

Baptism in the Holy Spirit Part 2

So, one of the things we are establishing here is that there are two separate works of the Holy Spirit in the believer's life, one at salvation and another after salvation called the baptism in the Holy Spirit. These two separate works require two separate acts of faith or as we have discussed, two separate drinks. Remember Jesus compared the Holy Spirit to water and receiving the Holy Spirit by faith to drinking. So, there is one act of faith or drink for salvation and there has to be another act of faith or drink to appropriate the baptism of the Holy Spirit. 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 Spirit 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
 - o 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").
 - o But after you drink at salvation a well of water is produced in you.
 - o So now that second drink comes from within you and makes that well become a river. On the second drink you are receiving the Holy Spirit within you.
 - o 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.
 - o 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 in the Holy Spirit analogy.
 - o Let's say a man is setting in His office that runs a charitable organization and someone comes to his office with 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.
 - o Then the man puts down the paperwork and finally acknowledges the man with the gift and receives it.

- 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.
 - John 14:17
 - Notice the world can't receive the Holy Ghost.
 - The lost can't receive the Holy Ghost. The lost must receive eternal life by receiving Jesus. When they receive Jesus, the Holy Ghost can come in and produce the well that produces eternal life.
 - Then after that they can receive the Holy Ghost and be baptized in the Spirit.
- Phillip goes to Samaria to preach the gospel.
 - Acts 8:5-13
 - These verses establish the fact that the people of Samaria along with Simon the sorcerer were saved because it says they heard the word, believed on the name of Jesus, and was baptized in water.
 - So, they took the initial drink of the Holy Spirit referred to in John 4 and the well of eternal life was produced inside of them.
 - Acts 8:14-17
 - In these verses we see that once the apostles heard that Samaria had received the word (took that initial drink) Peter and John were sent specifically to lay hands on the people of Samaria to receive the Holy Ghost or to be baptized in the Spirit.
 - Notice in verse 16 it says they were only baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus or in other words only baptized in water not the Holy Spirit.
 - Also notice that they referred to the baptism of the Holy Spirit as receiving the Holy Ghost in verses 15 and 17.
 - Remember our analogy of the man in the office with the gift. The gift was in the office, but it had to be acknowledged and received.
 - The Holy Ghost is in you at salvation upon the first drink but then you have to receive the gifts that He has brought into you.
 - So, for those that don't believe in or preach the baptism of the Holy Spirit and believe that everything happens at salvation and there is no other work of the Holy Spirit, then why was Peter and John sent?

- Acts 8:18-20
 - In these verses, it says that when Simon the sorcerer saw that through the laying on of the Apostles hands the Holy Ghost was given or that the people were baptized in the Holy Ghost, he wanted to buy this ability. He wanted to buy the ability to lay hands on people so they might get filled with the Holy Ghost.
 - First of all, what did Simon see that made him want this ability?
 - He saw the physical manifestation of tongues and who knows what else. They may have fell on the ground and started acting like a bunch of drunken fools. Anyway, something had to physically manifest for him to desire this ability. If nothing happened, he wouldn't have offered them money.
 - Second of all, notice Peter's response. V20
 - It was a rebuke to Simon saying that He was wrong to think that the gift of God could be bought.
 - So, Peter referred to what Simon wanted to buy as a gift and Simon wanted to buy the ability to lay hands on people to be baptized in the Holy Ghost.
 - Therefore, according to Peter, there is a gift of the Holy Spirit to lay hands on people to be baptized in the Holy Spirit.
 - So, we can conclude from this if there is no work of the Holy Spirit separate of salvation, then why would there be a specific gift just for getting people filled with the Holy Ghost?
- Apostle Paul's conversion and baptism in the Holy Spirit
 - Acts 9:4-6
 - We can establish here that Paul was saved because he called Jesus Lord and asked Him what would you have me to do. (Romans 10:9)
 - So, Paul took the initial drink of the Holy Spirit.
 - Acts 9:17
 - Ananias was sent to Paul (notice he laid hands on him) that he might heal his sight and be filled with the Holy Ghost or be baptized in the Holy Spirit or take that second drink.
 - Remember being filled with the Holy Ghost is biblical terminology for being baptized in the Holy Ghost. (Acts 2:4)
 - This of course was after Saul was converted or saved on the road to Damascus.
 - As a matter of fact, according to Acts 9:7-9, it was at least three days after his conversion.

- Therefore, we see again biblical evidence that there is a separate work of the Holy Spirit that takes place after salvation for the baptism in the Holy Spirit.
 - It doesn't say here that Paul spoke in tongues when he was filled, but we've already studied in 1 Corinthians 14:18 that Paul declared in his own writings that he spoke in tongues a lot.
 - So therefore, we can conclude that he most likely received the gift of tongues and spoke in tongues when Ananias prayed for him to be filled with the Holy Ghost.
- The Baptism of the disciples at Ephesus.
 - Acts 19:1-2
 - Notice how Paul asks this question: "Have ye received the Holy Ghost SINCE ye believed?"
 - Therefore, we have more biblical evidence that there is a second work of the Holy Spirit or a second drink after salvation.
 - Once again, we can conclude that this second work is just as important as the first work or Paul wouldn't have been concerned with asking this question.
 - Also notice how Paul referred to the baptism as receiving the Holy Ghost just like it was referred to in Acts 8.
 - But he finds out that the disciples weren't sure if there be any Holy Ghost.
 - They didn't say, "What is this Holy Ghost that you speak of?"
 - So therefore, they had heard of the Holy Ghost. They just didn't know if He was here or not.
 - Acts 19:3
 - So, Paul finds out in this verse that they had only received John's baptism.
 - So, what this means is that they had been baptized in water by John and been told that Jesus was coming and would baptize them in the Holy Ghost.
 - Now they might have already known that Jesus came and was crucified and resurrected since this water baptism. But they didn't know that the Holy Ghost was here. They hadn't heard about the day of Pentecost.
 - Acts 19:4-5
 - So here we see that they were baptized again, in water, in the name of Jesus.
 - They needed to be baptized now since they believed on Jesus that had already come.
 - So, we can establish from this that they were saved and born again (took the initial drink)

- Acts 19:6
 - After they were baptized in water signifying that they believed in Jesus and were saved, Paul lays his hands on them and they began to speak with other tongues and prophesied.
 - So, Paul doesn't leave them with just being baptized in water at salvation. He lays hands on them for this second work which was to be baptized in the Holy Ghost with the physical evidence of speaking in tongues and prophecy.
 - We see here that the rivers began to flow.