

# The Holy Spirit Baptizing the Believer

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## I. Introduction.

A. With all the controversy about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, it is difficult to determine what it is.

B. Texts: Acts 1:1-5, John 1:32-33, Acts 11:33, I Corinthians 12.

## II. To baptize means to submerge and place someone into a relationship with someone else. (Romans 6:3)

A. Baptism is reserved for those who are saved.

B. Baptism is an act of obedience to God.

## III. The baptizing work of the Spirit is the Spirit placing of a person into a new relationship with Jesus, which makes up the church.

A. At Pentecost the church began.

B. Relating filling of the Spirit and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. (I Corinthians 12)

1. One is not commanded to be baptized by the Spirit.

2. Baptism of the Spirit is a position while filling of the Spirit is provision.

3. Baptism of the Spirit deals with relationship while filling of the Spirit deals with fellowship.

4. Baptism of the Spirit happens once while the filling happens many times.

C. Gifts of the Spirit are not guaranteed with the baptism of the Holy Spirit. (I Corinthians 12:11)

D. The Word of God trumps any experience a person has.

E. Baptism of the Spirit is the foundation.

F. Walking in the Spirit is what proceeds from this foundation—living by the Spirit of God.

## Application questions:

1. What does it mean to be baptized? How is water baptism different from Spirit baptism?

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2. What is the difference between being filled by the Spirit and baptized by the Spirit?

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3. How would you respond to someone who says that a person must be baptized in order to be saved? Explain.

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