

# Baptism and Fullness

**John 1:33 & Ephesians 5:18**

# You cannot be a Christian without having the Holy Spirit.

“You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. **And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.**” (Romans 8:9)

# The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

(Taken from John Stott, *Baptism and Fullness*)

- His ministry is both to reveal Christ to us and to form Christ in us, so that we grow steadily in our knowledge of Christ and in our likeness to Christ.
- He also unites us to the body of Christ, the church.

*To be continued...*

# The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

- It is He who reaches out through us to others, prompting us to witness to Christ and equipping us with gifts for the service to which He summons us.
- He is called ‘the guarantee of our inheritance’ (Ephesians 1:13-14), for His presence within us is both the pledge and the foretaste of heaven.

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# **Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

# John 1:32-33

“Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is **he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.**’”

# Acts 1:4-5

“On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with  water, **but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.**”

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**How does being baptized with  
the Holy Spirit look like?**



# Acts 2: 1-4

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were **filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to **speak in other tongues** as the Spirit enabled them.”

# Fulfillment of Joel 2

“In the last days, God says, I will **pour out my Spirit** on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.” (Acts 2:17)

# Biblical Records

- ▣ **Acts 4** – The disciples spoke the word of God boldly, as the Spirit enabled them.
- ▣ **Acts 8** – The Samaritan believers.
- ▣ **Acts 10** – Cornelius and the gathering of people at his house.
- ▣ **Acts 19** – The disciples in Ephesus.

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# **What is the significance of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?**

# What it is NOT...

- ▣ It is not the same as being **born again of the Holy Spirit (New Birth)**.

New Birth: When we are justified, we are also born of the Spirit. In order of time, neither of these is before the other.

# What it is NOT...

- ▣ It is not the same as being **united to the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit.**

“For we were all baptized by  one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.”

(1 Corinthians 12:13)

# A view that I do not share...

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**When you are born again, you have all the Holy Spirit you can have.**

- ▣ The fullness of the Spirit is in you the moment you receive Christ into your life through faith.
- ▣ If it is not maintained, it is lost.
- ▣ If it is lost, it can also be recovered.

# Two distinct experiences

- ▣ New Birth is God's introduction of eternal life to the sinner.
  - ***In*** us and ***For*** us (benefit ourselves)
- ▣ Baptism of the Holy Spirit is God's introduction of divine power to His children.
  - ***Through*** us (benefit others)



# Well of Water vs. Rivers of Living Water

- “But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become **in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.**” (John 4:14)
- “Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow **rivers of living water.**’” (John 7:38)

# Holy Spirit and the New Birth

“And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.” (Ezekiel 11:19-20)

# Holy Spirit and the New Power

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“What then is the significance of being baptized with the Holy Spirit... if it is not about being born again or being united to the body of Christ?”

**POWER**

# Acts 1:8

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“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and **you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**”

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**“You move from being an advocate of Christianity to being a witness of the living Christ. You move from simply deducing Christian truths from valid premises to proclaiming them boldly as experienced realities. This is the power and the witness that will take Christ to the end of the earth.” (John Piper)**

# Why do we need to be baptized with the Holy Spirit?

- ▣ We can have **more of heaven here on earth.**
- ▣ Not just “good enough”, but **full of the Holy Spirit.**
- ▣ **There is more from God to us to advance His Kingdom to the ends of the world.**

# Not once for all...

“Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, **be filled with the Spirit.**” (Ephesians 5:18)

**Baptism of the Holy Spirit is only the beginning of greater things to come... continue to listen to the Spirit and walk in the Spirit.**



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How can I be baptized with the  
Holy Spirit?

# Hunger and Faith

Jesus said, “If anyone **thirsts**, let him **come to me** and **drink**. Whoever **believes** in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” (John 7:37-38)