

An aerial photograph of a river with white-water rapids. A wooden bridge with several arches spans across the river. The water is a vibrant blue-green color, and the surrounding rocks are dark and jagged.

# The River of God

**Part 10 - Baptized in the River**



***37 "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ...***

***John 7:37-39 (ESV)***



***...39 Now this he said about the Spirit,  
whom those who believed in him  
were to receive, for as yet the Spirit  
had not been given, because Jesus was  
not yet glorified.***

***John 7:37-39 (ESV)***



***There will be swarms of living things  
wherever the water of this river flows.***

***Fish will abound in the Dead Sea,  
for its waters will become fresh.  
Life will flourish wherever this water  
flows...watered by the river flowing  
from the Temple.***

***Ezekiel 47:9,12 (NLT)***



# Three Biblical Baptisms





***Therefore let us leave the elementary  
teachings about Christ and go on  
to maturity...***

***Hebrews 6:1-3 (NIV)***



***...not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.***

***And God permitting, we will do so.***

***Hebrews 6:1-3 (NIV)***





# 1. Conversion Baptism: Salvation



***God's Spirit baptized each of us and  
made us part of the body of Christ.***

***1 Corinthians 12:13 (CEV)***





## **2. Water Baptism: Obedience**



***So go and make followers of all people  
in the world. Baptize them in the name  
of the Father and the Son and the  
Holy Spirit.***

***Matthew 28:19 (NCV)***





# 3. Spirit Baptism: Empowerment



***John answered them all, saying,  
"I baptize you with water, but he who  
is mightier than I is coming, the strap of  
whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.  
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit  
and with fire."***

***Luke 3:16 (ESV)***



***I did not know Him, but He 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.'***

***John 1:33 (NKJV)***



# **A Clear Historical Pattern**

***Acts 2:1-4; 37-39***

***Acts 8:5-8; 12; 14-17***

***Acts 10:44-48***

***Acts 19:1-7***






# **The Language of Anointing**







# To Baptize: it is an Immersion

*Acts 1:5; 11:16*





# The Promise: it is an Expectation

*Acts 1:4; Luke 24:49; Acts 2:33,39*





To Come Upon: it is an  
**Enveloping Power**

*Luke 1:35; 3:22; Acts 1:8; 19:6*





**To Fall Upon: it is  
Sudden & Dramatic**

***Acts 8:16; 10:44; 11:15***





# To Pour Out: it is a Flood of Renewal

*Acts 2:17, 18, 33; 10:45*





The Gift: it is an  
**Unearned Blessing**

*Acts 2:38; 10:45; 11:17*





To Receive: it Demands a  
**Faith Response**

***Acts 2:38; 8:15, 17, 19; 10:47; 19:2***





# To Fill or Be Full of: it is a Perpetual Refreshing

*Luke 4:1; Acts 2:4; 4:8,31; Acts 6:3,5; 7:55; 9:17; 11:24; 13:9, 52*



***And do not get drunk with wine,  
for that is debauchery; but ever be  
filled and stimulated with the  
[Holy] Spirit.***

***Ephesians 5:18 (AMPC)***