and lost the presence of God - especially the loss of the Holy Spirit
- Man lives a life of spiritual death - without Him we as saints are malfunctioning
- God drove out man from the Garden of Eden (His presence)
- Cherubim protecting man from God's presence not to be consumed
- God is Holy and cannot allow any un-holiness in His presence
- Jesus came and rescue us - Restoring everything by dying on the Cross for us
- **ONLY WAY TO RECONNECTED WITH GOD IS TO ACCEPT HIS GIFT OF SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST TO CLEANSE US FROM ALL OUR SIN**

BACKGROUND

GOD'S ORIGINAL PLAN

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

THE FIRST THING GOD GAVE MAN WAS 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.** Gen 1:26 [Ps. 104:30; Heb. 1:2; 11:3]



**SECOND THING GOD DID WAS TO PLACE MAN IN HIS PRESENCE, WHICH IS
THE MEANING IN THE HEBREW OF THE WORD EDEN**

- God's greatest desire was that man would act like Him and live with 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** (Is 51:3; Ezek 28:13)
- God gave man His nature and then put Him in His presence
- God wants a relationship with us.

CREATED FOR A PURPOSE

- To have dominion over all the earth;
- With an image different from that of all other parts of His creation;
- His own spiritual and moral nature;
- And with the ability to function like He does;
- Seeing things that are not yet visible (FAITH)

Psa 8:4 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 honor. 6 You made him have **dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet:** [*Cor. 15:27; Eph. 1:22, 23; Heb. 2:6-8.*]



GOD GAVE MAN INSTRUCTIONS IN EDEN THAT HE WAS TO GOVERN HIS LIFE IN THE GARDEN. ONE OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS WAS 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**. Gen 2:16-17

- Death is the proscribed consequence for disobeying this principle
- The consequence of man's choice to disobey God is show in Gen 3

Gen 3:19 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.

DEATH IS THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD 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 we as individuals and us as a society.
- Without Him, you have no hope of finding true happiness or of fulfilling the purpose for which you were born.
- Man cannot and will not 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!



CREATED GOD IS MAN'S SOURCE

- When God made man, He spoke to Himself and man came out of Him
- 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. Gen 1:27 [Col. 3:9, 10; James 3:8, 9]

- When in the wrong environment man cannot function appropriately (doesn't matter how expensive the product is, trying to operate it in the wrong environment it will not function - e.g. a very expensive big screen TV can't functioning under the water)
- EDEN is man's ideal environment (A place of God's presence)
- Unbroken fellowship between God and man was the environment that God planned for man
- Your ideal environment is nothing more and nothing less than the presence of God Himself

OUTSIDE OF GOD'S PRESENCE - YOU HAVE CREATED A STATE OF MALFUNCTION FOR YOURSELF

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

Gen 3:23 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. [Rev. 2:7; 22:2, 14, 19.]



- Eden means place of God's presence - man's banishment from Eden meant banishment from God's presence
- Now we have to work hard to get into God's presence

CONTAMINATED

Why is this so?

GOD IS HOLY

- God is Holy - which means that 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.
Ps 99:9

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

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. Is 54:5

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

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**. Ex 3:5

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. Jos 5:13

HAVING LOST THE HOLY SPIRIT REFLECTED THE HOLINESS OF GOD THAT WAS HIS BIRTHRIGHT WHEN HE WAS CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE

God sending man out of Eden (His presence) and placing 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 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. Ps 80:1

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

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. Is 37:16

- This position of protecting 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 where God dwelt on top of the Ark
- The priests went into the Most Holy Place, the cherubim were the first beings the priests saw



- Before they could get to God, they had to get past the cherubim
- Anything contaminated by sin that approached God's presence would never get past the cherubim because sinful things and people could not enter God's presence lest they are consumed by HIM

SERAPHIM

- There are also seraphim which not only protected the holiness of God; they also met Isaiah's need when he recognized his sinfulness in the presence of a holy God
- Thus - their role was both to protect God's presence and to preserve man when he recognized 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.** Is 6:1-7

- These seraphim and cherubim didn't protect man from God - they protected God's presence from man.
- Their task was to prevent man from getting into God's presence



- His intended environment and therefore the place where he functions properly despite his sin and his loss of holiness.
- Man - still made in the image of God
- What has changed is man's ability to act like God acts!
- Losing the Holy Spirit when he sinned man does no longer have the capacity to function from the spiritual and moral character of God.
- Man is still spirit just like God is Spirit, but he is no longer truth and righteousness as God is
- 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.** Ps 51:10-11

JESUS CAME TO OUR RESCUE

- While we were unable to return to His presence because we were contaminated by SIN - Jesus died for us

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.** Rom 5:6-10



- God came and rescue us - because He wants His family back
- He knows that we are malfunctioning and He restores us to our right environment
- He deals with all our sin, iniquity and rebellion before He can let us get near His holy place.
- Even when we get there, we will find cherubim and seraphim hovering around God to prevent us from approaching Him before our sin is atoned for.
- Restoring you to your garden home has been God's plan all along
- We are all valuable to God despite our sin

