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Proclaiming Your Future

Heaven's Baptism

Let me give you a summarization of what we have taught.

- Words connect us to **God** and words connect us to **each other**.
- We also learned that the tongue cannot be tamed by any **person**.

Last week, we talked about Heaven's **language**.

This week, let's talk about Heaven's **baptism**.

Best said – “the Baptism in the **Holy Spirit**”

Let me show you:

- The baptism in **salvation**
- The baptism in **water**
- The baptism in the **Spirit**

Let's begin now with the first baptism:

A. The Baptism into the **Body of Christ**

This occurs when you are **saved** and or **born again**.

1 Corinthians 12:13a

¹³For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...

1. By the Spirit, we are baptized into the Body of Christ or better said, into **Jesus**.

2. The Holy Spirit put you into the Body of Christ; you are part of Christ's **body** now that you're **saved**.

* This is what we need to realize – there is a separate baptism in the Holy Spirit in the Bible that we need to **ask** for.

3. This baptism is an **anointing** of the Holy Spirit that gives us **power** to live this Christian life.

Here is the second baptism:

Matthew 28:19

B. This speaks of **water** baptism

Ephesians 4:5

- This says there is one **baptism**, but if you read Ephesians 4, it also says there is one **Lord**.

Look through in Ephesians 4:4-6, It says there is:

- one **Spirit** (verse 4)
- one **Lord** (verse 5)
- one **Father** (verse 6)

In other words, the **Father**, **Son**, and **Holy Spirit**.

4. There are not **three** gods, there is one God, but there are **three** persons of that God-head that the three agree as **one**.

The Bible says there is one baptism, and in baptism, there are three – just like the **Trinity**; and they all agree as one.

To get saved and go to Heaven, you just need to believe in **Jesus**, but if you want to live a victorious life on this earth, you need to be:

- **Water** baptized
- You need to be baptized in the **Spirit**.

Here is the third baptism:

C. The baptism in the **Holy Spirit**.

Matthew 3:11a

¹¹ I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance...

- Water baptism is an **outward** sign of an **inward** work – a **proclamation**.

When you are going down in the water, you **die** with Christ to sin, then you raise up in **new** life.

Matthew 3:11b

¹¹ ...but He (**Jesus**) who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He (**Jesus**) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Question: Who is doing the baptizing in this verse?

Answer: **Jesus** is doing the baptism, and He will baptize you in the **Holy Spirit**.

Remember the first verse we were in – the Spirit baptizes us into Jesus.

This verse 11 is Jesus baptizing us into the **Spirit**.

Why am I saying this:

These are two different experiences or baptisms.

Salvation, then baptism of the **Holy Spirit** and with **power**.

- Let me show you the baptism of the Holy Spirit is in all four gospels.

We find in all four gospels these things:

The **birth** of Jesus

The **wilderness** experience of Jesus

The **water** baptism of Jesus

The **Holy Spirit** baptism of Jesus

The **death**, **burial**, and **resurrection** of Jesus.

Jesus is our example so I am saying:

- You need to be **saved**
- You need to be **water** baptized
- You need to be baptized in the **Holy Spirit**.

Was Jesus born again?

Answer: **No** – he was born **right** the **first** time.

- You and I were born **wrong** the **first** time.

That's why we needed to be **born again**.

Let me say it this way:

You being born again, were born **perfect** as a son or daughter of God.

5. By grace, **no sins** have been held against you, all sins have been **washed away**.

6. Being born again is the **first** step and Jesus, our example, was born in a **perfect** Son of God.

The second step:

Was Jesus water baptized?

Answer: **Yes**, He was.

7. So you and I need to be **water** baptized.

Was Jesus, Spirit baptized?

Answer: **Yes**

Matthew 3:15-16

Notice: it says the Spirit **like** a dove (not a dove) landed on Him.

8. Basically saying the Holy Spirit **descended** on Jesus.

So Jesus being our example:

If Jesus was

- Born a **perfect** son of God.
- **Water** baptized
- **Holy Spirit** baptized

Maybe you should do **all three** too

Mark 1:8

Luke 3:16

John 1:32-33

All four gospels tell us of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

John 1:33b

³³ ... 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

Until this time, the Holy Spirit never descended on someone and then **remained**:

- He descended on **Saul** – then **left**
 - He descended on **Daniel**, then He **left**
9. The practical definition of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is when the Holy Spirit **descends** and then **remains**.