

Growing in CHRIST

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Study No 4:
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In this study we discover what the Bible says about baptism and why we should be baptised in water and in the Holy Spirit as a believer in Christ. The original meaning of the word 'baptise' means to immerse. Baptism in water therefore carries the idea of being completely submerged and not merely sprinkled. Baptism with the Spirit is similarly about consumed with the power of God.

The answers to the questions in this session can be found in the Bible verses given. It's important to read the verses completely to understand what God is saying to you.



A. Baptism in Water

Read Romans 6:4

1. When you become a Christian, your old way of life has ended. According to this verse, how do you think baptism by immersion shows this?

2. When you become a Christian, you start to lead a new life. According to this verse, how do you think baptism by immersion shows this?

Read Acts 10:48

3. Is baptism in water optional or a requirement for all believers?

4. Read Acts 2:41

a) Why do you think that the people were baptised quickly after becoming Christians?

b) Why does the Bible only describe adult baptism and not infant baptism?

B. Baptism with the Holy Spirit

Read Matthew 28:19 and John 15:26. God is described as three separate persons. But how can God be one God, yet three persons?

1 John 1:5 says that God is light and yet light is one substance made up of three colours – red, blue and green. These become white light when they appear together! In the same way the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are distinct but indivisible. They are said to be a ‘trinity’ and, even though this term is not used in the Bible, their personalities and actions are described consistently throughout the Bible. We serve one God who exists in three persons.



We have seen that the Father sent His Son Jesus to save us from our sins. But who is the Holy Spirit and why is it that receiving His power is also described as a baptism?

Read Acts 1:5

1. These are words spoken to Jesus’ disciples just before He ascended to heaven. What did He promise them?

Read Acts 1:8

2. What else did Jesus say the disciples would receive when they received the Holy Spirit?

3. What does this verse say would be the result of receiving the power of the Holy Spirit?

Read Acts 2:4

4. What was the first thing that the disciples did when they were baptised, or filled, with the Holy Spirit?

5. What do the following verses suggest about the importance of speaking in tongues?

a) Acts 2:5-9

b) Romans 8:26

c) 1 Corinthians 14:2

6. What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit that are given for operation in the church according to 1 Corinthians 12:8 -10

i) _____

ii) _____

iii) _____

iv) _____

v) _____

vi) _____

Vii) _____

viii) _____

ix) _____

A Time to Think



1. Do you think your life will be affected when you are baptised in water and in the Holy Spirit? In what ways?

2. Given what the Bible says about baptism are you ready to be water baptised now?

3. Why do you think God wants to baptise you in the Holy Spirit?

Talk to a Pastor or other leader and they will help arrange for you to be water baptised at the next baptismal service. But you can be filled with the Holy Spirit right now!

Summary:

Complete the following statements by selecting the most appropriate answer from those given.

1. When you receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, you also receive...

- Power to witness.
- Great excitement.
- A religious attitude.

2. To witness for Christ is...

- To preach a sermon.
- To tell others what you know about Him.
- To go to church.

3. When the disciples received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, they...

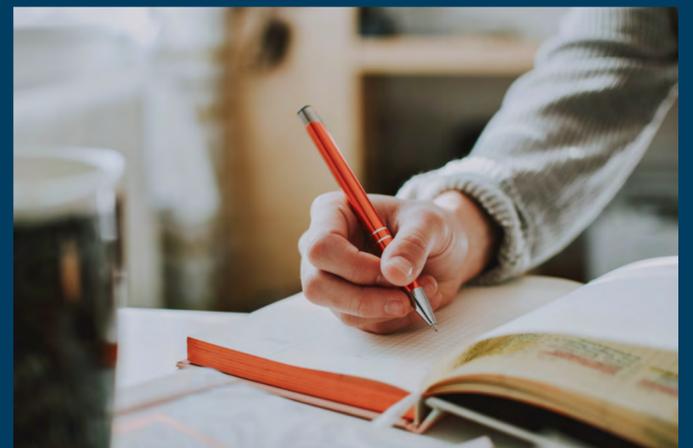
- Praised God in languages they had never learned.
- Kept very quiet.
- Prayed for a long time.

4. The Holy Spirit is promised to...

- Ministers and priests only.
- All believers in Christ.
- The twelve apostles only.

5. When you receive the Holy Spirit, you will know straight away because...

- You will be more religious.
- You will speak in tongues.
- You will never sin again.



Memory Verse:

Acts 2:38 "Peter replied, "Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

In our next session we will discuss **Living in Victory**.

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