

BAPTIZED WITH THE SPIRIT

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INTRO:

There are two views when it comes to being Spirit-Filled. The Baptist view and the Pentecostal view. Both are partly right and partly wrong. My goal today is to give insight and clarity to the subject.

The Spirit and Resurrection Life JOHN 20:19-22

- Jesus shows them His wounds and they believe in His Resurrection. He breathes on them and they receive the Spirit who baptizes them into the body of Christ and imparts into them resurrection life. They receive the Spirit in salvation. A well of living water.
- They pass from death to life and become new creations in Christ, **2 COR. 5:17**. The pattern is similar to Adam's creation. God breathes into a lifeless body, and man becomes a living soul.
- **EPH. 2:1** - We were dead in sin. **JOHN 3:3-7** When one meets the resurrected Christ and does what **ROM. 10:8-10** says, God breathes into him resurrection life by His Spirit and he's born again.
- Between Resurrection Sunday and Christ's Ascension, Peter went back to fishing. He wasn't evangelizing Jerusalem, or the world.

The Baptism with the Spirit LUKE 24:45-49

- Before His Ascension, Jesus said there was more for them to receive: The promise of the Father—power from on High!
- **ACTS 1:4-5, 8** The promise is being baptized with the Holy Ghost. The purpose being to receive power to witness and impact the world with the Gospel.
- **ACTS 2:1-4** There are three baptisms and three baptizers. In water baptism, we go down under the water and come up (Emersion). In the Spirit baptism, the Spirit comes down on us, like Niagara Falls.
- All were emersed, filled, and the overflow was tongues. The results were: boldness to witness (Peter preached), the scriptures came alive, and they were released into ministry.

The Comparison

Both experiences are needed: Resurrection Sunday when life is imparted to the believer. Pentecost Sunday, when the believer is endowed with power from on High.

- **ACTS 8:12, 14-19** Both experiences are mentioned.
- **ACTS 10:47** The same occurs among the Gentiles.
- **ACTS 19:1-2** One receives the Spirit.

How to Receive

LUKE 11:1-13

- We must ask for it
- We must know we won't receive something evil.

JOHN 7:37-39

- We must be thirsty. We are inadequate and desire more.
- We must come to the baptizer—Jesus.
- We must drink or breathe in.
- We must release the outflow. Out of your belly (rivers).

Satan's Questions

- Aren't you just doing it yourself? Yes, they spoke in tongues.
- How do you know you got the right thing? Because I asked for the right thing.

CONCLUSION: Receiving the Spirit wasn't a suggestion, it was commanded. Jesus has been glorified, the Spirit has been given and now the decision is ours to make. We can operate in our own strength or we can operate in power from on High. Have you received the Spirit since you believed?