



Real Church Supernatural: What is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

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"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will clear His threshing floor, gathering His wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire." John the Baptist; Matt. 3:11-12

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Jesus; Acts 1:8

A Spiritual Order of Baptism

- John: Immersion in water for repentance.
- Jesus: Immersion in fire/Holy Spirit for power.

- Elijah's sacrifice soaked in water.
- Elijah's sacrifice consumed by fire.

- Global judgement: Noah's flood.
- Global judgement: The fire of God.

- The Law brings one to repentance.
- The Spirit brings one to power.

The Release and the Promise

- The nation of Israel was released from bondage in Egypt and passed through the Red Sea into the wilderness.
- Jesus was baptized in water and immediately led by the Spirit into the wilderness.
- The individual is released from the bondage of sin, baptized in water and starts the journey.

- Israel was journeying to God's promise land to overcome and have their own nation.
- The individual is journeying to God's promise of overcoming life.

- Israel wandered in circles until the rebellious generation died.
- Do we wander in circles until we die?

- The generation that came out of Egypt was free from sin but never entered the promised land.
- Do we live forgiven but never enter into the power of the promise of overcoming life?

Warnings for those who project Pentecostal pride

- The baptism in the Holy Spirit does not make you superior to other Christians.
- The baptism in the Holy Spirit does not make you automatically mature in Christ.
- The baptism in the Holy Spirit empowers us to be Christ-like toward others not to exercise our wills over others.

"Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you and your children..." Acts 2:38-39