

## *The Baptism of the Holy Spirit Part 1*

In this teaching we will be discussing the work of the Holy Spirit in what we call the “Baptism of the Holy Spirit”

Mathew 3:11

- Of course, this is John the Baptist speaking and the one he says is coming after him is of course Jesus.
- So, John tells us that like he baptizes in water Jesus is going to baptize with the Holy Ghost.
  - o Baptize comes from the Greek word baptizo which means: **1)** to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge (of vessels sunk) **2)** to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water, to wash one's self, bathe **3)** to overwhelm
- So here we have our bible for the term, “Baptism of the Holy Spirit” and it’s something that Jesus wants to do for the believer.
- So, to be baptized in the Holy Spirit is to be immersed or submerged or even dunked in the Holy Spirit or overwhelmed by the Holy Spirit like you would be in water if you were being baptized.
- But one of the things that we will find out as we look in scripture is that the baptism of the Holy Spirit results initially in the physical manifestation of the gift of tongues that we’ve been discussing and then a manifestation of the gifts of the spirit mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12.
  - o But according to scripture the initial result or sign that you have been baptized in the Holy Ghost is the physical manifestation of tongues.

Luke 24:49

- The promise Jesus spoke of here is the promise of the Holy Ghost being sent to indwell the believer.
- But notice how He said go tarry in Jerusalem until you be endued with power from on high.
  - o This is referring to when they went and tarried in the upper room until the day of Pentecost until they were filled with the Holy Ghost. (Acts 2:4)
  - o When they were filled with the Holy Ghost Jesus referred to it as being endued with power from on high (the Holy Ghost is the power from on high).
  - o 1. The Greek word translated endued is the word endyo (pronounced enduo) which means to sink into clothing, put on, clothe one’s self. But it also comes from two Greek words en which can mean in, by, with, etc. and dyno (pronounced duno) which means to go under, be plunged into, sink in.
    - So, to be baptized with the Holy Ghost means the same thing as being endued with the Holy Ghost. It means to be immersed in the Holy Ghost

until he is overtaking your mind, your emotions, your body and even your tongue.

- So, in the upper room when they were endued with power from on high we can also say that Jesus baptized them in the Holy Ghost and what did they do? They spoke in tongues.
- So, when you get baptized or immersed in the Holy Ghost or endued with the Holy Ghost one of the things we see happening is you will speak in tongues.

Let's go to John because in the book of John Jesus describes two different works of the Holy Spirit. One work He describes is the work of the Holy Spirit at salvation and the other work is the work of the Holy Spirit in the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

You need to understand that you don't get everything at salvation. What I mean by this is that there is a work of the Holy Spirit at salvation that absolutely makes you a new creation and the righteousness of God. You also receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit at salvation. Not some of it or a third of it, all of it. But the full work of the Holy Spirit is not complete at salvation and you don't walk in the fullness of His power at salvation. The full work of the Holy Spirit is to baptize you in the Holy Ghost and cause you to receive and operate in the fullness of His power.

John 4:14 Jesus describes a work of the Holy Spirit at salvation when He ministers to the woman at the well who is an unbeliever. Let's break this verse down in sections and discuss it.

- Drinketh of the water that I shall give him
  - The water that Jesus will give is referring to the Holy Spirit and drinking is referring to receiving.
  - Initially at salvation you drink or receive of the Holy Spirit and He comes in and does a certain work in your life.
- Shall never thirst.
  - The soul will never eagerly long for nor feel the pain of not having the things that refresh it, encourage it, and strengthen it.
  - It doesn't mean that you won't thirst for the things of God; it just means that you won't be without what you need to quench that thirst.
- The water shall be in him.
  - The Holy Spirit does come into the believer at salvation.
  - He is there and is present.
  - We don't get saved and then get the Holy Ghost when we start speaking in tongues.
- A well of water springing up unto everlasting life.

- So, the Holy Spirit is described as a well on the inside of us producing everlasting life in us.
- The Greek word translated life is zoe which basically means God's life.
  - So, the Holy Spirit comes in at salvation to immediately produce the God kind of life in you.
  - This is a life of righteousness, health, wisdom, victory, faith, prosperity, blessedness, love, joy, peace, etc.
- When I think of wells, I think of tapping into a source of water that is going to provide water for my property and house.
- So, this work of the Holy Spirit is a personal work for the individual believer providing them with a new life, the God kind of life.

