



Does He Baptize?

Focus The baptism in the Holy Spirit is clearly seen and taught in the Bible. We can be assured that we are on solid biblical ground in believing in this baptism and embracing the incredible blessing it can be in our lives.

Open What is your personal knowledge of the baptism of the Holy Spirit? What are two or three concerns or perhaps misconceptions you have concerning this subject?

- Talk**
1. Read 1 Corinthians 12:13 and complete the following statement: The _____ baptizes us into _____.
 2. Read Matthew 28:19. To which type of baptism does this scripture refer? Who does the baptizing?
 3. Read Matthew 3:11, Mark 1:8 and Luke 3:16. Who is speaking? Who baptizes us in the Holy Spirit? How many baptisms are presented in the Bible? List each of them.
 4. Read John 1:33. Who does the scripture say the Spirit descended and remained on?
 5. Give a personal example from your life when you felt like you did not have the power of the Holy Spirit.

6. Read Ephesians 4:20–31. What does it mean to “grieve” the Holy Spirit? What is He asking to be put away in this text? How does He respond in His grief?
7. Read Acts 1:4–5. The Holy Spirit is called the _____ of the Father.
8. What is the promise? How does knowing this impact you?
9. Read Acts 19:1–6. Which baptism has to come first?
10. Read Acts 1:8, Luke 24:49. According to Jesus, what is the evidence that the Holy Spirit has “come upon you”? The word for “power” in Acts 1:8 is “dunamis,” from which we get the word “dynamite.” In the Greek, it translates into four distinct words: ability, abundance, meaning and might. In this season of your life, which of these is “just the right thing” for you?

Live This week in your personal devotion time, ask the Lord to reveal to you areas in your life where you are “empty.” Ask for a refilling in these areas.

Pray No matter where you are in the process of being immersed in the Spirit, pray for more.

Holy Spirit, I ask You to bring to my memory the time I asked to be baptized in You, totally immersed in Your love and power. Restore to me not only the joy of my salvation but the fresh filling of Your presence. Lead me on to more of what the Father has for me. In Jesus' name I ask, amen.