

Being "Born-again" vs. the "Baptism of the Holy Spirit"?

(Both of these terms speak of the same experience)

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Baptism G907: to *make whelmed* (that is, *fully wet*); used only (in the New Testament) of ceremonial *ablution*, especially (technically) of the ordinance of Christian *baptism*: - baptist, baptize, wash.

And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. I indeed **baptize [G907] you with water** unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall **baptize [G907] you with the Holy Ghost**, and **with fire**: Whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will throughly **purge** his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will **burn up** the chaff with unquenchable **fire**." Matthew 3:10-12

"When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have **purged** the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of **burning**." Isaiah 4:4

"Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the **furnace of affliction**." Isaiah 48:10

"But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have **suffered a while**, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." 1 Peter 5:10

"But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be **baptized** with the **baptism** that I am **baptized** with [this speaks of Jesus' crucifixion and their pending **martyrdom**]? They say unto him, We are able. And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be **baptized** with the **baptism that I am baptized with**: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but *it shall be given to them* for whom it is prepared of my Father." Matthew 20:22-23

Note: The Bible never records that Jesus received another *Spirit* baptism other than John's where He was both water and *Spirit baptized* at the same time as the dove descended upon Him. Jesus used the word or term "...**baptized** with the Holy Ghost" just like He used other **figures of speech** to explain what receiving the Holy Spirit would be like since they were all familiar with water baptism. There is no place in the Bible where a second *asking to receive the Spirit again* is found. If so, somebody please show me and I will recant.

"And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be **endued with power** [the "**signs**"] **from on high**." Luke 24:48-49

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the **Comforter** will **not come unto you**; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." John 16:7

"And when he had so said, he shewed unto them *his* hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as *my* Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he **breathed on them**, [the eleven] and saith unto them, **Receive ye the Holy Ghost**." John 20:20-22

"For John truly **baptized with water**; but ye shall be **baptized with the Holy Ghost** not many days hence." Acts 1:5

"And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all *men*, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, [the Holy Spirit although already given to the eleven in John 20:22, seemed to

not be *moving* yet because "the day of Pentecost was [not] **fully come**") That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. And they gave forth their lots [I don't see *casting* "**lots**" as one of the "**signs**"; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles." Acts 1:24-26

"But ye shall **receive power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be **witnesses** unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8

"And when the day of Pentecost was **FULLY come**, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to **speak with other tongues**, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:1-4

Note: the importance of the day of Pentecost *fully coming* has to do with the "appointed time" of this second "great feast" manifesting *spiritually* when it should. These great feasts coincide with the three major dispensations. This is why although the *eleven* (Jesus' friends: John 15:27; Gen 18:17?) first *received* the Holy Spirit before the upper room experience, there was a temporary limiting of His power it seemed seeing they still needed to "give forth their lots" pertaining to Matthias. And then there's John 16:7 where Jesus said "the Comforter will not come: unless He first goes away? Of course there's much more in *type* to be had here with these feasts but I'm just trying to show why it was just the showing forth of the *dedication* of the "born-again" Temple that came forth in the upper room, and not a **second** so called "being baptized in the Holy Spirit" experience that many in the Church teach as a "second in-filling" that Jesus never spoke of, but someone else did. **GOD always confirmed What & Who His temples were in the Bible by initially sending *the fire*** : Ex 40:34-38; 2-Chr 7:1; Acts 2:3

- John Wesley's/ Methodist 18th century sanctification doctrine:



"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." Galatians 1:8

"We believe that God calls every believer to holiness that rises out of His character. **We understand it** to begin in the new birth, include a second work of grace [not in the Bible] that empowers, purifies and fills each person with the Holy Spirit, and continue in a lifelong pursuit."



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"But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters **shall prophesy**, and your young men shall **see visions**, and your old men shall **dream dreams**: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall **prophesy**:" Acts 2:16-18

"Then Peter said unto them, **Repent**, and be **baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were **baptized**: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls." Acts 2:38-41

"But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were **baptized**, both men and women. Then Simon himself **believed** also: and when he was **baptized**, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the **miracles** and **signs** which were done. Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was **fallen upon none of them**: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, Saying, Give me also this **power**, that on whomsoever I **lay hands**, he may receive the Holy Ghost." Acts 8:12-19

"And as they went on *their way*, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be **baptized**? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he **baptized** him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing." Acts 8:36-39

"And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, *even* Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he **received sight** forthwith, and arose, and was **baptized**." Acts 9:17-18

"While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them **speak with tongues**, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be **baptized**, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be **baptized** in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days." Acts 10:44-48

— Key passage* —

"And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be ***saved**. And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost *fell on them, as on us at the beginning. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed **baptized** with water; but ye shall be ***baptized with the Holy Ghost**." Acts 11:13-16

Note: This was Cornelius' household's first experience brethren. They were getting "saved" as the Spirit "fell on them," and Peter equated this to being "**baptized** in the Holy Ghost." They were not already "born-again."

"And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye **believed** [**this question was commonly asked of people who were only water baptized or needed to be**]? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye **baptized**? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily **baptized** with the **baptism of repentance**, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus [Mat 28:19]. And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they **spake with tongues, and prophesied**."

Acts 19:1-6

Note: Asking if one already "believes" cannot be used as proof text to say they were already "born-again" and thus were then going to receive *another* portion/infilling/baptism of the Holy Spirit. The majority of the New Testament equates this question of "believing" to the "good news" of the gospel and or water baptism as in Mark 1:15 below. All that is except Mark 16:17 below which still infers those that *believe* in this instance are then taken for granted that they are going to go on to be *saved* because Mark 16:16 already said as much.

