

Theme: When we were baptized in the Holy Spirit, we were initiated into the New Covenant, placed into the Church, given spiritual gifts, and empowered to be Christ's witnesses.

## I. Intro –Go – or Wait?

- A. We usually hear of Jesus' command to go
- B. Go! – Mat 28:19-20; Luke 24:46-48
- C. But first WAIT! – Acts 1:4-5; Luke 24:49
- D. Wait for power from HS baptism – Acts 1:5; Lk 24:49
- E. What exactly happens?

## II. What Happens to Us In Baptism of Spirit?

- A. We are initiated into New Covenant
  - 1. Joel 2:28-29; Acts 10:44-45; Titus 3:5-6; Eph 1:13-14
  - 2. Heart of New Covenant experience
  - 3. Apostles could not do anything w/o this!
- B. We are placed into body of Christ – the church
  - 1. 1 Corinthians 12:13
  - 2. Note this is same Greek construction
  - 3. Without this not part of body
  - 4. Basis of unity – 1Cor 12:12-13; Eph 4:4-6
- C. We are given gifts of the Spirit to serve God
  - 1. 1 Cor 12:7-11

- 2. Gifts from baptism – 1Cor 12:11-13
- 3. Critical to serve Christ in Church & world!

## D. We are given power to be Christ's witnesses

- 1. Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8
- 2. Power for holy life – Ezekiel 37:26-27
- 3. Power to speak for Christ – John 15:26-27

## E. An example – the apostles!

- 1. Prior to coming of the Spirit they were timid, ineffective
- 2. Spirit comes and everything changes!
- 3. New covenant power for new covenant ministry

## III. Applying the Word – Power of the Spirit

### A. Do we see baptism of the Spirit initiates into New Covenant?

- 1. Not called baptism of Spirit in OT – John & Jesus
- 2. Baptism is a 1 time initiatory rite
- 3. Spirit baptism brings us into new covenant reality
- 4. Have I come into New Covenant reality?

### B. Do we see baptism of Spirit unites us with Church?

- 1. Places us into the universal Church
- 2. All Christians have this in common – unity!
- 3. Divided elsewhere – but not here!
- 4. Do I treat other Christians as 2<sup>nd</sup> class? Why?

C. Do we see the Spirit has come in power to us?

1. He has given us gifts – do we use them?
2. He gives us fruit (character) – do we bear it?
3. He enables us to testify – do we?
4. Not automatic – stir up, grow, walk in these

## What Happens When We are Baptized in the Holy Spirit?

Acts 1:4-5

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Romans 15:5-6

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

<sup>46</sup> He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,<sup>47</sup> and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. Luke 24:46-48

<sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Luke 24:49

'And afterward, **I will pour out my Spirit on all people.** Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. <sup>29</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, **I will pour out my Spirit in those days.** Joel 2:28-29

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. Acts 10:44-45

he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. **He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,** <sup>6</sup> **whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,** Titus 3:5-6

<sup>13</sup> And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, **the promised Holy Spirit,** <sup>14</sup> **who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance** until the redemption of those who are God's possession-- to the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:13-14

<sup>13</sup> For **in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-** Jews or Greeks, slaves or free- and all were made to drink of one Spirit. 1 Cor 12:13 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all **the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.** <sup>13</sup> **For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-** Jews or Greeks, slaves or free- and all were made to drink of one Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the **unity of the Spirit** through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>**There is one body and one Spirit--** just as you were called to **one** hope when you were called-- <sup>5</sup> **one** Lord, **one** faith, **one** baptism; <sup>6</sup> **one** God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:3-6

**Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.** <sup>8</sup> To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same **Spirit,** <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same **Spirit,** to another gifts of healing by that one **Spirit,** <sup>10</sup> to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> **All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.** 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

<sup>11</sup> **All these are the work of one and the same Spirit,** and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> **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 12:11-13

<sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city **until you have been clothed with power from on high.**" Luke 24:49

<sup>26</sup> I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> **And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.** Ezekiel 36:26-27

<sup>26</sup> **When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.** <sup>27</sup> **And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.** Jn 15:26-27