

## Baptism Of The Holy Ghost

### ⇒ I. Intro:

- When people hear the word baptism, they usually think of water.
  - However, there are seven different baptisms in the Bible and all are not water.
  - We will be dealing with one of those in this study and the others will be covered in a separate study.
    - **The baptism we are dealing with now is the baptism of the Holy Ghost.**
    - **This is the baptism that comes through the Lord Jesus Christ.**
  - It is not a physical one, such as with water, but rather a Spiritual Baptism that takes place at the time of salvation.
- To get idea of the origin of this baptism, and its relation to the Holy Ghost we need to go back to the time of John the Baptist and see what the Bible says.
  - John was baptizing with water according to the Old Testament Jewish water baptism, and then when Jesus appeared John told the crowd –
    - (John 1:29) – “...Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”
- And then he later described the event –
  - **Please turn to and read with me John 1:32-34**
- John makes it plain in these verses that this Baptism of the Holy Ghost is something new and different, and it comes with Jesus.
  - With that beginning, let's look first into the purpose of Jesus coming to earth, and then more detail on this new Baptism.

### ⇒ II. Why He Came

- Jesus came to take away the sin of the world according to John.
  - Jesus further verified this Himself when He said in Luke 19:10 –
    - **“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”**
- You see, God sent Jesus to provide a way for us to get rid of the dead spirit inherited from Adam.
  - God further ordained that Jesus would be the only way to obtain that born again Spirit necessary for salvation.
    - (I Tim. 2:5-6) – “(5) For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; (6) Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.”
    - (John 14:6) – “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”
- So Jesus is the one and only way to salvation, and baptism of the Holy Spirit comes with that salvation.
- Let's review some things about salvation from a previous study on the Trinity which covered the three elements necessary for salvation:
  - **1) Conviction** – A person must understand and believe that they are a sinner.
  - **2) Repentance** – Be willing to turn away from that sin in the heart.
  - **3) Trust Christ** – By faith, trust Jesus Christ alone for salvation.

⇒ **III. Holy Ghost Baptism**

- Once these conditions are met, a person is born again and baptized by the Holy Ghost.
  - The Word of God says in **Ephesians 4:5** – “**One Lord, one faith, one baptism.**”
- We know which Lord is the right one! Amen?
- And we know which faith is the right one, but if there is more than one baptism, which is the right one?
- Ephesians 4:5, says there is only one, but I will show you a verse that shows more than one!
  - Let’s turn and read together – **Matthew 3:11**.
- Here we find three different baptisms, **water, Holy Ghost, and fire**, in one verse, but **Ephesians 4:5** said there was only one!
  - Since we know the Bible does not contradict itself, there is only one conclusion.
  - The simple answer is there is only one **real baptism** and that is the **SAVING BAPTISM** that puts you **into** Jesus Christ, and that is The Baptism of the Holy Ghost.
- John indicated that Jesus was bringing something more important than his “Old Testament water baptism” which was to manifest Christ to Israel.
  - **(John 1:31)** “And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.”
- Also, note that John’s baptism is before the Blood atonement and resurrection of Christ that ushered in the new covenant of salvation by **grace through faith**.
  - **(Eph. 2:8)** “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:”
- You can never get the Bible straight until you learn to rightly divide the Word.
  - **(II Timothy 2:15)** “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”
- People under the old covenant (Old Testaments Saints) were in different dispensations of salvation than the New Testament Saints who fall under the new covenant.
  - There was an element of works required for salvation before the blood atonement, but not afterward.
- You need the “Spiritual Baptism” not the physical one for salvation.
  - One proof text for that fact is (I Corinthians 12:13) “**For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body,...**”
  - Notice the capital “S” in Spirit.
  - That is the Holy Ghost, God’s Spirit that does the baptizing and puts you into Christ’s body.
  - It takes more than water to take you back to Calvary with Christ!
  - **(Romans 6:3)** “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?”
- There’s another one!
  - **(I Peter 1:18-19)** “(18) Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received

by tradition from your fathers; (19) But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:"

○ You must understand that redemption comes through the **Blood of Jesus Christ**, and without His baptism of the Spirit you cannot be saved and belong to Him.

• **(Romans 8:9)** "...if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His."

○ There are many who would still say that you must be baptized in water to be saved, so what about water baptism?

• That is a future study in this series of studies, however, it is necessary at this time to give a very brief explanation to keep you from being confused.

○ Water baptism is simply, a type, or picture of the real baptism of the Holy ghost.

• **(I Peter 3:21)** "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:"

○ See – It is a **like figure**, or physical picture of what happened **Spiritually** when a person was saved.

