

Pentecostalism . . .

Holy Spirit Baptism (II)

I. Holy Spirit is a Person

II. H.S. Baptism:
what Is the Issue?

III. Terminology

IV. Purpose

V. Recipients

VI. Administrator

Who baptized in Holy Spirit?

Mt.3:9-12 –

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9: God could raise up children from stones.

Does He?

- If we deny that someone today can raise the dead, he responds, “You’re denying power of God!”
- NOT matter of power, but God’s will.
- Do you believe God is making people out of stones?

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10: clear reference to enemies of God

- Explains why he uses word “fire”

11a: “you” – who? People of vv.7-9? No!

11b-12: “fire” (three times, vv.10-12)

- Ax...root...cut down...fire... Blessing?
- 12: chaff...unquenchable fire... Blessing?
(Ps.1:4)

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What is John's point?

- Jesus has power to baptize in Holy Spirit and to baptize in fire
- Both promises speak of administrator, not recipients of the baptism
- Ac.1:2-8 specifies the recipients
- Lk.3:15, people wondered: is John the Messiah? No! V.16

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VII. Holy Spirit baptism – a
matter for demonstration...

Apostles proved their claims

- Speak languages they never studied, Ac.2.
- Heal lame man who had no faith and had never walked, Ac.3.
- Strike a person dead, Ac.5.
- Impart miraculous gifts, Ac.8:14-18.
- Raise the dead, Ac.9:36-41; 20:9-12.
- Strike a man blind, Ac.13:11.
- Cast out demons, Ac.19:12.
- Receive poisonous bite, no harm, Ac.28:3-6.
- Speak w/o taking thought, Mt.10:19.

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VII. H.S. baptism: demonstration

VIII. Does God confirm
false doctrines?

Claims / Evidence of one group equal others

- Muslims, Mormons; Catholics; Church of God (Cleveland Branch; Anderson, Indiana Branch); Church of the Nazarene; Emmanuel COC; United Pentecostal; Oneness Pentecostals; Christian Sciences; at least 26 other groups of “Holiness” Churches
- All claim to speak by power of God; miracles
- Does God confirm doctrine through one group, then deny it through others?
- How to know which group has Holy Spirit baptism? Pray?

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Eph.4:5

- Acts 2: **two baptisms** (Spirit, 1-4; water, 38...)
- Ac.10: **two baptisms** (Spirit, 44; water, 47-48)
- Eph.4:5: **one baptism**
 1. Some time between Ac.10 and letter to Ephesians, one baptism had ceased.
 2. Which baptism was still in effect as Paul wrote Ephesians (age-lasting baptism)?
 3. Mt.28:19-20, age-lasting baptism.

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Holy Spirit baptism	Mt.28:19	Water baptism
Administered by Lord, Jn.1:33	“baptizing them”	Administered by man, Ac.8
Promise, not command, Ac.1:2-8	baptizing them; observe all things...	Command, not promise, Ac.2:38

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Acts 2 –

- Spirit came on apostles, not audience.
- Languages, not babblings (4, 6, 8, 11-12).
- Speakers were Galileans (7). Cf. Ac.1:11.
- Peter stood with the eleven (14).
- They prophesied (2:16-21). Do Pentecostals?
- They were witnesses (32; 1:8,22-23; Jn.15:26f).
- Audience questioned Peter / apostles (37).
- They continued in the apostles' doctrine (42).
- No mention of H.S. baptism on audience.
- Apostles did wonders and signs (43).

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XI. A Test

1 John 4:1

Produce one ‘new revelation’ – will put it in . . .

- 1. Bible
- 2. Gal.1:6-9
- 3. Discerned by reason

- Experiences do not prove a person is right with God: Balaam . . . Saul . . . Caiaphas . . .
- Experiences do not change Scripture
 - Dt.13:1-5
 - Mt.7:21-23
 - 2 Th.2:10-12