



Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Prophesied by Joel

Joel 2:28–29 (ESV)

28 “And it shall come to pass afterward, **that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh**; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

29 Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

Prophesied by John the Baptist

Matthew 3:11–12 (ESV)

¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.** ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

It was promised by Jesus

Acts 1:1–5 (ESV)

1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, **2** until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit **to the apostles whom he had chosen.** **3** He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, **but to wait for the promise of the Father,** which, he said, **“you heard from me; **5** for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”**

It was promised by Jesus

Acts 1:6–8 (ESV)

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ **But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,** and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Baptism of HS \neq Baptism in Christ

- This was a promise that was done *to them*, not command to be obeyed *by them*
- We will see this in Acts 2 and Acts 10
- The point: Baptism of the Holy Spirit is different than Baptism in the name of Jesus Christ.

Baptism of HS ≠ Baptism in Christ

Acts 8:14–16 (ESV)

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, ¹⁵ who came down and prayed for them that they might **receive the Holy Spirit,** ¹⁶ **for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**

HS Baptism

A Promise
(Acts 1:4-8)

A Promise of
Jesus

Baptism in Name of Jesus

A Command
(Acts 2:38;
10:48)

A Command
of Jesus

HS Baptism

Was to be waited for (Acts 1:4; cannot be obeyed)

Promised to a Specific Few (Acts 1:4-8)

Baptism in Name of Jesus

Is to be obeyed immediately (Acts 2:40-41; 8:36-39)

Commanded of All ("Let Each of You" Acts 2:38)

HS Baptism

Administered by
Jesus From
Heaven (Acts
2:33; 11:16-17)

An immersion of
the Spirit

Baptism in Name of Jesus

Administered by
Man on Earth
(Matthew 28:19;
Acts 8:38)

An immersion of
Water (Acts
10:47-48)

HS Baptism

Results in Power
(Acts 1:4-8)

Before Baptism in
the Name of Jesus
(Acts 10:44, 48)

Baptism in Name of Jesus

Results in
forgiveness of
sins (Acts 2:38)

Was ordered after
baptism of the
Holy Spirit in Acts
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HS Baptism

Does Not Save
(Acts 11:14)

Not the "one
baptism"
(Ephesians 4:5)

Baptism in Name of Jesus

Saves (Mark
16:16; 1 Peter
3:21)

Is the "One
baptism"
(Ephesians 4:5)

Apostles Baptized by the HS

Acts 2:1–4 (ESV)

2 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ **And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.**

Apostles Baptized by the HS

Acts 2:16–17 (ESV)

¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “ ‘ **And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,** and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

Gentiles Baptized by the HS

Acts 10:13–16 (ESV)

¹³ And there came a voice to him: “Rise, Peter; kill and eat.” ¹⁴ But Peter said, “By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.”

¹⁵ And the voice came to him again a second time, **“What God has made clean, do not call common.”**

¹⁶ This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.

Gentiles Baptized by the HS

Acts 10:44–45 (ESV)

⁴⁴ While Peter was still saying these things, **the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.**

⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, **because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.**

Gentiles Baptized by the HS

Acts 10:46–48 (ESV)

⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷ **“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”**

⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Purpose of this Baptism?

Acts 11:15–17 (ESV)

¹⁵ As I began to speak, **the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning.** ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, **‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’** ¹⁷ If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, **who was I that I could stand in God’s way?”**

Purpose of this Baptism?

Acts 15:7–11 (ESV)

⁷ And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brothers, you know that in the early days **God made a choice** among you, that by my mouth **the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe.**

⁸ And God, who knows the heart, **bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us,** ⁹ **and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith.** ¹⁰ Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? ¹¹ **But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”**

Purpose of this Baptism?

McGarvey makes the following comment on Acts 10:47–48:

... Peter, who knew the purpose (of the gift), plainly indicates what it was by the use he makes of it. he uses it to remove from the minds of his Jewish companions any doubt which they might still entertain as to the propriety of baptizing Gentiles. **This, then, is the purpose for which the miracle was wrought ... and herein we find reason why no such event as this ever occurred afterward, or is now to be expected; for when it was once demonstrated that uncircumcised Gentiles might be baptized, the question was settled forever, and needed not be settled again. (216–17)**

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Purpose of this Baptism?

Matthew 3:16–17 (ESV)

¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw **the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;**

¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, **“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”**