

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

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This is a chronological list of Scriptures that teach the doctrine of two baptisms, one of water, and one of the Holy Spirit. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is an additional experience after salvation, but an equal promise to all believers like salvation.

Matt3:11 (John the Baptist) I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance (salvation Acts 19:4) but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear : he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

We can see that John spoke about two baptisms. One of water and one of the Holy Spirit with fire.

1. Luke 3:16 (Luke's account of facts) John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; (unto repentance for salvation) but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. (John is stating that it is different than what he is doing) 21 When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; (by immersion) and while He prayed, heaven was opened. 22 And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."(This was a sign to John and others. And was the beginning of Johns prophecy when he said someone greater was coming to baptize believers with the Holy Spirit and fire which was lacking.)

2. John 1:33 I did not know Him, but He (God) who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' (Jesus was the first to be baptized by the Holy Spirit and water which He received and kept! We then see the fruit, signs and power after this experience throughout the four gospels and not before.)

3. John 7:37 On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." 39 By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

4. John 20:19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, (This was after the resurrection) "Peace be with you." 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. (The 11 disciples were already saved and baptized by water but now as a fulfillment of old testament prophecy had the abiding spirit to teach them all things which Jesus breathed on them. They did not receive the 2nd baptism yet. It was spoken of being power from on high.)

5. Luke 24:49 Behold, I (Jesus) send (meaning in route) the Promise (Old Testament promises of manifesting power to come by the residing Holy Spirit on all flesh, not just Jews) of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued (Strong's concordance -en-doo-o, to sink into (clothing), put on, clothe one's self) with power from on high." (The 12 were told to wait for the promise even after Jesus gave them the Holy Spirit by breathing on them. Because they had not received the power which is the 2nd baptism. John the OT Prophets and Jesus' spoke of this experience to come. All believers have the spirit after salvation, but not spiritual gift power.)

6. Acts 1:4 And being assembled together with them (The 12 and others), He (Jesus) commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water,(repentance for salvation) but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." (Despite being saved by believing in Jesus and being baptized with water, Jesus spoke of a 2nd baptism of power even after breathing the Holy Spirit upon them. John the Baptist was hearing through the spirit

also before the 2nd baptism of power about these things. This was all said after the resurrection of Christ which began a new covenant of grace for the birth of the church, which we all are presently a part of).

7. Acts 2:1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. *(The upper room in Jerusalem with about 120 present)* 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind *(a sign like when Jesus breathed/wind- on the twelve but different)*, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, *(John said "He will baptize with the Holy Spirit and Fire.")* and one sat upon each of them *(like when the dove descended on Jesus and remained)*. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance *(The first outpouring on all flesh sets the precedence and fulfills the prophecies from the OT, John, and Jesus. This process is repeated throughout the scriptures where preaching the Gospel of repentance and accepting it opened the way for the power. And afterwards many new believers received an additional infilling of power with tongues and prophesying as a sign they received the gift.)*

8. Acts 8:5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria *(after Pentecost had received power himself)* and preached Christ to them. 6 And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken *(they received the Gospel)* by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles *(after Pentecost)* which he did. 7 For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.

9. 13 Then Simon *(the sorcerer)* himself also believed; and when he was baptized *(in water)* he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done. *(he was baptized but had no power)* 14 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, 15 who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit *(The conditional 2nd baptism of power)*. 16 For as yet He had fallen upon none of them *(like Pentecost)*. They had only been baptized *(in water)* in the name of the Lord Jesus *(which is salvation)*. 17 Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. 18 And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, 19 saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit." *(These believers along with Simon were water baptized Christians. They had not received the 2nd Baptism until the apostles prayed that they should receive it because it is an additional gift from God like salvation itself is a gift. Simon obviously noticed a transfer of power he did not have and wanted it.)* 20 But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased *(or earned)* with money! 21 You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. 22 Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray to God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. 23 For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity. *(Yet saved)*