In John 7, Jesus describes another work of the Holy Spirit here that is different from the work of the Holy Spirit in John 4. In John 4, we find the work of the Holy Spirit for salvation. But here we find the work of the Holy Spirit for what we call the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

- V37 let him that thirst come and drink
  - Jesus again refers to the Holy Spirit as water and mentions another thirst and another drink.
  - So, there is another thirst or longing of the soul after salvation that is only quenched by another drink of the Holy Spirit or another receiving of the Holy Spirit and we call this the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
  - There is a longing inside of the Christian for a life changing experience that can only come from the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
- V38
  - With this drink of the Holy Spirit, it becomes rivers flowing out of you, out of your belly or literally translated your spirit.
    - In John 4, the Holy Spirit was a well flowing in you producing eternal life in you, giving us a picture of Salvation.
    - Here with this drink of the Holy Spirit becomes rivers flowing out of you.
  - So, there is a drink of the Spirit at salvation that produces life in you for you. Then there is another drink of the Holy Spirit that produces life flowing out of you for you and others around you.
    - Primarily the work of the Holy Spirit at salvation is for you personally. But in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the water is flowing out of you. So, it's not just for you but for others around you.
    - Notice it's living water or life-giving water. What comes out of you as a result of being baptized in the Holy Spirit will give life to others.
  - Notice it says rivers, plural, of living water or life-giving water.
    - So, the rivers that come out of you are the tongues and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

- These things are life giving.
    - And what we find in scripture is that tongues are the initial gift that begins to come out as the river overflows.
    - So, when you are baptized in the Holy Spirit the river begins to flow and it initially starts overflowing in tongues.
    - Before the apostles began to preach and do any miracles in the book of Acts they were filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak in tongues.
  - When it says out of HIS belly shall flow rivers of living water whose belly are we talking about? THE BELIEVER!
    - So, the baptism is then something that happens after salvation.
    - When the unbeliever receives the Holy Spirit through receiving Jesus the Holy spirit produces a well on the inside of Him.
    - But when the believer takes another drink and receives the Holy Spirit after salvation, it will produce rivers coming out of him.
- V39
- We see from this verse that Jesus was talking about the baptism of the Holy Spirit when He talked about drinking of the Holy Spirit and it becoming rivers flowing out of you because there is made a reference here to the upper room when the Holy Ghost was sent and filled all the believers there and they spoke with other tongues.

So, one of the things we are establishing here is that there is two separate works of the Holy Spirit in the believer's life, one at salvation and another after salvation. These two separate works require two separate acts of faith. There is one act of faith for salvation and there has to be another act of faith to appropriate the baptism of the Holy Ghost. So, salvation isn't the only thing the church needs to strive for. There is more. There's another drink if you will. There's another receiving of the Holy Ghost that will baptize you in the Spirit and cause the gifts to begin to flow out of you for miracles, signs, and wonders.

- Look at it this way
  - Notice Jesus refers to receiving the Holy Spirit as drinks. When you first drink at salvation you are empty and longing for refreshing and strength to satisfy your soul. So that drink or receiving of the Holy Spirit has to come from the Holy Spirit somewhere outside of you. (Romans 10:13-15 "How shall they hear without a preacher").
  - But after you drink at salvation a well of water is produced in you.
  - So now that second drink comes from in you and makes that well become a river. On the second drink you are receiving the Holy Spirit within you.
  - But remember that thirst always precedes a drink. So not only are there two drinks, there are two thirsts. A thirst for salvation and a thirst for the baptism.

- There are many Christians who are saved but are not satisfied because they feel like there is more and they don't know what it is. This is it!! The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is it!!!
- Baptism of the Holy Ghost analogy.
  - Let's say a man is sitting in His office that runs a charitable organization and someone comes to his office with a briefcase that has a gift of one hundred thousand dollars for his organization. The man with the gift comes in and meets the secretary who calls the head of the organization and says so and so is here to see you. So, the man in the office says let him in. He goes in with the gift and sits down but the head of the organization is doing some paperwork and other stuff and doesn't acknowledge him.
    - This is many people at salvation. We have received the Holy Ghost into our lives by receiving Christ and the Holy Ghost is in us with all these gifts, but we just haven't received Him and what He has brought into us yet.
  - Then the man puts down the paperwork and finally acknowledges the man with the case and receives the gift that was in the case.
    - This is the baptism. When we finally ask and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost that is already inside of us producing salvation.
    - So then there has to be a receiving of the Holy Spirit after salvation to begin to see the gifts of the Holy Spirit work and the initial receiving is the baptism of the Holy Ghost in which the physical evidence of the baptism is the tongues.