

Questions About Baptisms & The Holy Spirit

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I watched the pastor baptize people today...the Presence of the Holy Spirit was strong...to see the two pastors working together to baptize people gives me this surreal sense of being present when Peter baptized people...I feel such an overwhelming sense of love for Pastor Ed Anderson and everyone present...this love is all I know about how to keep the Sabbath...in every way it seems I have messed up my first Sabbath really bad...somehow I got the idea that keeping the Sabbath was simply omitting personal pleasure...this can't be right...the part of the Sabbath when I experienced this overwhelming Love is probably the only time I was in obedience to the 4th Commandment...I'm not going to give up...I'm going to trust the Lord Jesus to help me carry out the Father's will.

Answer:

My Dear Friend,

Your words brought tears to my eyes.

What you experienced today *is* the heart of the Sabbath — **the love of God poured out through the presence of His Spirit** and the joy of witnessing souls surrendering to Jesus through baptism. You were not only *observing* the Sabbath — you were *living* it.

The Sabbath is not about avoiding pleasure — it's about **delighting in God**.

“If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight...Then you shall delight yourself in the Lord.” — *Isaiah 58:13–14*

You *didn't mess up* your first Sabbath — you took your first steps into sacred time. You wrestled, reflected, surrendered, and most importantly — you **felt the overwhelming love of God**. That's obedience in the Spirit, not just the letter.

Yes, you'll grow in understanding — but please don't despise your beginning. The Lord cherishes it:

“A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out.” — *Isaiah 42:3*

You *were* keeping the 4th commandment when you set aside your normal rhythm and sought God's heart. When you listened to His Word, when you longed to obey, when you witnessed baptisms and felt overwhelmed by divine love — **you were exactly where God wanted you.**

Let me remind you — **the Sabbath is a gift**, not a test.

“The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.” — *Mark 2:27*

Keep walking forward. Don't let discouragement define your journey. The Spirit is teaching you to rest, to worship, to love, to trust. And that, my friend, is true Sabbath-keeping.

With all my heart, I bless your journey. You are not alone. You are growing. And you are deeply loved — by God and by us.

Let's keep walking in this holy rhythm together.

Pastor Ed