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BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST

Request: "There seems to be confusion within many churches about baptism of Holy Spirit. Would you do a study on it?"

We are currently studying eleven references in the Bible regarding the baptism of Holy Spirit (BHS). Six of them are prophetic; and five are historical fulfillment references.

We have studied the six prophetic references. Now we are studying the five historical references. We will combine them into FOUR historical reference studies. This is our second historical lesson.

This lesson will study four aspects of the Holy Spirit baptizing every Church age believer (CAB) into Christ.

NOTE: There is a transition from Jesus baptizing with the Holy Spirit to the Holy Spirit baptizing every Church Age Believer (CAB).

- 1. As the second member of the Godhead, Jesus Christ was baptized with the Holy Spirit by Father through John the Baptist's ministry to begin His earthly ministry (John 1:26-34; Matt.3:1-4:1; Mark 1:9-13; Luke 3:21-23).**

(John 1:33) "I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining on Him; this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.'"

(Matt.3:16-17) "After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; **and behold,** the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, **and behold,** a voice out of heaven said, 'This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.'"

All three members of the Godhead were involved as a **sign to the prophet John to Israel of the messianic Savior to world (John 1:29).**

- 2. As the third member of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit was baptized by Jesus in session to begin His early ministry (John 14:16-17, 26, 27; 15:26-27; 16:7-15).**

(John 16:7) "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but I go, **I will send Him to you.**"

(Acts 1:4-5) "Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, 'Which,' He said, 'you heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be **baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now.'" (Matt.3:11; Acts 2:32-33).

It was associated with the **sign of tongues to Israel of the 5th Cycle of Divine Discipline** upon Israel (1 Cor.14:21-22; 1:22; Isa.28:9-11; 1 Cor.13:8) (Acts 1:4-5, 13-15; 2:1-4, 5-12, 16, 33-39).

3. **At the moment of grace salvation, every CAB is baptized by the Holy Spirit into union with Jesus Christ in session (Eph.3:6; 1 Cor.15:22; Rom.6:3-4).**

(Gal.3:2) “This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?” [Answer is “**by the hearing of faith**”]

(Rom.10:16-17) “However, they did not all heed the **good news**; for Isaiah says, ‘Lord, **who has believed** our report?’ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.”

(Gal.3:26-27) “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you were **baptized into Christ** have clothed yourselves with Christ.”

Whether spiritual mature or immature or baby, all CABs are **IN CHRIST by (as the result of) being baptized by the Holy Spirit.** (1 Cor.3:1-2; 1 Pet.2:2; Heb.5:13-14)

At the moment of grace salvation, every CAB receives **eight works of the Holy Spirit**:

Adoption (Rom.8:15-17)

Baptism (Gal.3:26-28)

Indwelling (1 Cor.6:19-20)

Regeneration (John 3:3-8)

Seals-earnest (Eph.1:13-14)

Spiritual life (Rom8:9-11)

Spiritual gift (1 Cor.12:11-13)

Sanctification (2 Thess.2:13-14).

4. **We had several choices for a lesson text but I chose Gal.3:22-29 because we are studying through the Book of Galatians on Sunday (Col.2:12-13; Rom.8:11).**

We will outline our lesson text by the following five homiletic points on Baptized into Christ.

Gal.3:22-25)

Saved by faith apart from works of Law

Gal.3:26)

Sons of God

Gal.3:27)

Baptized into Christ (1 of 20 status privileges of clothed with Christ)

Gal.3:28)

Sanctification by Spirit (All one in Christ)

Gal.3:29)

Spiritual heirs according to promise

You were baptized (a.p.ind.2pl) into (eis+accusative) [Emphasizes the connection of the subject of the verb to its position in the object] **Christ** at moment of salvation (Gal.3:2-3).

You were baptized (a.p.ind.2pl) into

- **Aorist** - salvation
- **Passive** - grace
- **Indicative**- reality
- **Second person plural** – you all

It teaches the eternal union of every CAB with the Jesus Christ in session. “Therefore **if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature**; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.” (2 Cor.5:17)

Jesus Christ is the baptizer of the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit is the baptizer of the CAB.