

## New Testament Baptisms Part 2

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### **Baptism into the Body of Christ**

“For also by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bond or free, even all were made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many” 1 Corinthians 12:13-14 (MKJV).

- We are united by one Spirit as members of the body of Christ.

### **God’s wonderful family is made up of people from every nationality, race, and culture.**

“And they sang a new song, saying, You are worthy to take the book and to open its seals, for You were slain and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation” Revelation 5:9 (MKJV).

We are brothers and sisters in Christ to every believer in the world.

### **We are sons and daughters of the King of the universe.**

“...and I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says *the* Lord Almighty” 2 Corinthians 6:18 (MKJV).

- Each of us has been born again by the Spirit of God.

### **Baptism of Fire**

#### **Another kind of baptism mentioned in the New Testament is the baptism of fire.**

“John answered all, saying, I indeed baptize you with water, but He who is mightier than I comes, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to loose. He shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire” Luke 3:16 (MKJV).

- Fire is a biblical symbol of purification and power.
- Trials or difficult times that we go through are a type of baptism of fire.
- Are we willing to face the impurities in our lives and allow Jesus to change them?

### **Count it all Joy**

“My brothers, count *it* all joy when you fall into different kinds of temptations, knowing that the trying of your faith works patience. But let patience have its perfect work, so that you may be perfect and entire, lacking nothing. But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, *who* gives to all liberally and with no reproach, and it shall be given to him” James 1:2-5 (MKJV).

### **Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

“Then Peter said to them, Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ to 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 those afar off, as many as *the* Lord our God shall call” Acts 2:38-39 (MKJV).

- The Holy Spirit is promised to everyone.

“The divine person of the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in you when you give your life to Jesus and receive Him into your life. He cares about you and has the power to help you. However, this does not mean you have been baptized in the Holy Spirit.” New Testament Baptisms, by Larry Kreider, p 26.

### **We receive by Faith**

“...and that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith” Galatians 3:14b (MKJV).

- Just like salvation comes by faith, so the baptism in the Holy Spirit comes by faith.
- Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a personal act of faith.

### **Our Heavenly Father wants to give us the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give *the* Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?” Luke 11:13 (MKJV).

### **Baptized in the water and Spirit**

“While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all those hearing the Word. And those of the circumcision, who believed... were astonished because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the nations also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, Can anyone forbid water that these, who have received the Holy Spirit as well as we, should not be baptized? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord...” Acts 10:44-48 (MKJV).

- This group of people received the Holy Spirit before they were baptized!

### **What About Tongues?**

In the book of Acts, speaking in tongues was often the initial outward sign accompanying the baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4; 10:45-46; 19:6).

“And as Paul laid *his* hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied” Acts 19:6 (MKJV).

“This personal prayer language is understood by God because it is my spirit speaking to God. Speaking in tongues is a direct line of communication between me and God.” New Testament Baptisms, by Larry Kreider, p 37.

### **Bypassing the Devil**

“For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the mind; I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the mind” 1 Corinthians 14:14-15 (NIV).

- We pray two ways, and both are under the influence of the Holy Spirit.
- When we pray in the spirit the Lord knows exactly what we are praying.
- Praying in the Holy Spirit is a direct line to God, and the devil does not understand what you are praying.

**Praying in the Spirit builds you up**

“But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit...”  
Jude 20 (MKJV).

- God wants us to build ourselves up in faith so we may be powerful witnesses.

Closing

Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?

“Have you received *the* Holy Spirit since you believed?” Act 19:2 (Unknown).

**Be Filled with the Spirit!**

“And do not be drunk with wine, in which is excess, but be filled with the Spirit...” Ephesians 5:18 (MKJV).