

DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS – 2
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REVIEW:

- **HEBREWS 6:1-2** – Six principles of the doctrine of Christ.
- Baptisms and baptizers: **1 CORINTHIANS 12:13** by the Spirit into the body of Christ; **MATTHEW 28:19** by a believer in water; by Jesus with the Holy Ghost and fire. **MATTHEW 3:11**
- **EPHESIANS 4:4-5** – The main baptism is by the Spirit into the body of Christ. We must be born again to be saved.
- **JOHN 7:37-39** – We should be baptized with the Spirit by Jesus. If we're really thirsty for God, we will want to be baptized with the Spirit by Jesus.

CONTINUE – ACTS 1:4-8

V4 – Commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but wait for the promise – what promise?

V5 – Jesus acknowledges John's baptism and prepares them to receive the baptism with the Holy Ghost.

V6-7 – Their focus wasn't on the Spirit baptism, but on the restoration of the kingdom to Israel. They saw

His mighty works before His death. Now He's alive from the dead. They want political power and national prominence.

V8 – They've already been saved and probably water baptized. Now, they are to be baptized with the Holy Ghost, fire and power!

ACTS 2:1-4

Being baptized by Jesus with the Holy Ghost is being filled with the Holy Ghost. Once filled with the Holy Ghost, they spoke with other tongues. The utterance was given by the Spirit.

ACTS 10:44-48

The Gentiles were baptized by Jesus with the Holy Ghost and they also spoke with tongues.

ACTS 19:1-7

Twenty-three years after Pentecost, Paul still is laying hands on people to receive the Holy Ghost. The results were the same. They were baptized, filled, and spoke with other tongues.

MATTHEW 12:34

The mouth is the outlet for the heart. What fills the heart will flow out of the mouth. Our mouth gives us away. Whatever we're filled with will come out of our mouths.

- Anger, fear, bitterness, doubt, faith, etc.

JOHN 4:24

God is a spirit and we are spirit beings. When filled with the Spirit, they spoke the language of the Spirit, because out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.

- Naturally – We speak the language of our nationality: English, German, French, Italian, Russian, Spanish, etc.
- Spiritually – What is the language of heaven? It's not English or Spanish. **1 CORINTHIANS 14:2 (KJV); 14-15 (AMPC)** Tongues is the language of the Spirit. When Spirit baptized or filled, that language is released. God is a spirit, we are spirit beings, and when we speak in tongues, our spirit is in direct communication with God.
- Our language has limitations. Our spirit has none. Our spirit can express things our mind can never express. It's like having a disability. Praying in tongues, we shift into praying at the highest level of prayer. There are many benefits to praying in tongues that need understood. **1 CORINTHIANS 14:16-18**

DO I HAVE TO SPEAK IN TONGUES?

If you don't, you're not inferior to one who does. If you do, you're not superior to one who doesn't.

If you don't, you're denying yourself of something important. We don't have to speak in tongues, be healed, be delivered or anything else we don't want. We must be born again! Why reject something that adds a valuable dimension to our prayer lives and gives us a direct line of communications with God?