

THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT
Life in the Spirit
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Acts 18:24 - 19:7 Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. ²⁵ He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. ²⁶ He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him and explained to him the way of God more accurately. ²⁷ And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, ²⁸ for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus. ^{ESV} **Acts 19:1** And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. ² And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³ And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." ⁴ And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. ⁷ There were about twelve men in all.

Acts 18:24 Ἰουδαῖος δέ τις Ἀπολλῶς ὀνόματι, Ἀλεξανδρεὺς τῷ γένει, ἀνὴρ λόγιος, κατήνητησεν εἰς Ἔφεσον, δυνατὸς ὢν ἐν ταῖς γραφαῖς. ²⁵ οὗτος ἦν κατηχημένος τὴν ὁδὸν τοῦ κυρίου καὶ ζέων τῷ πνεύματι ἐλάλει καὶ ἐδίδασκεν ἀκριβῶς τὰ περὶ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ, ἐπιστάμενος μόνον τὸ βάπτισμα Ἰωάννου. ²⁶ οὗτός τε ἤρξατο παρρησιάζεσθαι ἐν τῇ συναγωγῇ. ἀκούσαντες δὲ αὐτοῦ Πρίσκιλλα καὶ Ἀκύλας προσελάβοντο αὐτὸν καὶ ἀκριβέστερον αὐτῷ ἐξέθεντο τὴν ὁδὸν [τοῦ θεοῦ]. ²⁷ βουλομένου δὲ αὐτοῦ διελθεῖν εἰς τὴν Ἀχαΐαν, προτρεψάμενοι οἱ ἀδελφοὶ ἔγραψαν τοῖς μαθηταῖς ἀποδέξασθαι αὐτόν, ὡς παραγενόμενος συνεβάλετο πολὺ τοῖς πεπιστευκόσιν διὰ τῆς χάριτος. ²⁸ εὐτόνως γὰρ τοῖς Ἰουδαίοις διακατηλέγχετο δημοσίᾳ ἐπιδεικνύς διὰ τῶν γραφῶν εἶναι τὸν χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν. **19:1** Ἐγένετο δὲ ἐν τῷ τὸν Ἀπολλῶ εἶναι ἐν Κορίνθῳ Παῦλον διελθόντα τὰ ἀνωτερικὰ μέρη [κατ]ελθεῖν εἰς Ἔφεσον καὶ εὑρεῖν τινας μαθητὰς ² εἶπεν τε πρὸς αὐτούς· εἰ πνεῦμα ἅγιον ἐλάβετε πιστεύσαντες; οἱ δὲ πρὸς αὐτόν· ἀλλ' οὐδ' εἰ πνεῦμα ἅγιον ἔστιν ἠκούσαμεν. ³ εἶπεν τε· εἰς τί οὖν ἐβαπτίσθητε; οἱ δὲ εἶπαν· εἰς τὸ Ἰωάννου βάπτισμα. ⁴ εἶπεν δὲ Παῦλος· Ἰωάννης ἐβάπτισεν βάπτισμα μετανοίας τῷ λαῷ λέγων εἰς τὸν ἐρχόμενον μετ' αὐτόν ἵνα πιστεύσωσιν, τοῦτ' ἔστιν εἰς τὸν Ἰησοῦν. ⁵ ἀκούσαντες δὲ ἐβαπτίσθησαν εἰς τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ, ⁶ καὶ ἐπιθέντος αὐτοῖς τοῦ Παύλου [τὰς] χεῖρας ἦλθε τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον ἐπ' αὐτούς, ἐλάλουν τε γλώσσαις καὶ ἐπροφήτεον. ⁷ ἦσαν δὲ οἱ πάντες ἄνδρες ὡσεὶ δώδεκα.

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0. INTRODUCTION

0.1. WHY THIS TOPIC AT THIS PLACE

- controversial among the “greats” (WESLEY, FINNEY, MOODY, CHAMBERS, BILLY GRAHAM, JOHN STOTT, LLOYD-JONES...)
- controversy is not helpful → dissention
- the topic is too important to be left out (after parts that Evangelicals agree on: (1) worship, (2) repentance, (3) prayer, (4) truth, (5) discipline, (6) fruit, (7) gifts ...→ (8) BAPTISM)
- → *TO RAISE DESIRE for*

0.2. IMPORTANT PROPHECIES

- New Testament → the ERA OF THE SPIRIT (**Ezekiel 39:29** And I will not hide my face anymore from them, when I pour out my Spirit upon the house of Israel, declares the Lord GOD.)
- Matthew 3:11 I baptize [immerse not “immerse with”] you with water (βαπτίζω ἐν ὕδατι) for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire (βαπτίσει ἐν πνεύματι ἁγίῳ).
- Mark 1:8 I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (ἐγὼ ἐβάπτισα ὑμᾶς ὕδατι, αὐτὸς δὲ βαπτίσει ὑμᾶς ἐν πνεύματι ἁγίῳ)
- Luke 3:16 John answered them all, “I baptize you with water (ἐγὼ μὲν ὕδατι βαπτίζω ὑμᾶς), but one more powerful than I am is coming—I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire (αὐτὸς ὑμᾶς βαπτίσει ἐν πνεύματι ἁγίῳ καὶ πυρί)”
- Acts 1:5 [Jesus:] John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit (ὅτι Ἰωάννης μὲν ἐβάπτισεν ὕδατι, ὑμεῖς δὲ ἐν πνεύματι βαπτισθήσεσθε ἁγίῳ οὐ μετὰ πολλὰς ταύτας ἡμέρας)
- Acts 11:16 [Peter:] Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit’

1. CLEARING THE FIELD

1.1. THE WORD "BAPTISM"

Βαπτίζω, f. -ίζω, (βύπτω) to dip repeatedly; of ships, to sink them, Polyb. 2, 51, 6, etc. — Pass., To bathe, Eubul. Naus. 1: οἱ βεβαπτισμένοι, soaked in wine, Lat. vino madidi, Plat. Symp. 176 B: ὀφλήμασι βεβ., over head and ears in debt, Plut. Galb. 21; μειράκιον βαπτιζόμενον, a boy drowned with questions, Heind. Plat. Euthyd. 277 D.—II. to draw water, Plut. Alex. 67; cf. βάπτω.—III. to baptize, N. T. Hence,

Βάπτις, εως, ἡ, a dipping, bathing; a washing, drawing water; baptism, Eccl.

