

## Foundations pt12 – Jesus is Baptizer: The Importance of Spirit Baptism

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**[Heb 6:1-3 NASB95] 1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. 3 And this we will do if God permits.**

- Fundamentals/foundations are what separates the successful from the unsuccessful.
- To Jesus, it was important for the disciples to be Spirit baptized before they preached the Gospel. [Luk 24:49 NASB95] 49 "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."
- Paul lists some fundamentals, one of which is baptisms (plural).
  - One baptism: Into Christ, [Gal 3:27 NASB95] 27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.;
  - Second baptism: Water, [Act 1:5 NASB95] 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."
  - Third baptism: With the Holy Spirit, Acts 1:5
- 3rd of the Four Cardinal Truths is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

**Why is the Spirit baptism important?**

**Here are five reasons why Spirit baptism is important.**

### **I. Gives us a promise.**

- a. Jesus - [Act 1:4-5 NASB95] 4 Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," [He said,] "you heard of from Me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."
- b. Peter - Acts 2:14-18 (Joel 2:28-29) [Act 2:14-18 NASB95] 14 But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words. 15 "For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is [only] the third hour of the day; 16 but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: 17 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHESEY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS; 18 EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT And they shall prophesy.
- c. Not a new idea, some strange happening, God has promised it a long time ago.
- d. We are in the "LAST DAYS", directly talking about the Baptism with the Holy Spirit

### **II. Gives us a Person.**

- a. Acts 19:1-6 - They were Christians, then baptized in water, Holy Spirit. [Act 19:1-6 NASB95] 1 It happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus, and found some disciples. 2 He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they [said] to him, "No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." 3 And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" And they said, "Into John's baptism." 4 Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus." 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they [began] speaking with tongues and prophesying.

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- b. First, baptism with the Holy Spirit subsequent to Salvation
- c. Secondly, a deeper knowledge of the Holy Spirit.
- d. John 14:26 - Him, not it. Not tongues, not the baptism, but the Holy Spirit. [Jhn 14:26 NASB95] 26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

### **III. Gives us a purpose.**

- a. Acts 1:8 - Be My witness. [Act 1:8 NASB95] 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."
- b. Leviticus 14:14,17 - blood first act of cleansing; oil then applied over blood symbolic of being prepared for service. [Lev 14:14, 17 NASB95] 14 "The priest shall then take some of the blood of the guilt offering, and the priest shall put [it] on the lobe of the right ear of the one to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot. ... 17 "Of the remaining oil which is in his palm, the priest shall put some on the right ear lobe of the one to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, on the blood of the guilt offering;

### **IV. Gives us power.**

- a. Acts 1:8 - Power to be My Witnesses. [Act 1:8 NASB95] 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."
- b. I Corinthians 2:4-5. [1Co 2:4-5 NASB95] 4 and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.
- c. There is a level of power that God works through people who have received Spirit baptism.

### **V. Gives us a prayer language.**

- a. There is a spiritual language of prayer that accompanies Spirit baptism.
  - b. [Rom 8:26-27 NASB95] 26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for [us] with groanings too deep for words; 27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to [the will of] God.
  - c. [1Co 14:14-15 NASB95] 14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. 15 What is [the outcome] then? I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the mind also; I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the mind also.
  - d. Praying in the Spirit is different from speaking a message to the church in tongues.
  - e. Praying and singing with the spirit is appropriate in church services and in private times to engage God.
- **It is important to God that we experience Spirit baptism, as evidenced by praying in tongues as part of His end-time promise to fulfill His purpose with power as we walk with the Holy Spirit.**