

The History of Water Baptism (Part 5)

**We highly recommend that you listen to the audios associated with each of the studies in this series.
You'll need extra note paper as each of the following points represents a separate study**

Request: "Would do teach on Matt.28:19 and water baptism?"

Today we will study our fourth of five lessons on the History of Water Baptism.

- In lesson one: we studied (Matt.28:16-20).
- In lesson two: we studied the etymology of the Greek word for baptism, bapto.
- In lesson three: we studied six different baptisms of the NT that cause theological confusion.
- **In lesson four: we will study JB's prophecy of Jesus baptizing with the Holy Spirit.**

This lesson will study four aspects of Jesus baptizing with Holy Spirit in the series entitled, History of Water Baptism.

1. John the Baptist prophesied that Christ would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

(Matt.3:11) "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit** and fire."

John the Baptist's messianic Scripture came from (Joel 2:28-32). Peter used the same Scripture in the same way in (Acts 2:14-21) (Matt.3:11).

Jesus gave an additional promise to it prior to His ascension to the third heaven:

(Luke 24:49) "And gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, 'Which,' He said, 'You heard from Me; for John baptized **with water**, but you shall be baptized **with the Holy Spirit not many days from now**.'" (Acts 1:4-5)

Peter said that this additional promise was fulfilled by the ascension-session of Jesus:

(Acts 2:33-35) "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the **promise of the Holy Spirit**, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: 'The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies a footstool for Thy feet.'" [poured out] (Joel 2:28-29)

2. During His earthly ministry, Jesus never personally baptized with water in order to preserve the distinction between water and Holy Spirit baptism.

When John the Baptist requested Jesus to baptize him, Jesus refused; but gave this explanation:

(Matt.3:14-15) "But John tried to persuade Him saying, 'I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?' Jesus answering said to Him, 'Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.'" [poured out]

POINT: "When therefore the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John (although Jesus Himself was **not baptizing**, but His disciples were)." (John 4:1-2)

3. On the last day of the feast of Tabernacles, Jesus taught on the coming baptism of the Holy Spirit (John 71-52; 2, 14, 37).

Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles (booths) were the big 3 (Lev.23:33-43; Deut.16:13-17; Matt.17:4) [three booths at the Transfiguration / Millennium]

(John 7: 37-39) “Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, ‘If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From His innermost being shall flow rivers of living water. But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who **believe in Him were to receive**; for the Spirit was **not yet** given, because Jesus was **not yet** glorified.’”

- If anyone thirst (John 4:14)
- Scripture (Zech.14:8; Rev.21:6)
- Inner most being (1 Cor.6:19-20)
- Flow rivers of living water (John 4:10)
- Believe – receive (Gal.3:2-3)
- Ascension-session (Phil.3:21; 2 Cor.3:18)

4. In the Upper Room Discourse just prior to His crucifixion, Jesus taught extensively on His baptism of the Holy Spirit as the parakletos (helper, counselor, and comforter) ministry.

We will list seventeen characteristics of the parakletos ministry from the following passages.

- | John 14:16-18, 25-26 | John 15:26-27 | John 16:7-15 |
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Jesus’ baptism of the Holy Spirit was one of the first acts of His session (seated at the right hand). It resulted in the advent ministry of the Holy Spirit during the church age (1 Cor.6:19-20; 1 John 4:4; 2 Thess.2:6-7).