

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Matthew Chapter 3.11-17

WHAT IS IT?

Baptize: the Greek word *baptizo* means to immerse or to dip.

Salvation is absolutely by the Spirit's power, and it is He who opens our eyes, makes us alive, and comes into us to regenerate us (make us born again).

John 3.5, 13.10, 15.3 // Romans 8.9 // Titus 3.6.6 // 1 Corinthians 12.13

IS THERE A DIFFERENCE?

Various Phrases Used for a Distinct Work of the Spirit:

- **Baptized in/by/with the Holy Spirit:** Mark 1.8 // Luke 3.16 // John 1.33 // Acts 1.5, 11.16 // 1 Corinthians 12.13
- **The Holy Spirit was poured out:**
- **The Holy Spirit fell/came upon:** Acts 8.15-17, 11.15-17 (Peter cites Matt. 3.11), 19.2-6
- **Received the Holy Spirit:** Acts 2.38, 8.12-17, 19.2-6
- **Gift of the Holy Spirit:** Acts 11.15-17
- **Filled with the Holy Spirit:** Acts 2.4, 4.8, 31, 7.55, 9.17, 13.9, 52, Ephesians 5.18

What is the difference between being filled unto salvation and being filled in a secondary way?

The essence of being baptized with the Holy Spirit is when a person, who is already a believer, receives extraordinary spiritual power for Christ-exalting ministry.

-John Piper

Joel 2.28-30 // Acts 2.14-21

Jesus told His born again disciples (**John 13.10, 15.3**) to wait for the promise of the Holy Spirit to receive power. The difference in the instances where believers are "filled/receive/baptized" in the Holy Spirit, it is for the express purpose not of salvation (that already happened), but of God's power in their life for bold witness and God's glory.

John 7.37-39, 16.5-7, 20.21, 22 // Acts 1.4-8, 4.8, 31

It is one thing to have the Holy Spirit dwell in us, but it is a whole other thing to have the Holy Spirit take total possession of us.

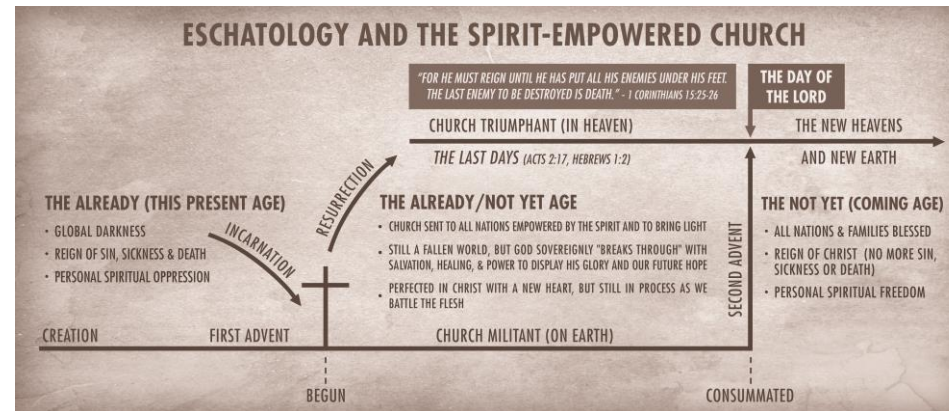
-R.A. Torrey

HOW AND WHEN?

Some believe that *all* believers are initially baptized in the Spirit upon regeneration (citing **1 Corinthians 12.13**), but others believe that some people *may* be baptized in the Spirit upon salvation, but that others may first encounter it later in their life and ministry. *Regardless*, the Word is clear that we *all* need to be constantly filled, not just once, but multiple times, for ongoing powerful ministry and witness for the work of the Gospel.

- 1). Open confession and repentance, renunciation of sin.
- 2). Admission of personal weakness and inability, confessing need for the Spirit's power.
- 3). Praying in faith for a fresh filling, trusting in God's sovereignty and will.
- 4). Yielding to His timing and distribution of gifts, opportunity, and service.

NOTES:



ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We're so glad you joined us today! We'd LOVE for you to **fill out the green Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our **teammates in a Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to **grab some food or coffee** out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our Kids on Mission classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a **faithful servant** behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll **forge friendships**, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity should never be fueled by obligation or guilt; it should be motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call Life Mission your Home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give or mail a check to our PO Box. **Thank you so much for your love & support!**

KIDS ON MISSION

Our Kids are incredibly important to us! The Kids on Mission ministry has classrooms for **newborns - 6th grade** & is passionately overseen by **Audra Napolitano**. Please Visit lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our Junior High students (**7th & 8th graders**) worship with the adults, and then head to their class for the rest of service. We challenge them to **dig deeper into what they learned on Sunday** throughout the week.

Our **High School students** stay in the adult service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at hbarnes5@yahoo.com or **John Hawthorne** at hawthorne-john@hotmail.com

SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Matthew 3.11-17**. What stuck out to you the most or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? _____

How much would you say you really depend on the Holy Spirit, and what does that look like in your life? _____

Read **Acts 4.8**. Here, Peter is filled with the Spirit to preach a powerful sermon. Though it's not explicit, we would suspect that Peter has given at least a few effective sermons in his life by this point, but this seems to point out that the Holy Spirit "filled the balloon" a bit more for this one. Now read **Matthew 10.16-20**. How does Peter's experience relate to what Jesus said in these verses? And what implications does that have in your life? _____

In many circles of Christian life, the baptism of the Holy Spirit (or fillings or His "coming upon") is a very sensational, highly dramatic experience that is often very self-focused and results in a certain unhealthy emotionalism. There is great chance that many times, these aren't even genuine fillings, but simply over-emotional experiences from believers who think that if they experience this, it makes them more special, loved, or holy. But the express purpose of these fillings is not for selfish inward experience, but for the work of service in the Gospel and for selfless proclamation through the gifts, opportunities, and circumstances you are given by God's design. For instance, read **Ephesians 5.18-33**. Why does Paul instruct the believers to "be filled with the Holy Spirit" before addressing them as husbands and wives? _____

Read **1 Corinthians 12.4-11**. Without getting sidetracked on some of the nature of these various gifts (such as prophecy, tongues, etc.), what is the main point of what Paul is telling the church? _____

Now continue reading **verses 12-31**. Again not trying to get stuck on the nuances of gifts in this verse (it is a massive topic that won't get figured out in one CG), what is Paul further encouraging the church to see? _____

When you think through the roles and circumstances you have in life, be it as a parent, a spouse, a friend, or serving in church, which of these do you believe you need a particular filling and empowering to pursue those things by God's power, rather than your own? _____

As you close the group, go through the four steps in the sermon notes, confessing sin to one to another and sharing your desires for God's empowerment in your life, and then ending by praying for a filling of the Spirit for those roles and tasks.