

PROPHECIES of the BAPTISM of the HOLY SPIRIT (part one)

Request: "There seems to be confusion within the Christian church about the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Would you do a study on it?"

In (2 Cor.5:17a), Paul taught, "if (1cc) [and it's true] anyone is **in Christ**, he is a new creature (ktisis) [creation] [also true]."

QUESTION:

When and How does this happen?

ANSWER:

It happen **WHEN** a person believes the gospel of Grace Salvation (**Gal.3:2-3**; 1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:6; Eph.2:8-9).

The **HOW** happens with the eight (8) works of the Holy Spirit were accomplished at the moment of salvation. [50 Things FREE](#) 1 of the 8 works is BHS.

We will be studying **eleven references** to the Baptism of Holy Spirit in the New Testament.

- **Six of them are prophetic references** prior to the historical fulfillment at Jewish Pentecost in Acts 2:1, 32-33.
- The **other five are historical references** of fulfillment of Baptism of Holy Spirit.

Today's lesson will study part one of three of the six Prophecies of Baptism of Holy Spirit (BHS).

- 1. The 1st prophetic reference to the Baptism of Holy Spirit (BHS) is referenced in all four Gospels connected to the ministry of the prophet John the Baptist (Matt.3:11-12; Mark 1:1-8; Luke 3:15-17; and John 1:20-28).**

John was called to be the prophetic forerunner of the Messiah (Mark 1:1-8; Isa.40:3 and Mal.3:1).

At every water baptismal service, John declared that the BHS was coming with the advent of Christ.

(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."

- 2. The 2nd prophetic reference was fulfilled when John baptized Jesus and declared Him to be the Messiah. (John 1:29-34)**

(Luke 1:24-37) "This is He on behalf of whom I said, 'after me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'" (John 1:30). John was **6 months older** than Jesus. (John 8:58).

John came baptized with water looking for a specific sign from heaven regarding the actual person who was Christ, the Savior of the world (1 Cor.1:22; John 4:42).

(John 1:31) "I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water."

(John 1:32-34) "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him. I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the

Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the **One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.** I myself have seen, and have testified that **this is the Son of God.**” (John 36 / read)

John identified Jesus to be the messianic Savior at His baptism (John 1:29, 34).

- Why did John come baptizing with water? (John 1:25-28; Deut.18:18)
- Why didn't Jesus baptize with water or baptize John Baptist? (John 4:1-2; Matt.3:13-16)
- Why did Jesus' disciples continue John's water baptism ministry? (John 16:7; 1 Cor.1:13-17; Rom.6:3-5)

3. The 3rd prophetic reference was given by Jesus during the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7:1-2, 14, and 37). At this same time, the Jewish religious leaders were trying to kill Him (John 7:1, 25, 30, 32).

At the end of the Feast of tabernacles, Jesus taught on the ministry of the Holy Spirit associated with the BHS.

(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 Scriptures (Isa.55:1; Rev.21:6; Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17; John 4:13-14) said, ‘From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.’ **But He spoke of the Spirit**, whom those **who believed in Him were to receive**, for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”

TABERNACLE (Booths) FESTIVAL (five points)

1. There are seven Levitical Shadow Christology festival recorded in Lev.23.

First Coming: Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, and Pentecost.

Second Coming: Trumpets, Atonement, and Tabernacles (Lev.23:39-44).

2. Tabernacle was equivalent to our Thanksgiving of grace of God (Ps.27:5-6).
3. It was one of three pilgrimages / festivals (Deut.16:16).
4. Jews attached a non-biblical custom to the Tabernacle festival that is important to John Ch.7.

Every day but the last day they carried a golden pitcher from the temple to the Pool of Siloam and returned with water and poured it into a silver basin by the altar of burnt offering (Ex.17:1-9; 1 Cor.10:4) [Spiritual water]. (NASB footnotes of John 7:37-39)

5. They didn't do it on the last day because it was a High Sabbath (Lev.23:36; Neh.8:18).

It was on this last day of Tabernacle that Jesus taught on the prophetic ministry of the Holy Spirit coming with the BHS (**John 3:37-39**).