RECONNECTED

- **The only way we become reconnected with God is to accept His gift of salvation through Jesus Christ to cleanse us from all sin**
- The only way we can stay connected is to live a life in His presence on a daily basis

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. [Ezek. 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.** Joh 3:1-6

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WATER BAPTISM

BAPTISM WITH WATER

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- After we are born again - Jesus command us to be baptized as He was baptized (knowing that He did not have any sin)
- Jesus told us in the Scripture we all must be born again - we are all buried with Him in baptism and we are all raised with Him up from the dead
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BLINDED

- We are blinded by the enemy not seeing the glory of Jesus - His image and His likeness

2Co 4:4 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.**



- Put on the full armor 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). Rom 13:11-14

Being "baptized" as a child in a religious system where they sprinkled you with water is not sufficient. Also, you weren't scripturally baptized if it was done prior to your true conversion (i.e., as an infant or young child). The Bible makes it very clear that faith in Jesus is a prerequisite to baptism. In Greek, the word baptism is Baptizò which means: to immerse; to dunk to submerge. It does not mean to be sprinkled!

Act 8:36 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. KJV

Act 8:37 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. AMPC



BLOOD OF JESUS

- We cannot be qualified to receive the presence of God into our life until 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 life 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 today

JESUS CHRIST

- Accepting and openly declare that Jesus Christ is the Messiah, your Lord and Saviour is the first step for the baptism with water
- You need Jesus Christ as your savior before you can get the Holy Spirit

CONFESS

- Confess with your lips and believe in your heart you confirms your salvation

Rom 10:9 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.**

- Messiah - We obtained eternal salvation in the Kingdom of God

Act 6:7 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*].



GOD COMMANDS 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). Mat 28:18-20

JESUS DID NOT HAVE ANY SIN - STILL HE LET HIM BAPTIZED

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

HOLY SPIRIT

- Scripture is clear that we have to go making disciples and baptize them, BUT
- He who's coming next is mightier than us
- HE will baptize you with the Holy SPIRIT and with FIRE

Luk 3:16 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.

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

- When the people asking Peter what shall we do - He said - **REPENT** (change your views and purpose to accept the will of God in your inner selves instead of rejecting it)
- Be **BAPTIZED** (release from your sins; and you shall receive 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.** Act 2:37

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. Mar 16:15-16

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.** Joh 3:5 [Ezek. 36:25-27.]

WE DIED WITH JESUS AND RAISED WITH HIM AND HE DISARMED THE PRINCIPALITIES & 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*]. Col 2:11-15

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. Rom 6:3-11



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**. Gal 3:26-28

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 Cor 2:16 [Isa. 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. Rom 12:1-2

ONLY 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. Eph 4:4-7



BAPTIZED 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 Cor 12:13

CLEANSED 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**. Heb 10:22

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.** [*Ezek. 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

YOU BECOME NOW A SON / DAUGHTER OF THE KINGDOM

- You are now put in 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!** Rom 8:15

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



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. Mar 16:17-19 [*Ps. 110:1*]

TEACHING OF PETER AFTER HE RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT

RELEASE FROM YOUR 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**. Act 2:37-38

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

IT IS IMPORTANT TO GOD

- If baptism was not important to God, then God would just have told Philip to preach the Gospel to the eunuch and then The Spirit would have taken Philip away after that. But The Spirit took Philip away only **AFTER** the man was baptized. Also, keep in mind that even Jesus was baptized - knowing that JESUS 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. Act 8:35-39

PETER WAS BUSY SPEAKING WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT FELL ON THE PEOPLE EVEN BEFORE THEY WERE BAPTIZED WITH WATER

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?** Act 10:44-47

PAUL MINISTERED TO PEOPLE AND STRAIGHT AWAY WHEN THEY BELIEVED, HE BAPTIZED THEM IN THE SAME HOUR

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]**. Act 16:33

TESTIMONY OF PAUL WHEN HE ALSO HAD TO BE BAPTIZED

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



EXAMPLES

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**. Act 18:8

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**. Act 22:13

NB! WATER BAPTISM IS A SIGN OF SALVATION - IT SYMBOLISED THE SALVATION YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED!

Many believers – born again people believe they have already received the Holy Spirit and that the Holy Spirit already lives inside of them (*I was one of them because of the wrong doctrine*). The Scripture teaches us differently. In John 20 Jesus breathed on the disciples (*they were believers – his disciples*) saying: “**Receive the Holy Spirit**”

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



This must be an act of salvation because just before Jesus ascended to Heaven, He commanded the very same group of people not to leave Jerusalem and to 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. For John baptized with water, but you will be ***baptized with the Holy Spirit*** a few days from now." Act 1:4

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." Act 1:8

Notice that the scripture referred to "receive power" when you receive the Holy Spirit. The Body of Christ had 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 Cor 4:20

We cannot exercise our authority nor can we 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), without receiving the Holy Ghost and his power!

