

Theme: The baptism in the Holy Spirit, while theologically distinct from regeneration and justification, occurs at the same time – when we become believers in Christ.

I. Intro – When I Tarried for the Spirit

- A. My experience of waiting for the Spirit
 - 1. Stayed after meetings
 - 2. Fasted and prayed
 - 3. Constantly asked “Has it happened?”
 - 4. Many have this experience
- B. Is the baptism in Spirit a 2nd experience?
 - 1. Common idea in recent church history
 - 2. Wesleyan; holiness; Keswick; Pentecostal
 - 3. When does baptism in Spirit occur?
 - 4. Who has been baptized in Spirit?
 - 5. How do we know?
 - 6. What does Acts teach on this?

II. What Happens When One Is Baptized in Spirit?

- A. Results of baptism in the Spirit
 - 1. Initiated into the new covenant (Joel 2; Tit 3:5-6; Eph 1:13-14)
 - 2. Placed into the Church (1 Cor 12:13)
 - 3. Given gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor 12:7-13)

4. Given power to be Christ’s witnesses (Acts 1:8)

B. Not baptized in Spirit – none of these things!

C. All believers baptized in Spirit (Acts 2:38-39; 1Co 12:13)

III. Doesn’t Scripture Teach 2nd Blessing?

- A. Baptism in Spirit is distinct theologically
 - 1. It is a distinct theological concept
 - 2. Regeneration, justification, adoption, union also
 - a. All distinct theological concepts
 - b. All happen at conversion – not distinctly
 - 3. Baptism in Spirit distinct, but not subsequent
 - 4. Never commanded to seek baptism in Spirit (or adoption, etc.)
- B. What about the book of Acts?
 - 1. Hermeneutics – narrative not necessarily normative
 - a. Acts 1:24-26; Samson; Philip/Spirit; Herod
 - b. Didactic is normative; narrative illustrative
 - 2. Acts 1:8 – outline and theme of book
 - a. Geographical expansion of Gospel – JJS & EoE
 - b. Jesus acts by Spirit through believers to extend Kingdom
- C. Quick look at usual cases for 2nd blessing
 - 1. Acts 2 – Pentecost – new covenant reception; transition
 - 2. Acts 8 – believers; Samaritans – avoid split (Ik 9)

3. Acts 10 – at same time; show Gentiles accepted
 - a. Acts 11:17-8 – forced them to admit it
4. Acts 19:1-6 – disciples; after; not heard; baptized
5. Follow theme – Jerusalem, Samaria, end of earth
6. Only Samaria is even unusual

IV. Applying the Word

- A. Do we see importance of properly handling Word?
 1. Many people teach false things from Word
 2. We must search Scripture diligently
 3. We must look at whole Scripture – not cherry picked verses
 4. Are we growing in study of Word? (church/personal)
 5. Do we study things on own (see all views, etc.)?
- B. Do we give into a 2-tier Christian mentality?
 1. Many groups in church history have
 2. I did for many years
 3. At its heart it is pride – we are better/spiritual
 4. Spirit has come to unify – not make 2 tiers!
- C. Am I seeking the Spirit and His gifts?
 1. Never told to seek baptism in Spirit
 2. We are told to seek to be filled by Spirit
 3. We are told to seek spiritual gifts

4. Am I doing these things?

- D. Communion – unity and seek Spirit and His gifts
 1. Confess any sin of disunity and spiritual pride
 2. Seek Spirit and His gifts to serve others

Is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit A "Second Blessing"?

Acts 1:8; Acts 2:38-39; 1 Corinthians 12:13
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 Communion
 2 Corinthians 13:14

¹³ 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

²⁴ Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." ²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles. Acts 1:24-26

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:1-4

¹⁴ When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria **had accepted the word of God**, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ **When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit,** ¹⁶ **because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.** ¹⁷ Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. Acts 8:14-17

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵ **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.** ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ **"Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have."** ⁴⁸ **So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.** Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days. Acts 10:44-48

¹ While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some **disciples** ² and asked them, **"Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"** They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³ So Paul asked, **"Then what baptism did you receive?"** **"John's baptism,"** they replied. ⁴ Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵ **On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.** ⁶ **When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.**
Acts 19:1-6