

## Acts of Jesus – part 5

### Acts 1:4-8

--This will be our third time together over the subject of the Holy Spirit and Pentecost and today we are going to be working on some definitions

--“Baptism of the Holy Spirit” is a phrase that is used quite frequently in Christian circles often without knowing what the phrase really means

--If we can conquer this phrase, will have come a long way in understanding the Holy Spirit’s work and Pentecost and how we are supposed to function as believers.

### 1. We’ll start with some broad generalities from Scripture then we’ll work our way down to specifics.

There is a detail of our text that is easily overlooked that needs to be noted if we are to fully understand what’s happening.

--In this text that many use to describe the “Baptism of the Holy Spirit” the word “Baptism” is not found. 2:4-5,

--Instead, the text tells us that they were all “filled with the Holy Spirit” 2:4

--When were they baptized, and what does that mean or is baptism the same as being filled with the Spirit? We shall see

### 2. Another detail: The Spirit’s baptism is referred to differently prior to Pentecost as opposed to after Pentecost. John 1:33, Mark 1:8, Acts 1:5

--Notice, Jesus is the One doing the baptizing and the Holy Spirit is the element in which He baptizes.

--After Pentecost the Spirit’s baptism is referred to in a different way: The Spirit is the One baptizing and Jesus is the element in which He baptizes: Gal. 3:27, I Cor. 12:13,

--What do we have here?

-One, Jesus baptizing us, is only referred to prior to Pentecost.

-The other, the Spirit baptizing, is only referred to after Pentecost.

-What we have is two different baptisms that we have assumed were the same.

### 3. One, promised before Pentecost, was accomplished once for all on the day of Pentecost John 14:16, John 16:7, Acts 1:5

--This is a once for all occurrence that is never again repeated.

--Never does it say that we are to ask for the baptism of the Spirit.

--Never are we commanded to seek the baptism of the Spirit.

--Never does any writer of the N.T. pray for the baptism of the Spirit for anyone.

--Never again does Jesus baptize the church into the Spirit, from here on the Spirit baptizes the believers into Jesus.

### 4. So, we have Jesus baptizing the church into the Spirit never to come up or to be repeated, then from that time forward we have the Spirit baptizing believers into Jesus.

Would it seem inappropriate for us to ask Jesus to shed His blood for us or make a way to God for us?

--Why? Because He’s already done those things.

Similarly, there are certain things we don’t have to ask the Spirit to do because He’s already done them.

1. He has birthed us into God’s family John 3:5
2. He has indwelt us Rom. 8:9
3. He has sealed us: Eph. 1:13

4. He has also baptized us: **1 Cor. 12:13**

--Notice: Prior to this baptism you were not in Christ's Body; therefore, not saved!

--Only one way into the Body of Christ = to be baptized into It by the Hands of the Spirit!

These four are the work of the Spirit in your salvation: birthing, indwelling, sealing, baptizing you.

--You do not ask Him to do this, He does this because you believed: **Galatians 3:2**

**5. The phenomena at Pentecost did not take place as a result of these four things— something happened in addition.**

It is possible to have all four happen to you and still not have any power: birthed, indwelt, sealed and baptized by the Spirit and be ineffective for God's kingdom.

--The Power that was displayed through the disciples that day many other days throughout their ministry came as a result of **being filled with the Spirit. 2:4**

--The filling of the Spirit is what equips us for service---birthing, indwelling, sealing and baptizing all equip us for salvation (if you will).

This is why we are commanded by Scripture to be filled

--The day of Pentecost can never be duplicated but the power of Pentecost not only can but must be duplicated in us if we are to have the power to live right and make a difference for God.

A. W. Tozer writes—

“The Church has tragically neglected this great liberating truth—that there is now for the child of God a full and wonderful and completely satisfying anointing with the Holy Spirit....The Spirit-filled life is not a special, deluxe edition of Christianity. It is part and parcel of the total plan of God for His people.”

**The question is not do you have the Spirit? But the question is does the Spirit have you?**