

Lesson #4

JESUS' BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

During the month of May, we have been studying baptisms named after biblical characters.

- May 4 Noah's Baptism (1 Pet.3:18-22)
- May 11 Moses' Baptism (1 Cor.10:1-2)
- May 18 John's Baptism (John 1:19-34)
- May 25 **Jesus' Baptism** (**Matt.3:11-12**)

INTRODUCTION:

John the Baptist preached that when Christ came He would baptize His followers with the Holy Spirit (Matt.3:11).

And this was his message: 'After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' (Mark 1:7-8) (Luke 3:16)

Then John gave 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.*' (John 1:32-34)

This lesson will study SEVEN aspects of Jesus' Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

1. The Holy Spirit had six unique prophetic ministries associated with the first coming of Jesus Christ.

1st – Virgin conception of the birth of Jesus (Luke 1:30-35; Isa.7:14).

2nd – Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist (John 1:31-34; Isa.42:1).

3rd – Miraculous earthly ministry of Jesus Christ (Luke 4:17-21; Isa.61:1-2).

Jesus is Crucified

4th – Jesus Christ was raised from the dead by the Holy Spirit (Rom.8:11; Psa.16:10-11).

5th – Post-resurrection breathing of the Holy Spirit by Jesus Christ upon His disciples (John 20:19-23; Joel 2:28).

6th – After His ascension-session, Jesus Christ baptized His followers with the Holy Spirit (Matt.3:11; Acts 1:4-5; 2:1-4, 14-17, 31-35; Psa.110:1; Joel 2:28).

Notice that the first three occurred prior to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ while the last three occurred after it.

2. John the Baptist prophesied two important baptisms associated with the First coming of Christ (Matt.3:11).

John's Baptism - "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals;"

John's baptism was the formation of Jewish Age believers looking for the First Coming of Christ (John 1:19-34).

Jesus' Baptism – "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Jesus' baptism was the formation of Church Age believers looking for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.11:26; Titus 2:11-14; Gal.3:14, 22, 26).

3. Jesus' baptism of Holy Spirit was declared to be the promise of the Father (Luke 24:45-49).

"Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, 'This is what is written:

- Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.
- Repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations beginning at Jerusalem.
- You are witnesses of these things.
- "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 24:45-46)

God's promise (John 7:38-39; 14:26; 15:26-27; 16:7)

God's prophecy (Acts 1:4-5)

God's performance (Acts 2:4, 33)

God's prerequisite (Gal.3:14)

God's possession (Eph.1:13-14)

4. Jesus' baptism of Holy Spirit was based on the ascension-session of Jesus Christ (John 16:7; Eph.4:8).

"This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear." (Acts 2:32-33)

5. There is a theological distinction between Jesus baptizing in the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit baptizing in Jesus.

Jesus will baptize Jewish Age believers in the Holy Spirit. It was the formation of the universal church of Jesus Christ in the world (Matt.3:11; Acts 1:4-5). It is the message of the gospels and Book of Acts of the NT.

The Holy Spirit will baptize Church Age believers in Jesus Christ. It is the formation of the universal church of Jesus Christ in heaven (1 Cor.12:13; 2 Cor.5:17). It is the message of Epistles of the NT.

6. There are three distinct ministries of Jesus' baptism in the Holy Spirit that are important to the Church Age believer.

Remember that the Holy Spirit is the third member of the Godhead (Matt.28:19; 1 Cor.12:4-6).

Salvation – 8 works of the Holy Spirit (Rom.15:16; 2 Thess.2:13).

Access (Eph.2:18)	Regeneration (Titus 3:5)
Adoption (Gal.4:4-6)	Seals/earnest (Eph.1:13-14)
Baptism of Holy Spirit (1 Cor.12:13)	Spiritual gifts 1 Cor.12:11)
Indwelling (1 Cor.6:19-20)	Spiritual life (Eph.2:5)

CWL – Indwelling ministry of Holy Spirit and positional truth (20 status privileges).

Walking by indwelling Holy Spirit (Gal.5:16-17)

20 Status privileges (2 Cor.5:17)

World - Restrainer of Evil (2 Thess.2:1-12)

7. Jesus' baptism sent the Holy Spirit to occupy His body, the Church, in the world during His absence (1 Cor.3:16; 6:19; 2 Cor.6:16; Eph.2:18-22).

“Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.” (Acts 2:33)

“For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.” (1 Cor.12:12-13)