

HANOUT Conversion and Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Point 1- What does “baptism in (or with) the Holy Spirit” mean in the New Testament?

1.) Mat 3:11 “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit** and fire.

baptisei en Pneumati Hagio
βαπτίσει ἐν Πνεύματι Ἁγίῳ
will baptize with [the] Spirit Holy

2.) Mark 1:8 I have baptized you with water, but **he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit**.

baptisei hymas en Pneumati Hagio
βαπτίσει ὑμᾶς ἐν Πνεύματι Ἁγίῳ
r will baptize you with [the] Spirit Holy

3.) Luke 3:16 John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire**.

baptisei en Pneumati Hagio
βαπτίσει ἐν Πνεύματι Ἁγίῳ
will baptize with [the] Spirit Holy

4.) John 1:33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is **he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit**.

baptizōn en Pneumati Hagio
βαπτίζων ἐν Πνεύματι Ἁγίῳ
baptizing with [the] Spirit Holy

5.) Acts 1:5 for John baptized with water, but you will be **baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now.

en Pneumati baptisthēsethe Hagio
ἐν Πνεύματι βαπτισθήσεσθε Ἁγίῳ
with [the] Spirit will be baptized Holy

6.) Acts 11:16. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be **baptized with the Holy Spirit**.’

baptisthēsethe en Pneumati Hagio
βαπτισθήσεσθε ἐν Πνεύματι Ἁγίῳ
will be baptized with [the] Spirit Holy

7.) 1 COR 12:13 For **in one Spirit** we were all **baptized into one body**—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

en heni Pneumati hēmeis pantes eis hen sōma ebaptisthēmen
ἐν ἐνὶ Πνεύματι , ἡμεῖς πάντες εἰς ἓν σῶμα ἐβαπτίσθημεν
in one Spirit we all into one body were baptized

Point 2- How should we understand the “second experiences” that came to born-again believers in the book of Acts?

Acts 2:1-41 describes the coming of the Holy Spirit to the **Jews** on the day of Pentecost.

Acts 8:9-17 describes the coming of the Holy Spirit to a new group of **Samaritan** believers (whom the Jews utterly despised and hated).

Acts 10 is a description of the coming of the Holy Spirit now to the **Gentiles** of Cornelius’s household.

Acts 19:1-7 recounts the coming of the Holy Spirit to disciples of John the Baptist that did not even know about the Holy Spirit!

It appears there are no New Testament texts that encourage us to seek for a ‘second experience’ of a “baptism in the Holy Spirit” that comes *after* conversion.....

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Point 3-How do we describe the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit in the Christian life after conversion?

Ephesians 5:15-18 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but ***be filled with the Spirit.***

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL APPLICATION (from Systematic Theology, Grudem)

1. Before hearing this message, what was your understanding of “baptism in the Holy Spirit”?
 - a. How has your understanding changed, if at all?
2. Has your own Christian life included one or more events that you could call “a significant empowering presence” in some area or another in your Christian life?
 - a. Or has it rather been one of small but continuing steps in sanctification, in fellowship with God, and in use of spiritual gifts and power in ministry?
3. Have you known people who have claimed they received a “baptism in the Holy Spirit” after conversion?
 - a. In your evaluation, has the result in their lives been mostly positive, or mostly negative, or has it been rather mixed?
 - b. If you have had such an experience yourself, do you think that understanding it as a one-time “baptism in the Holy Spirit” was essential to the experience, or could the same results have come in your Christian life if it had been called “being filled with the Holy Spirit”?
 - c. Do you think it would be right to seek for an experience of “filling with the Holy Spirit” in your own life now? What would this look like for your daily life and experience?
4. We all realize that it is possible to overemphasize something good in the Christian life to such an extent that our lives become unbalanced and not as effective in ministry as they might be.
 - a. If we think of the various ways in which we can grow in the Christian life (knowledge of the Word and sound doctrine, prayer, love for God, love for other Christians and for non-Christians, trust in God each day, worship, holiness of life, use of spiritual gifts, effective power of the Holy Spirit in our witness and ministry, daily fellowship with God, etc.), in what areas do you think you need to ask God for more growth in your own life, more filling of the Spirit for these things?
 - b. Would it be appropriate to ask him for a new fullness of the Holy Spirit to accompany growth in those areas?