10. *(This is one example of why some water baptized believers don't receive the Baptism of power, God requires the right heart and motives, which is shared in 1Cor 13,14 and elsewhere. This gift is not for show, and personal self-centered reasons, but God's glory and great commission. It's not surprising when someone asks for this gift because they want to feel accepted or get attention that they struggle with it. There are proper and improper motives like 1 Cor 13 love. It is nonetheless for every believer in Christ.)*

11. Acts 10:38 *(Peter is preaching)* 38 And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power *(this is a conjunction in the greek denoting similar things that are different)*, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. 44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. 45 And those of the circumcision *(JEWS)* who believed were astonished, with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out *(like Pentecost)* on the Gentiles also. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues *(Strong's 1100. GK .glossa)* the *(spiritual gift)* and magnify God. *(Peter spoke about the Gospel and the baptism to the gentiles because of a previous vision about clean food. He was learning through the present experience that God was giving the promise to all flesh (people) not just Jews. He says he recognized the outpouring because of tongues. He says this because during Pentecost they spoke in tongues, magnifying God like these gentiles)* Then Peter answered, 47 "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days. *(In no specific order gentiles were baptized in power, and water having believed God's promises).*

12. Acts 11:15 And as I began to speak, *(Peter is sharing about the previous experience in 10:46)* the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning *(Pentecost)*. 16 Then I remembered the word of the

Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit. *(and fire)*' 17 If therefore God gave them the same gift *(of His spirit on all flesh, 2nd baptism of power)* as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?" Joel 2:28

13. Acts 19:1 And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples 2 he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" *(A legitimate question in the light of two baptisms where one has power and the latter does not. Why ask if it is the only experience of salvation and not additional? Paul portrays the necessity of teaching and instruction so that ignorance does not become a problem. It can be ignorance or bad motives like Simon the sorcerer that keeps people from receiving.)* So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit)" 3 And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." 4 Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, *(water)* saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, *(to pray for it like Peter and John did in Acts 8)* the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. 7 now they were about twelve in all. *(It's interesting to notice that there were 12 Apostles waiting for the power at Pentecost who were already saved like these 12 believers. Yet both being saved and baptized by water received a 2nd baptism of power and spoke with tongues as evidence after salvation. And in Genesis God breathed life into Adam, Jesus breathed the life of the Holy Spirit into the Disciple after He arose, (Jn 20:22) and the Holy Spirit came like a "mighty rushing breath" from Heaven filling them with power revealing a divine thumbprint of 3 occurrences.)*

14. *These scriptures are an account for us to understand, believe and receive just as they did. It is also a compilation of experiences where each account is like a piece of a puzzle giving us a clear picture. If you take away this picture you will not be able to make sense of the various pieces read here or the remaining one's within the Bible as a whole because you will find confusion. It should simply be understood that the Holy Spirit has been granted to all believers to teach, guide, and empower us. The 2nd baptism is the same spirit giving gifts and power but has not been accepted or imparted to everyone yet. Just like salvation is a free gift to mankind, so also the baptism of power is a gift to every believer young and old. Joel 2:28. God has his own requirements that must be met within the mind and heart of every child of God to receive them both. Jesus is the baptizer of power. Both are gifts of grace, and cannot be earned. It does not prove God loves more or less because "God so loved the world". Jesus said I must go and I will send the comforter to you, so do you want this gift? jn 16*

15. *Any sense of guilt, anxiousness, fear, or shame within any individual as a result of this truth is from your enemy. This must be taken captive by your relationship with Christ. Some who have not received this gift of power can be hindered, and discouraged from receiving. Every teaching in the Bible "divides soul and spirit" (Heb 4:12) stirring up the heart and mind so every conclusion within the soul must be rooted soundly in love and grace. Paul said to Corinthian believers "pursue love and desire spiritual gifts" some already had gifts of power and others did not. Open up your heart to receive all that Jesus Christ has for you.*

16. **PRAYER:**

I Ask you Holy Spirit to give me this gift of Power promised so i can be a powerful witness for Jesus. Baptize me with the same power and send me to fullfill your commission for making disciples of Jesus Christ.