• The water washing away of the "filth" of the flesh (a bath), does nothing toward salvation.

• But rather the water baptism is showing a good conscience toward God since he commanded us to do so **after** we were saved.

○ To put it another way, John's Old Testament **water baptism** typified the **Spiritual baptism** that was to come under the new covenant, the same way the Old Testament Jewish **physical circumcision** typifies the **Spiritual Circumcision** that comes with the Holy Spirit baptism in new covenant times.

⇒ **OLD TEST.**

○ Water baptism

○ Physical circumcision

**NEW TEST.**

Spiritual baptism

Spiritual circumcision

⇒ **IV. What Happens?**

○ Now, let's look at how Spiritual baptism puts you in Christ, and what changes takes place.

• Since you must be changed, God operates on you!

• That's right, you are Spiritually circumcised by an operation made without hands.

• Your sinful, unclean body is put away from the soul, which is sealed until the day of redemption.

▪ **(Eph. 4:30)** "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."

• **Let's turn to and read together Colossians 2:10-14.**

○ What you have just read is an account of the Spiritual circumcision and the Holy Ghost Baptism you receive when you are saved.

○ These five verses are loaded with the truth you need to understand salvation.

○ Let's look at some points brought out in the text.

• **You are complete in Christ.**

▪ **Nothing else is needed for salvation.**

• **The circumcision is Spiritual because it is done without hands.**

• **The sinful body is put off from the soul and spirit, and is reckoned dead.**

- **Your sins were blotted out at the cross.**
- ⇒ **V. Thank God For Spiritual Circumcision! Amen!**
  - As I mentioned earlier, the physical circumcision commanded for the Old Testament Jew, was a “type” or “picture,” of the New Testament Spiritual circumcision to come later.
    - As a point of interest, the physical circumcision performed by the Jews under the Law, was done on the eight day from birth.
    - God probably chose this day because blood clots better on the eighth day than at any other time.
    - Also, it is significant that eight is the number of “new beginning” in the Bible.
    - Therefore as the child is beginning a new physical life, so is the newborn Christian starting afresh spiritually, as a new creature is Christ.
- ⇒ **VI. Some Other Things That Happen When You Are Baptized by the Holy Ghost**
  - **Your spirit is quickened.**
    - **(Ephesians 2:1)** “And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;”
  - **You are Baptized into Christ.**
    - **(Galatians 3:27)** “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”
  - **You are married to Christ.**
    - **(Romans 7:4)** “Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.”
  - **Your Spirit is joined to Christ.**
    - **(I Corinthians 6:17)** “But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.”
  - **You are sealed unto redemption.**
    - **(Ephesians 4:30)** “And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”
  - **Your soul is saved.**
    - **(Matthew 16:26)** “For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”
    - **(Hebrews 10:39)** “But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.”
  - **You are seated in Heavenly places.**
    - **(Ephesians 2:6)** “And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:”
  - **You become a new creature.**
    - **(II Corinthians 5:17)** “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”
  - **You are crucified with Christ.**
    - **(Galatians 2:20)** “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”
  - **Your body is now dead to sin.**

- **(Romans 6:11)** “Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

⇒ **VII. Conclusion:**

- So this is what Jesus was talking about when he said, “**ye must be born again.**”
  - The spirit that was born dead because of Adam’s sin, is now quickened, and alive, and joined to the living God!
  - What a wonderful gift from our great God, to those who receive it!
  - Like someone once said, “if you are born again you are born twice, therefore you only die once!
  - But if you are only born once, you will die twice”
    - (Once the natural death and again in the Lake of Fire).
  - **So, be sure you are BORN AGAIN and “get in” the family of God.**
- In the process of salvation we have studied, the soul was saved, the spirit was born again, and both “**sealed until the day of redemption.**”
  - However, the body is yet to be redeemed.
    - **(Romans 8:23)** “And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.”
  - Obviously, if the body was made perfect at the time of salvation, you would never get sick, or grow older.
  - The truth is, that even saved, sanctified, Godly people get sick, grow old, and the body eventually fails and dies.
- The day of redemption for the body will be at the time of the “Rapture,” when all those who are saved will meet Jesus in the air.
  - **(I Thess. 4:16-17)** “(16) For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: (17) Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”
- At that time the saved will get their new and perfect body, like Jesus’.
  - **(Philippians 3:21)** “Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.”
  - **(I John 3:2)** “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.”
- Did you get that?
  - Someday all believers will have a perfect, sinless body like Jesus’.
    - No more sickness, no more aging, no more death!
- By now you should have a good understanding of Spirit Baptism.