Act 10:38 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.

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

Don't you dare resist the power that is ordained by God, but receive the Holy Spirit and the power and starts 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. 4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in **demonstration of the Spirit and of power**: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. Rom 13:1

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HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM

BAPTISM WITH HOLY SPIRIT

- After Jesus was baptized, Jesus received the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit led Jesus and His ministry started and the first miracle He did was changing water into wine just after He received the Holy Spirit
- 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 and we will be able to pick up serpents and drinking anything deadly without affecting us
- Before Jesus departed to Heaven - He told His disciples that He will send them another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthenener, Standby - the Holy Spirit
- They all must not leave Jerusalem before they 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
- Paul ask the people of Ephesus - did you receive the Holy Spirit? They had not even heard of the Holy Spirit - He laid hand upon them - the Holy Spirit came on them and they spoke in tongues and prophesied
- Holy Spirit give us a new language - this is a private languages - a tongue speaks not to men but to God which in the Holy Spirit he utters secret truths and hidden things not obvious to the human understanding

JESUS HIMSELF 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

THE HOLY SPIRIT ALSO 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



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

FIRST MIRACLE ONLY AFTER RECEIVING 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

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

AFTER RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT JESUS DID MANY GREAT WORKS

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**. Joh 4:46-48

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.** Luk 4:31-36

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. Luk 4:40-41

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

JESUS COMMANDED HIS DISCIPLES TO GO AND PREACH THE GOSPEL AND BAPTIZE 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.** Mar 16:15-16

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. Mar 13:33 - 34

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 Cor 10:8



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**; Mar 16:18 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**. Mar 16:17-18

JESUS DEPARTURE 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. [*Ps. 110:1.*] Mar 16:19

AFTER THE WATER BAPTISM - HE WHO IS MIGHTIER WILL COME AND BAPTIZE YOU 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**. Luk 3:16

- After we are born again and baptized in water - We should receive the Power of the Holy Spirit!
- God doesn't intend for you to 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**: Joh 20:22



JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES BEFORE HE LEFT TO HEAVEN WITH THE CLOUDS THAT THEY MUST WAIT UNTIL THEY RECEIVE 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**. Act 1:4-5

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

But the **Comforter** (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, Standby), 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 cause you to recall (will remind you of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you. Joh 14:26

But when the **Comforter** (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengthener, Standby) comes, Whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth Who comes (proceeds) from the Father, He [Himself] will testify regarding Me. Joh 15:26

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. Act 2:3 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*]. Act 2:1-4



PHILIP WENT TO SAMARIA - 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. Act 8:4-8

PETER & JOHN WENT TO SAMARIA - THEY MIGHT 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**. Act 8:14-17

THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US A NEW LANGUAGE

- Salvation saves us -- Baptism with Holy Spirit Empowers us
- 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*]. Act 2:4



THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME WHILE PETER WAS 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. Then Peter asked. Act 10:44

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**. Act 19:1-6



PAUL SPEAKING IN TONGUES

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 Cor 14:5

PRIVATE LANGUAGES SPEAKING TO GOD

For one who speaks in an **[unknown] tongue** **speaks not to men but to God**, for no one understands or catches his meaning, because in the [*Holy*] Spirit he utters secret truths and hidden things [*not obvious to the understanding*]. 1 Cor 14:2

PRAY AND SING IN THE SPIRIT - UNDERSTANDING UNFRUITFUL

For if I pray in an *unknown* tongue, my **spirit prayeth**, but my **understanding is unfruitful**. 1 Cor 14:14

What is it then? I will **pray with the spirit**, and I will **pray with the understanding** also: I **will sing with the spirit**, and I will **sing with the understanding** also. 1 Cor 14:15

BUILDING YOURSELF UP

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Jude 1:20



PART OF THE ARMOUR

With all prayer and petition pray [with specific requests] **at all times** [on every occasion and in every season] **in the Spirit**, and with this in view, stay alert with all perseverance and petition [interceding in prayer] for all God's people. Eph 6:18 AMP

Eph 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints KJV

Therefore, my brothers, desire the ability to prophesy, and do not prevent others from speaking in other languages. 1 Cor 14:39 ISV

THE POWER SOURCE

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

The Tower of Babel

And the **whole earth was of one language**, and of one speech. Gen 11:1

And they said, Go to, **let us build us a city and a tower**, whose top *may reach* unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. 5 And the **LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.** Gen 11:4-5

And the LORD said, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and **now nothing will be restrained from them**, which they have imagined to do. Gen 11:6



Go to, let us go down, and there **confound their language**, that they may not understand one another's speech. Gen 11:7

In Acts - the day of Pentecost they were all with "one accord" and God Almighty prophesied this in Zephaniah that He will change the speech of the people to a pure speech and serve him with one accord

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with **one accord** in one place. Act 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**. Zep 3:9
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*"I am the Bright Morning Star -
Surely I come quickly"
Rev 22:16, 20*