

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

This tract has been created to introduce those who are searching for truth set forth in God's word, and not based on the traditions of men and pagan religions.

John 3:5 (KJS) Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and [of] the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. One must be born of the spirit to enter the kingdom, this then must be before the resurrection.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. We are either worldly or spiritual.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. {again: or, from above} This ties in with the spiritual birth that can be the only birth from above.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Those who are born of the spirit are a mystery for their values and way of life are not that of the world, and are hard to understand like the wind.
Cross with John 14:15-18

If we are to believe that John 3:5-8 is speaking of water baptism then we must consider all of it to refer to a baptism that is the spirit as well. For those who don't they must consider what Luke is speaking of, when he quoted John the Baptist telling his listeners that one would come who would baptize them with the Holy Ghost?

Acts 1:5 (KJS) For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

I have used the YLT version to help give the best definition.

Ephesians 1:13 (YLT) in whom ye also, having heard the word of the truth—the good news of your salvation—in whom also having believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of the promise, 14 which is an earnest of our inheritance, to the redemption of the acquired possession, to the praise of His glory.

First is the criterion the believer must meet. They have heard the word of truth. which is the good news of our salvation. And upon hearing this they believed it. They become sealed this sealing is not something carved in stone. It is the start of a new person that person has chosen to turn themselves over to God "His Spirit" To teach and guide them daily insuring them to the fulfillment of the redemption of the spiritual body at the coming of Jesus.

This time the American Standard, because rather than the word born it uses begotten.

1John 3:9 (ASV) Whosoever is begotten of God doeth no sin, because his seed abideth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is begotten of God.

10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

It says who so ever is called of God does not sin, is this speaking of now or after the resurrection? Next verse says "In this the children of God are manifest and the children of the devil" How are they manifested? The righteous child is called of God and God's seed is in them and they will not do willful sin, while the child of the devil does not do anything righteous nor does he love his brother. If you are called of God then you will desire to do His will and not willfully sin. This is speaking of now the devil is bound in the New Kingdom those who teach this is the new kingdom are wrong.

Matthew 3:11 (KJS) I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and [with] fire: This shows us the bind between water baptism and baptism of the Holy Spirit. If one is considered a new birth so should the other.

John 1:31 (KJS) And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

John's main message here is that there was a better baptism or birth on its way with Jesus the Christ. That baptism is to be baptized with the Holy Spirit or reborn with the Holy Spirit, no longer should we think of ourselves as being in the state of conception, but now as come forth through Jesus the Christ

1Corinthians 12:13 (KJS) For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether [we be] Jews or

Gentiles, whether [we be] bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. {Gentiles: Gr. Greeks}

For the body is not one member, but many.

If we don't believe in the baptism or birth of the spirit to be now how can we become part of that body?

Titus 3:5 (KJS) Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Regeneration is from the Strong's #3824 means new birth, recreation, renew. We then continue and see the renewing of the Holy Spirit. There are those who would teach us that these happen at different times one happens now that is the washing of regeneration, the renewing of the Holy Spirit at the resurrection when we receive a new body, yet the scriptures are clear that it must take place now.

Acts 2:1 (KJS) And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

There are those who would have us believe that when Jesus spoke to Nicodemus in John 3:8 about the comparison of the wind and spirit. He was telling John what we would be like in the new body. This text in Acts explains Jesus reference to the wind.

Acts 2:2

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

The spirit is like the wind sudden powerful and unknowing to us yet we can hear it, and see the effects of it. The spirit is the same we can contain it if we walk in the will of the Lord . Again we need only cross reference this with John 14:15-18

15 ¶ If ye love me, keep my commandments.

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

To teach that Jesus was also foretelling of his resurrected body passing through closed doors is contrary to Jesus teachings. Jesus always used nature accurately and winds blow doors and substances down, it does not pass through them. This would be the only time that Jesus improperly used nature to make his point.

Finally to deny the birth or baptism of the Holy Spirit is to deny the baptism of Jesus the Christ. He is our example.

John 1:33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

We write this tract to those of the Church of God 7th Day Salem West Virginia. The church has great truth yet errors in this very important doctrine. They would have us believe that we are still lead by the spirit as was Israel not receiving the Holy Spirit till the resurrection at the receiving of the new body. We can only through the renewing in our bodies by the Holy Spirit prepare for the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ. The washing with water is only a ceremonial cleansing of the body. It is not sufficient to carry us through life and prepare us for the new body that we will receive at Jesus coming.

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