

He Baptizes In the Holy Spirit

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"The next day John (the Baptist) saw Jesus coming unto him, and said, '**Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. This is He** of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who is before me:' for **He (Jesus)** existed first-before me. And I did not know (recognize) Him; but so that He should be made manifest to Israel, therefore, I have come baptizing in water.' And John bore record, saying, 'I saw **the Spirit** descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon Him. And I did not know **Him**; but **He** (the Father) who sent me to baptize with water, **the Same** said unto me, 'Upon **whom** you shall see **the Spirit** descending, and remaining on Him, **this-one is He who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.**' And I saw, and bare record that **this is the Son of God.**' " (John 1:29-34)

He: from the Greek word ***houtos*** a demonstrative pronoun which means: this, this-one, he, these. Speaking of Jesus.

Baptizes: from the Greek word ***baptizon*** which means: baptizing, to baptize, to dip under water, to submerge in water, but specifically of ceremonial dipping as in baptism.

In: from the Greek word ***en*** which means: in, among; properly: in, inside, within; figuratively: "in the realm or sphere of, as in the condition in which something operates from the inside. (also sometimes: on, at, by, with). The context is: just as John the Baptist baptized people by submerging them 'in' the water; so also Jesus will baptize people by submerging (baptizing) them (us) 'in' the Holy Spirit.

Holy: from the Greek word ***Hagio*** an adjective which means: holy, sacred. Properly: 'different' because of being set apart by (or for) God!. (Holy by reason of who or what something is - in being in a dedicated, or consecrated relationship to God.) In context the Holy Spirit of God is Holy because God Himself is eternally Holy: distinctly different and separate from all creation, including all other created spirit beings (angels, and humans).

Spirit: from the Greek word ***Pneumati*** (from ***pneuma***) a noun which means: a spirit, (wind, or breath in some contexts). An incorporeal (non material) intelligent living being, such as angel. Also the 'spirit of a human person; (as in I Thessalonians 5:23 "I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."). Also God's 'Spirit' - especially and always when called Holy; thus in context: the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit: In context, the Holy Spirit is God - who is Spirit and Holy and present everywhere. God is the eternal, infinite, Divine Creator of the 'cosmos' - the universe. And yet, in the sense of being the everywhere present Holy Spirit, God is set apart from His creation; and yet also very much involved with His Creation - especially man (mankind) who was created in His image (in the image of the Father Son and Holy Spirit - as it says, "Let **Us** make man in **Our** image." see Genesis 1:26-27). In the same exact sense the Spirit of Christ Jesus is one and the Same as the Holy Spirit of God the Father. Thus Jesus is able to baptize in the Holy Spirit. We are baptized by Christ Jesus into the Holy Spirit when we become born-again in the Holy Spirit of God - through Faith in Christ Jesus.

Literal: "This-one is the-one baptizing in (the) Spirit Holy."

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit was prophesied by the Old Testament prophet Joel:

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that **I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh**; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also upon the menservants and upon maidservants **in those days will I pour out My Spirit.**" (Joel 2:28-29; quoted in Acts 2:17-18)

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Jesus, Himself, speaking to His disciples promised all who believed in Him, that they would receive, and be filled with the Holy Spirit. Consider the following promises:

"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried-out, saying, 'If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. **He who believes on Me**, as the scripture has said, 'From within him (i.e. from the heart) shall flow rivers of living water. But this He spoke of the Spirit, in Whom those who believe in Him (Jesus) should receive; for **the Holy Spirit** was not yet given; because Jesus was not yet glorified.'" (John 7:37-39)

"I will pray to the Father, and He shall give you 'another Comforter (speaking of the Holy Spirit), so that **He** may abide with you **forever**; even **the Spirit of Truth**; whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him (the Holy Spirit), nor knows Him. But you know Him; for **He** abides with you, and **shall be in you**. **I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you**" (i.e. in the Person of the Holy Spirit). (John 14:16-18)

"These things have I spoken unto you, while still being present with you. But the Comforter, who is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name, **He** shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have said unto you." (John 14:25-26)

"But when the **Comforter** (the **Holy Spirit**) has come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, who proceeds from the Father, **He** shall bear witness of Me (of Jesus). And you also shall bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning." (John 15:26-27)

"I have many things yet to say unto you, but you cannot bear them now. But when **He, the Spirit of Truth**, has come, He will guide you into all truth: for **He** shall not speak from Himself; but whatever **He** shall hear (from the Father), that shall **He** speak: and **He** will show you things to come. He shall glorify Me (Jesus): for **He** shall **take of Mine**, and shall show it unto you." (John 16:12-14)

We are baptized in the Holy Spirit by Christ Jesus when we become born again in and through Jesus – through His work of atonement on the Cross for the forgiveness of our sins. Consider the following:

"There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto Him, 'Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; **for no man can do these miracles that You do, except God be with him**.' Jesus answered and said unto him, '**Truly, truly**, I say unto you, **except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God**.' Nicodemus said unto Him, 'How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?' Jesus answered, '**Truly, truly**, I say unto you, except a man be born of water **and of the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; **and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit**. Marvel not that I said unto you, '**you must be born again**'. The **wind (pneuma)** blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell from where it comes, and where it goes; **so is every one who is born of the Spirit**.'" (John 3:1-8)

The fulfillment of Joel's prophecy, and of the promises of Christ Jesus were first fulfilled as follows:

And when the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them divided tongues as of fire, and settling upon each of them. **And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit**, and began to speak with other tongues (languages), **as the Spirit** gave them utterance." (please read Acts 2:1-4 and through to verse 36)

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Consider now the following outcome of Peter's sermon:

“ 'Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God has made **this same Jesus**, whom you have crucified, **both Lord and Christ.**' Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, 'Men and brethren, what shall we do?' Then Peter said unto them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all who are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. ... Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." (Acts 2:36-41)

Finally, consider these encouraging words:

"You are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that **the Spirit of God dwells in you**. Now if any man does not have **the Spirit of Christ**, he does not belong to Him. And if Christ (His Spirit) is in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of **Him (God)** who raised up Jesus from the dead **dwells in you, He** who raised up Christ from the dead shall also **make-alive your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you**. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if you live after the flesh, you shall die: but if you **through the Spirit** do mortify the deeds of the body, you shall live. For as many **as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God**. For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you have received **the Spirit of adoption**, by which we cry, '**Abba, Father.**' **The Spirit Himself** bears witness with **our spirit**, that **we are the children of God**; And if children, **then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ**; if indeed we suffer with Him, so that we may be also glorified together." (Romans 8:9-17)

"He (Jesus) has abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He has purposed in Himself; so that in the dispensation of the fulness of times He might gather together **in one** all things **in Christ**, both who are in heaven, and who are on earth; **even in Him; in whom also we have obtained an inheritance**, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things after the counsel of His own will; that we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that you believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee **of our inheritance** until the redemption of the purchased-possession, unto the praise of His glory." (Ephesians 1:8-14)

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Jesus has baptized us into the Spirit of God the Father!
Indeed we have been baptized into the Spirit of Christ Jesus!

The Holy Spirit in us will bring to remembrance His words when we need it!
The Spirit of Christ Jesus in us will empower us to bear witness of the Good News ...
... concerning the remission of sins in Christ Jesus!

All Praise, and Honor, and Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit !!!

Thank You Lord Jesus!