- not a special "religious" word in the Bible → meaning some necessarily "initial" religious act / experience
- Acts 1 → Acts 2 → Acts 10(11:16)
 - Acts 1:5 ...you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit (ἐν πνεύματι βαπτισθήσεσθε ἁγίῳ) → **Acts 2:4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit (καὶ ἐπλήσθησαν πάντες πνεύματος ἁγίου) → **Acts 10:44** the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word (ἐπέπεσεν τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον ἐπὶ πάντας) → **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 (βαπτισθήσεσθε ἐν πνεύματι ἁγίῳ).'

1.2. NUMBERING THE EXPERIENCES?

- the "second" blessing → not in the Bible
- Regeneration not enough? → pride; looking down on "second-rate" Christians
- no further expectations → [1 Corinthians 12:13] For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Whether we are Jews or Greeks or slaves or free, we were all made to drink of the one Spirit (καὶ γὰρ ἐν ἐνὶ πνεύματι ἡμεῖς πάντες εἰς ἓν σῶμα ἐβαπτίσθημεν, εἴτε Ἰουδαῖοι εἴτε Ἕλληνες εἴτε δοῦλοι εἴτε ἐλεύθεροι, καὶ πάντες ἐν πνεύμα ἐποτίσθημεν) → the Spirit immerses us into the Body of Christ → Christ Jesus immerses us in the Spirit...

1.3. DISPENSATIONALISM

- for the Apostles only? → **Acts 2:39** For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.
- → revivals teach us otherwise...

1.4. A "PANACEA"?

- "Christless Pentecost" (David WILKERSON)

[Frank BARTLEMAN] "There seems to be a great danger of losing sight of the fact that Jesus was 'all in all.' The work of Calvary, the atonement, must be the center for our consideration. The Holy Ghost will never draw our attention from Christ to Himself, but rather reveal Christ in a fuller way. We are in danger of slighting Jesus – getting Him 'lost in the temple,' by the exaltation of the Holy Ghost and of the gifts of the Spirit. Jesus must be the center of everything." I do not take Brother Bartleman's warning lightly. The danger of a Christless Pentecost is very real today. I say to you it is possible to gather Spirit-filled people in one place, praising and lifting up their hands – and still have Christ walking among them as a stranger!

2. STEPS TO FULLNESS

- → to create DESIRE for God's presence

- **BAPTISM / FULLNESS means MORE OF WHAT I ALREADY HAVE...**

2.1. THE DISCIPLES

- **John 20:21-23** Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." → **Acts 1:8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you (λήμψεσθε δύναμιν ἐπελθόντος τοῦ ἁγίου πνεύματος ἐφ' ὑμᾶς), and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

2.2. FROM APOLLO TO PAUL

- Acts 18-19
- ask God for fullness; pray with other Christians → **1 Thessalonians 5:19** Do not quench the Spirit. (τὸ πνεῦμα μὴ σβέννυτε)

2.3. EXPERIENCE TO BE REPEATED!

- **Eph 5:18-19** And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart (καὶ μὴ μεθύσκεσθε οἴνω, ἐν ᾧ ἐστὶν ἀσωτία, ἀλλὰ πληροῦσθε ἐν πνεύματι, ¹⁹ λαλοῦντες ἑαυτοῖς [ἐν] ψαλμοῖς καὶ ὕμνοις καὶ ᾠδαῖς πνευματικαῖς, ᾄδοντες καὶ ψάλλοντες τῇ καρδίᾳ ὑμῶν τῷ κυρίῳ)

3. RESULTS

- **Judges 6:34** But the Spirit of the LORD clothed Gideon, (יְהוָה הִנֵּחַ אֶת הַרוּחַ בְּגִידוֹ) → why not hiphil?

3.1. POWER TO WITNESS

- Acts 1:8 But you will **receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you (λήμψεσθε δύναμιν ἐπελθόντος τοῦ ἁγίου πνεύματος ἐφ' ὑμᾶς), and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.
- the motive → POINT TO JESUS! → GLORIFY GOD

3.2. JOY OF GOD

- **Romans 14:17** (1) righteousness and (2) peace and (3) joy in the Holy Spirit.
- **Acts 13:52** And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit (οἱ τε μαθηταὶ ἐπληροῦντο χαρᾶς καὶ πνεύματος ἁγίου)
- → open spiritual emotionality

3.3. DAILY LIVING

- "Sunday ↔ Monday" problem → daily fullness (**2 Corinthians 4:16** Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ἀλλ' εἰ καὶ ὁ ἕξω ἡμῶν ἄνθρωπος διαφθείρεται, ἀλλ' ὁ ἕσω ἡμῶν ἀνακαινύεται ἡμέρα καὶ ἡμέρα)

Romans 8:11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Romans 8:13-14 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God

4. TO REMEMBER

- The baptism in the Spirit is spiritual life on fire → in power.
- The Spirit works as He wishes, but fullness usually goes with powerful emotions.

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- The fullness of the Spirit is for everyday Christian life → daily renewal.