

The New Birth Experience

Bible Study of Repentance, Water Baptism, and Spirit Baptism

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*Scriptures noted are NKJV translation unless otherwise noted

The Gospel and Repentance

A. *There is life after death.*

Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

B. *Our obedience to the “Gospel” is what we will be judged by when our life is over.*

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 - In flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.

Revelations 20:15 - And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

C. *The Gospel is the death, burial & resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 - Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.

D. *Christ death- Like as he died, it is through “Repentance” that we die to our old nature of sin.*

Luke 13:3 - I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Luke 24:47 - And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Romans 6:6-7 - Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin.

1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Luke 15:7 - I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

There is joy and refreshing when we repent!

Acts 3:19 - Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.



Water Baptism

A. *Christ burial-Like as he was buried, it is through "Water Baptism" that our sins are buried and washed away.*

Colossians 2:12 - Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Acts 22:16 - And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

B. *Is baptism necessary? YES!*

John 3:3-5 - Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Mark 16:15 - And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

1 Peter 3:21 - The like figure whereunto even baptism does also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 3:14-15 - But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of you, and you come to me? And Jesus answering said to him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becomes us to fulfil all righteousness.

C. *How should I be baptized? (In the Name of Jesus)*

Matthew 28:19 - Go therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Zechariah 14:9 - And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

Matthew 1:21 - And she shall bring forth a son, and you shall call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Luke 24:47 - And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

John 14:26 - But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said to you.

(Father, Son & Holy Ghost are not names but titles and manifestations of God. Jesus is the saving name whereby we are saved and baptized into as Acts 4:12 states.... Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.)

D. Who in the bible was baptized in the Name of Jesus? (All different groups of people)

- Jewish believers

Acts 2:38 - Then Peter said to them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

-Samaritan believers

Acts 8:12 - But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

-Gentile believers

Acts 10:47-48 - Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Spirit as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

-Corinthian believers

Acts 19:4-5 - Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying to the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

When the council of Nicaea met in 325 A.D. the Trinitarian formula for baptism was adopted. It was after this that the Catholic Church began to be the leading influence in Christian circles and the political world. In 1517 Martin Luther began what was called the *Protestant Reformation*. Luther kept the Trinitarian formula but began to break away from the other traditional beliefs of the Catholic Church. In the book of Acts, baptism was always in the name of Jesus. It was not until this council met that man decided to change this formula. Nowhere in the Bible can you find where anyone was baptized using a Trinitarian formula.





The baptism of the Holy Spirit

A. *Christ Resurrection- Like as he rose again, it is through the “Baptism of the Holy Spirit” that we can walk in newness of life and in the power of God.*

Romans 8:10-11 - And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwells in you.

Luke 24:49 - And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry in the city of Jerusalem, until you be endued with power from on high.

Acts 1:8 - But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you.

John 14:26 - But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said to you.

B. *Is it necessary to have the Holy Spirit? YES!*

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say to you, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Romans 8:9 - But you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

C. After we have believed, we should receive the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3:11- I indeed baptize you with water to repentance: but he that comes after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and with fire.

John 7:38-39 - He that believes on me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spoke he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Spirit was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Mark 16: 17 - And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues.

Acts 19:2 - He said to them, Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed? And they said to him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Spirit.

D. How was the Holy Spirit poured out in the Bible? They spoke with tongues!

Acts 2:1-4 - And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting And there appeared to them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 8:15-17 - Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. (Samaritians)

Acts 10:44-46 - While Peter yet spoke these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.

Acts 19:6-7 - And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve. (John's disciples)

E. After Pentecost, Paul preached and confirmed this Gospel to the convicted crowds that crucified Jesus.

Acts 2:36-39 - Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God has made that same Jesus, whom you have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said to Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said to them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Growing in God

A. *Communicate with God. (Pray)*

Matthew 6:6 - But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

1 Peter 5:7 - Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Philippians 4:6 - Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God.

Jude 1:20 - Building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.

B. *Get to know God by studying his Word. (Bible)*

Psalms 1:1-2 - Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,but his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Romans 10:17 - So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

2 Timothy 3:15-16 - And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

C. *Build new relationships and fellowship with people who love God, and will encourage you in the Lord.*

Acts 2:46-47 - And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people.....

Hebrews 10:25 - Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

II Corinthians 6:14 - Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership does righteousness have with lawlessness? And what fellowship does light have with darkness?

E. *Submit to a Bible believing church and pastor (shepherd) who can instruct you in the things of God and help you grow.*

Psalms 34:3 - Magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

Jeremiah 3:15 - And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Acts 20:28 - Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Hebrews 13:17 - Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

F. Listen, read and watch things that will help build up your faith in God.

Ephesians 5:19 - Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

Philippians 4:8-9 - Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

Romans 10:13 – For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

G. Worship and give thanks to God always, in all things.

Psalms 106:1 - Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Hebrews 13:15 - By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

