

What every Christian Ought To Know.
#6 Believers Baptism!



There are three modes (or methods) of water baptism used in Christian churches today:

1. **IMMERSION**: Is the practice in which the person is completely “*submerged*” in water.
 2. **AFFUSION**: Is the practice of, “*pouring water*” over one's head. This practice came into being around the 12th century because of the lack of water that was needed to baptize, (**CONVENIENCE.**)
 3. **ASPERSION**: Is the act of “*sprinkling water*” over one's head, a ritual that started back around the 12th century for those who were bed ridden, and unable to be moved.
- Evangelical Christians are divided on the question of which mode or modes are proper forms of baptism.
 - Some Christians, typically those who believe that only believers should be baptized think that immersion is the only valid mode.
 - Other Christians, usually those who recognize the validity of “infant baptism,” consider all three modes to be acceptable.

- Now the Bible calls this the **“baptism of the Holy Spirit.”** Jesus, Himself, gave it that title. **Notice: (Acts 1:5) “for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”**
- There is no doubt what Jesus was talking about when He said, **“not many days from now.”** He was talking about what would happen at **PENTECOST**, which was **10** days later. Jesus said, **“You will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”**
- **THEY WERE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**. Jesus had promised that the character of the church would be such that those who were in the church would be **indwelt** by the Spirit. He shall be in you and that they would be...this was called baptized in the Spirit. And we'll take this apart in a moment.
- **THERE ARE THREE THINGS THAT I WANT US TO LEARN FROM: (Acts. 2:1-13)**
 - I. THE **EVIDENCE** OF THE SPIRIT'S COMING.
 - II. THE **EFFECT** OF THE SPIRIT'S COMING.
 - III. THE **EXPLANATION** OF THE SPIRIT'S COMING.

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- (Acts. 2:1-4) “When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.”
- Now keep in mind this is the introduction of a **NEW AGE**. This is the birth of the church, the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus *that you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit*. Also, the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus that *the Spirit will be in you*. Both occurring **SIMULTANEOUSLY at SALVATION** from here on, but obviously couldn't occur at salvation here because these people were already believers, and it was the birth of the church in a unique historical sense.

- To say that you get the Holy Spirit later, *after salvation* because the apostles did is to misunderstand the redemptive history of God. The Spirit came here because this was the time for the Spirit to come. And there had to be a beginning. It is not to say that this is the example of every Christian who then gets the Spirit X number of years after his salvation. **ABSOLUTELY NOT!**
- THERE ARE *TWO* TYPES OF *PROPHECY* WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND.
One is *verbally predictive*, The other is *typically predictive*.
- 1. *VERBAL PROPHECIES, OR WORD PROPHECIES*: Here's what it looks like; *“a virgin shall conceive and bring forth a son.”* That's a word prophecy.
- 2. *TYPICAL PROPHECY*: is a “Type,” or a “Picture.” **THE PASSOVER LAMB**, which typically predicts a final Passover Lamb, Jesus Christ, in a picture sense. Another typical prophecy would be, for example, *“the blood on the door posts in the middle.”* A picture of the blood of Christ which satisfies the requirements of God and stays the hand of the angel of death.

- So, there are both **VERBAL PROPHECIES** and **PICTURE PROPHECIES** that we call **types** in the Bible. These picture prophecies are no less strategic than the verbal ones and they better come true with just the same accuracy, or the Bible really has problems.
- When God predicts something whether He predicts in **verbal statement** or by **perfect picture**, **IT BETTER COME TRUE**. And so, when we come to the **“DAY OF PENTECOST,”** this is a fantastic fulfillment of a predictive type. And it must happen on the day of **Pentecost**, or it blows the whole thing in terms of what God prophesied through pictures.
- **Notice: Verse 1, “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.”** **Ten** days later and they're still with one accord, what an awesome thing. The historical designation is extremely important here, and it's important for many reasons. Note that it does not say **when** the disciples had prayed or **when** the disciples had tarried or **when** the disciples had fulfilled some spiritual requirements or **when** the disciples had paid the price of Pentecost When this occasion occurred. It doesn't say that at all. It says it happened **“WHEN” THE DAY OF PENTECOST WAS FULLY COME.**

- Luke is pointing to the *HISTORY* and the *DIVINE TIMING* of God.

This happens when God wants it to happen, **not in response to anybody's spiritual activity no matter how spiritual it may be.** Now, I want you to look at the concept of Pentecost because this is a basis for which all the interpretation hinges.