

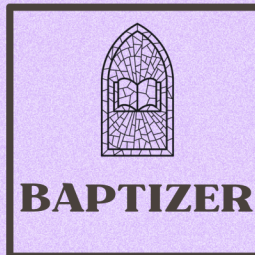
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FOURSQUARE GOSPEL. JESUS CHRIST BAPTIZER
WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT: PASTOR DANE SCHUETT



Foundation Verse

Ephesians 2:10: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."



FRAME Questions:

1. **Why did Jesus proclaim the need for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?**
2. **Is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit a promise for all believers?**
3. **How does the Baptism of the Holy Spirit empower the believer?**

OPENING IMAGE

The symbol of the dove is another universal image. In the bible, the dove also carries significant weight in meaning. There are at least powerful representations of the dove in scripture. We see it represent peace, joy, and resurrection. We see it symbolize hope, purity, and comfort. We've also seen it as a symbol of mourning and grace. The greatest of all these is the representation of the Holy Spirit. We read about this in

John 1:32. *"Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him."*



Jesus Proclaimed the Need for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

In Acts 1:4-5, while staying with the disciples, Jesus ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem but to wait for the promise of the Father, which was the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. He clarified that John was baptized with water, but a greater baptism with the Holy Spirit would come soon. This baptism was essential for the disciples to fulfill their mission and be empowered for service.

Question #1

Why did Jesus specifically instruct the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit instead of immediately sending them out to preach the gospel after His resurrection?

Read John 1:29-34

The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus during his baptism, anointed him with power.

Afterward, Jesus began his ministry and displayed his power by casting out demons, healing the sick, and teaching with authority.

John the Baptist prophesied of the first Pentecost when Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire ([Matthew 3:11](#)).



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Mat 3:11 *"I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I. I am not worthy to remove his sandals. He himself will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."*

Jesus confirmed this prophecy with the promise of the Holy Spirit to the disciples in

Acts 1:4-8

"As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him, I am well pleased."

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a Promise for All Believers

In Acts 2:16-17, Peter explained to the crowd on the day of Pentecost that what they were witnessing was the fulfillment of the prophecy given by the prophet Joel. This prophecy proclaimed that God would pour out His Spirit on all flesh in the last days. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is not limited to a select few but is available to all believers, regardless of age, gender, or background.

Question #2

What practical steps can we take to cultivate a deeper dependence on the Holy Spirit's transformative work in our daily life? How does it make you feel that God is open to the gift of His Spirit to all believers?

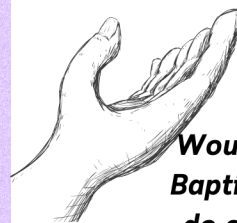
The Baptism of the Holy Spirit Empowers the Believer

Acts 2:17b-18 reveals that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit brings empowerment.

It enables both male and female believers, young and old, to prophesy, see visions, and dream. The Holy Spirit empowers the followers of Christ to carry out their mission and witness boldly for the gospel. As the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, they began to preach and share the Gospel boldly. The result was astounding, with about three thousand souls added to the church that day. The Holy Spirit's power transformed ordinary men and women into powerful witnesses for Christ.

Ephesians 3:20 tells us about the power of The Holy Spirit,

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us..."



Question #3

Would you like to ask Jesus for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit? You can do so now. He promises to deliver this gift to all believers who ask. The experience of being Baptized in the Holy Spirit's power is not about a feeling, it's an act of faith in God who promises.