THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is <u>with</u> you, <u>in</u> you, and <u>upon</u> you. The Holy Spirit is "with you" from the time Jesus calls you (Jo.14:17) This is the working of the Holy Spirit to bring you to repentance and belief in Jesus Christ (Jo.16:7-15).

The Holy Spirit is "in you" (Jo.14:17). This is when you are a believer and accept Christ to come into your life and save you and change you. This is begun in John 20:22 when Jesus breathed on the disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." This continues until the Holy Spirit fills you ("be filled with the Holy Spirit," Eph.5:18; Acts 13:9). Those of Acts 4:31 were filled, or refilled as the case was, for they had previously received the Holy Spirit baptism.

The Holy Spirit is "upon you" (Jo.14:17; Acts 1:8). This is the baptism in the Holy Spirit when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and gives you power to live a pure life, a powerful life, to be a witness for Christ, to teach with power, to pray in the Spirit, etc. This fulfilled in Acts 2:1-4 on the Day of Pentecost as "divided tongues sat upon each of them." In this instance, they were both "filled" and baptized at the same time.

When you receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit you will also be filled with the Spirit. However, you may receive the Spirit (without being filled) without the baptism. An example is given in John 20:22, where the apostles received the Holy Spirit, however, their baptism was received later in Acts 2:1-4. If the baptism is received, you will know because you will speak in other tongues and glorify God.

One of the functions of the work of the Holy Spirit is in 1 Corinthians 12:13. The One Spirit baptizes all that are Christ's into one body (unity) of believers to teach them all the same word and of the same One God. But not all are equal in gifts, nor are they equal in rewards. For each part of the body is given according to their need and their ability to receive the way of the Lord and to use His gifts. But all believers and those saved in mercy through grace by Jesus Christ are part of His body, the true church, and as such are baptized (unified, fused together) into one body under One Head, even the Lord Himself. Not all members of the body are necessarily baptized nor even filled with the Holy Spirit, although they are admonished and commanded to do so. The baptism into the Holy Spirit is desired for power unto believers and to hold steadfast during deliverance, especially of others, but it is not essential.

When you "live in the Spirit," the true fruits of the Spirit are evident. To live in the Spirit is to have the Spirit in your heart and be changing your heart and life unto Christ. To "walk in the Spirit" is to have the power of the Spirit upon

you, and to have spiritual gifts of 1 Corinthians 12:8-12 evident, that you may walk in His power, strength, and direction, standing uprightly, and fearlessly before man, speaking, teaching and doing the truth with power and might. These are two separate works of the Holy Spirit, yet are of the same Spirit, when we ask and let Him do them for us. Walk and live!

Tongues are given for signs, and to pray in the Holy Spirit, and to have direct access to God in prayer without self praying amiss for lust and greed. Speaking in tongues is given as a sign. But speaking in tongues, heavenly language, etc. is not salvation as some pentecostal groups and religions do believe and advocate. Nor is it to be shunned and blasphemed as the Baptists and other worldly denominations have done. It is to be a sign to you and to unbelievers, then it is to be used in awesome reverence as the way of the Holy Spirit in His works and ministries through you. All should ask and seek both to "be filled" and the "baptism" as the Scriptures admonish all believers to do.

Do not be a "hearer" of the worldly apostate religions that tell you to be wary of these things, nor a "hearer" of the religious men who write adversely of the Holy Spirit baptism, yet they themselves have never believed nor received. They instead always try to prove it is not for them, nor for today, not for you, etc. But who will you hear? One who sought and has and is blessed therein, or someone who is negative and not Christ-filled? This type can always find a religious law in the scriptures to tell you why it can't be done, why you can't do it, and etc., all negative – not truly seekers of God! Therefore, as you read and hear the words of this instruction book on deliverance, please keep your spiritual ears open, and your heart without fore-judgment that you may find the narrow road and be truly blessed. It will cause you to suffer a little while, but later you shall rejoice in your freedom and cleanliness of heart (2Co.7:1; Heb.10:31-38; 12:7-11).

The Truth does not exist without the Word, (Jo.14:12) And the Word without the Truth is the law. (2Co.3:6)

The power is in the Holy Spirit, (Zec.4:6)
The perfection is in the fire- (M't.3:11,12)

There is no Greater Gift In Eternity than to See God's Face

Matthew 5:8 Hebrews 12:14

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Preface

The worldly churches today have a form of religion, but deny the power and working of the Holy Spirit that could make them into true Christians. They "preach" but don't practice in their hearts. They talk a good walk but don't confess with godly sorrow to produce repentance, nor live according to their own declared words. Thus it may be said, "They are hearers only, and not doers." For to "do" means to speak the "Truth" and act upon it with faith.

This book is therefore written for the "doers", the ones who desire to see God's face, that they truly may know the truth of God's word and act upon it through faith.

But be doers of the word, And not hearers only, Deceiving yourselves.

James 1:22

There instructions are not for controversy, but a sure word of God through the Holy Spirit, even the Spirit of Truth upon the earth today. For those who "hear" and by faith follow, they shall be eternally blessed through the faithfulness of God's word.

Caution: These instructions should not be followed unless you have first believed in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and confessed aloud this belief to others (Ro.10:9,10). Such an attempt at deliverance could result in a state that is worse than before you began (M't.12:45; Ac.19:13-16; M'k.9:38-40).

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