

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Introduction:

A. There are several “baptisms” (*burial, submersion, immersion, covering over*) in the Bible:

1. The baptism of _____ (*1 Cor 10:1-2; Exo 14:13-31*) — the crossing of the Red Sea.
2. The baptism of _____ (*Mark 10:35-40; Luke 12:50*) — overwhelming pain or persecution.
3. The baptism of _____ (*Mark 1:4-5; Luke 7:29-30; Acts 19:1-7*) — preparing for the Christ.

B. But what about the baptism of the Holy Spirit? What role did it play in God’s plan for mankind?

I. The baptism of the Holy Spirit was a _____, not a _____.

A. The baptism of the Holy Spirit involved a specific _____ (*Matt 3:11; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-5,8*).

B. The baptism of the Holy Spirit had a specific _____ (*John 1:33*).

C. The baptism of the Holy Spirit accomplished a specific _____ (*John 14:26; 15:26; 16:12-14*).

1. “*When the day of Pentecost arrived...*” (*Acts 2:1-4*).

2. The message confirmed “*by accompanying signs*” (*Mark 16:17-18,20; Heb 2:3-4*).

D. Through the baptism of the Holy Spirit, everything the apostles needed to complete their work

was provided—a fulfillment of the promise of Jesus. But no one was ever commanded to be baptized with the Holy Spirit, not even Cornelius.

1. “*At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion...*” (*Acts 10:1-8*).

2. Having seen a vision (*Acts 10:9-23*), Peter proclaims the gospel to Cornelius (*Acts 10:23-43*).

3. “*While Peter was still saying these things...*” (*Acts 10:44; 11:15-16; 10:45-46*).

4. The question is, **WHY?** Why did the Holy Spirit fall on Peter’s audience?

a. Peter himself had proclaimed God’s intended scope for the gospel (*Acts 2:39*).

b. But years later, *Acts 11:1-3* gives us a glimpse into the ongoing mindset of many

Jews.

c. This single act was so pivotal and convincing... (*Acts 10:47; 11:17-18; 15:7-11*).

E. But what **role** did the baptism of the Holy Spirit play in the salvation of Cornelius?

1. The Holy Spirit did not fall on Cornelius to _____ him (*Acts 11:13-14; Rom 10:14*).

2. The Holy Spirit did not fall on Cornelius to give him _____ (*Rom 10:17; Acts 15:7; 10:2*).

3. The Holy Spirit did not fall on Cornelius to _____ his heart (*1 Pet 1:22; Acts 15:8-9*).

4. The Holy Spirit did not fall to make Cornelius _____ to God (*Acts 10:34-35*).

F. The Holy Spirit fell to bear witness that the Gentiles could be reconciled to God (*Gal 5:6; 3:26-29*).

II. Baptism with water in the name of Jesus Christ is a _____, not a

_____.

- A. The commands of Peter to Gentile and Jew (*Acts 10:47-48; 2:28-39; 1 Pet 3:20-21*).
- B. *Ephesians 4:4-5* makes clear that the baptism of the Holy Spirit has fulfilled its purpose.
- C. The “one baptism” for the present is that of the great commission (*Mark 16:16; Acts 22:16*).
- D. One baptism remains to be fulfilled in the future (*Matt 3:11-12; 13:24-30, 36-43; 2 Thes 1:5-11*).