

Lesson #7 The Holy Spirit and Baptism

Opening Shot:

John the Baptist baptized with water, but he foretold that One was coming who would baptize with the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist called Jesus “The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” He also testified that Jesus was the Son of God. John the Baptist said that he came baptizing with water was so that Jesus “might be revealed to Israel.” Jesus would indeed baptize all believers with the gift of the Holy Spirit. There must have been some very good reasons for Him to do so. What were the reasons?

Introduction to Bible Truths: (OPTIONAL)

Matthew 3:11 *“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who ...will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.”*

John 1:29-34 *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”*

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.’ I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God.”

Ask Me No Questions/ I'll Tell You No Lies:

- 1.) John the Baptist said that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit. Why would He?
- 2.) What does it mean that we would get baptized with the Holy Spirit? Will it hurt?
- 3.) What reason would Jesus have to baptize us all with the same Holy Spirit?

We've Got Questions/ God's Got Answers:

2 Corinthians 5:5 *Now it is God who has ... given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.*

Ephesians 4:4-6 *There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called— one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

1 Corinthians 12:12-13 *The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. 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. **14** Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. **19-20** If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. **25** ... there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. **27** Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*

Parting Shot:

Jesus baptizes all believers with one Spirit (the Holy Spirit) into one body (the body of Christ.) As believers we are integral parts of the body, and as such we must have equal concern for one another. We are given one Spirit so that we can live in unity and care for one another, and ultimately be enabled to do the work that Christ has for us to do!

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