"And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: **repent ye**, and **believe** the gospel."
Mark 1:15

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that **believeth** and **is baptized** shall be [future tense] **saved**; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these **signs** [it's not saying "**gifts**" at this point] shall follow [which means to come afterwards, but it doesn't say *when*] them that **believe** [and were then **saved**]; In my name shall they **cast out devils**; they shall **speak with new tongues**; They shall **take up serpents**; and if they **drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them**; they shall **lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover**." Mark 16:15-18

"I am come to send **fire** on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled? But I have a **baptism** [onto death] to be **baptized** with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished! Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division:" Luke 12:49-51

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were **baptized into Jesus Christ** [Mat 28:19] were **baptized** into his death?"
Romans 6:3

"And were all **baptized unto Moses** in the **cloud** and in the **sea**;" 1 Corinthians 10:2

"For by **one Spirit** are we **ALL baptized into one body**, [not just some who ask] whether we *be* Jews or Gentiles, whether we *be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." 1 Corinthians 12:13

"But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster [the Law]. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you ["O foolish Galatians"] as have been **baptized into Christ** [again, **Mat 28:19**] have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:25-28

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were **baptized into Jesus Christ** were **baptized into his death**? Therefore we are buried with him [symbolically] **by baptism** into **death**: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Romans 6:3-4

Note: Going back to Acts chapter 2; as for the "cloven tongues of fire" in the upper room, this was used to symbolize the *spiritual beginning* of the second great feast of Pentecost. This as stated beforehand was to signify the start of the "dispensation of Grace," and the beginning of the third *spiritual* temple. Ask yourself who has as of yet seen these "cloven tongues of fire" come to those that are said to be "baptized in the Holy Ghost"? Yes there was Azusa St. and maybe a few other times something similar happened, but this is by far an extremely rare experience and was considered a sovereign move of GOD, an out pouring/revival.

The Bible uses *figures of speech* to describe the "born-again" impartation of the Holy Spirit. Being *baptized with or in the Holy Ghost* is just one of them.

• "Baptize/baptized/baptism..."	• "Receive the Holy Ghost Spirit..."
• "Come upon..."	• "Fallen upon..."
• "Filled with..."	• "Was given..."
• "Pour out..."	• "Fell on..."
• "Receive the gift..."	• "Came on them..."

Now the reason this teaching or correction is so important brethren is because Satan has long ago sown tares into our understanding of GOD'S Word on this matter and Christians' now believe they need something more than they received at the new birth. Think brethren; so you, having been **born-again/received Christ/accepted Jesus/asked Jesus into your heart/and been saved**, then have someone tell you, "Well, you can do nothing now until you receive **the infilling/baptism in the Spirit/be indued with power from on high** before you can go forth to the nations. By the way, you can also forget about any of the **signs** or **gifts** until this happens." Can you see now how this "doctrine of devils" has weakened the Church and the Body?

Just take this to the LORD brethren. How many times have you witnessed Pastors' or others telling the flock that they just convinced of this "second work of grace," or "third," take your pick; that they need to come up front *and receive* the baptism of the Holy Spirit? You and I both know pretty much nothing happens other than someone using a spirit of psychology to convince these *newly convicted* born-again believers' that they can now open their mouths and speak in the tongues that they were already given when they were born-again. Some do, and *Walla!* a false doctrine is born. We received all the fruit of the Spirit into our *spirit* when we were first born-again brethren. Sanctification is not the "2nd or 3rd work of grace" as the Church teaches it; it's the work of the Holy Spirit ministering beyond "the earnest" (2-Cor 1:22) to our heart's to bring His full fruit and power into the soul and then outward to the nations as we die to self. Once this "Christ IN you, the hope of glory" process is accomplished, we then become "clothed with the sun [*Son*]..." on the outside like the symbolic *woman Church* that is shown in Revelation 12:1. This is when Christ is no longer restricted to our spirits as to say **Christ in us**, but we are then said to be "**IN Christ**" once sanctified (*set apart for GOD'S use*) because the world no longer sees "the old man" of the soul. "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God" Colossians 3:3. Those that know and preach healing *properly* know we had the ability to "heal the sick" and "every good work" at the very moment we were born-again (Isa 53:5; 1-Pet 2:24), so what's this supposed second acceptance of the "baptism of the Holy Spirit" for then folks? It's not in the Bible as you have just read.

"But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work."

2 Timothy 2:20-21

Yes, we are to seek and ask for the "best **gifts**" *AFTER* being **born-again**, but these are sovereignly bestowed **power gifts** that GOD gives out as individuals ask in faith and obedience to the Word. These **gifts** are not something that **everybody** receives the same of or all of; 1-Cor 12 testifies to that. Yes, there were and still are Christians' who were more open to **receive the Holy Spirit** by faith when they were first **saved**, and thus immediately manifested outwardly by faith more of the **signs**. Once *born-again* and having matured somewhat we can all ask for **spiritual gifts** and receive them by faith as GOD grants. GOD has at times "poured out His Spirit" upon the saints and even sinners in certain areas, as times of refreshing were cried out for by the saints.

"And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 10:45

"Now there are diversities of **gifts**, but the same **Spirit**." 1 Corinthians 12:4

"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. And God hath set some in the church, first **apostles**, **secondarily prophets**, thirdly **teachers**, after that **miracles**, then **gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues**. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? Have all the **gifts** of healing? do all **speak with tongues**? do all **interpret**? But covet earnestly the best **gifts**: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way." 1 Corinthians 12:27-31

Stop waiting for something else to happen brethren; if you are **born-again** you have already been given the **signs** to manifest by faith and obedience to the Word (Isa 8:18) as your mind is renewed (Rom 12:2). So **cast out devils; speak with new tongues; take up serpents** [if you have to that is]; if you **drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them**. Go ahead, **lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover**."