

A COMPARISON OF THREE MINISTRIES OF THE SPIRIT



Passage List

WHO?

WHEN?

CONDITION

RESULT

INDWELLING

1. Church Collectively.
1 Cor. 3:16-17
Eph. 2:21-22
2. Each believer individually.
Jn. 14:16-17
1 Cor. 6:19
3. All true believers without exception.
1 Cor. 1:1-2
cf. 6:19 & Rom 10:13
Rom. 8:9

At the moment of salvation.

Note: The indwelling is non-experiential. It is not dependent upon our experience.

"Believe": Same as salvation.
Jn. 7:37-39
Acts 11:17

1. Brings the presence of God into the life of the believer. Jn. 14:17, 18, 23, Phil. 2:13.
2. Permanent. Jn 14:16-17.
Cf. Jn. 14:18 and Heb. 13:5
3. Established sacredness of body.
1 Cor. 6:19-20
4. Guarantee of future resurrection
Rom. 8:11

BAPTISM

All true believers.
1 Cor. 12:13
Cf. 1:1-2

At the moment of salvation.
1 Cor. 12:13; cf. 1:1-2
and Rom. 10:13.
Everyone who has been saved has been baptized in the Spirit!
It is non-experiential.

Same as indwelling: "Believe"
Thus, it is never repeated.
Note: There is no command to pray for it or seek it, and no instance where these are done.

1. Brings believer into body of Christ, the Church, thus establishing unity.
1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 4:3, 6.
2. Brings believer into Christ Himself establishing basis of new life.
Gal. 3:27; 2 Cor. 5:17.
3. Brings believer into identification with Christ in death and resurrection establishing basis for victory over sin. Rom. 6:2-4, 11.

FILLING

Available to all Christians.
Commanded of all Christians.
Eph. 5:18.
Actually, not experienced by all Christians

1. May take place at moment of salvation, simultaneous with indwelling & baptism.
2. Generally, whenever the conditions are met.
3. It may be a repeated experience.
Acts 2:4; 4:31; etc.

1. Desire for His fullness.
2. Generally, obedience.
3. Presentation of the whole life to God.
Rom. 12:1-2
4. Prompt confession of sin. 1 Jn. 1:9;
Eph. 4:30
5. Conscious dependence upon the Spirit.

1. Generally: power for life and service (See syllabus, p. 134-35)
2. Worship and praise. Eph. 5:18-20.
3. Submissiveness. Eph. 5:21.
4. A Christlike character. Gal 5:22-23.
5. An influential (overflowing) life.
Jn. 7:37-39.