

Baptized with Fire!

Luke 3:16-17

In Luke 3 we find four Baptisms: • John's • HS • Fire • Jesus'

Luke 3:16: John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Some conclude that John is talking about one baptism here in our text. The baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire.

- Tongues of fire (Acts 2)
- Purified by fire (fiery trials)
- Lives set on fire (1 Thessalonians 5:19 - do not quench the Holy Spirit)

There are **two problems** with this interpretation.

1. Acts 1:5: For John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.

Notice Jesus doesn't include and fire. Why is that important? It speaks of a separate baptism.

2. Luke 3:16: John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Luke 3:17: His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.

Luke 3:17 is clearly talking about a separate baptism in which Jesus is going to baptize **unbelievers** with unquenchable fire.

There are two different baptisms at two different times in history.

The Baptism with the Holy Spirit began at Pentecost (Acts 2) at the birth of the church.

Luke 3:17 is talking about the End Times when Jesus is going to gather His church into His barn and then judge the unbelieving world by fire!

Luke 3:17: His winnowing fan (fork) is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the **wheat** into His barn; but the **chaff** He will burn with unquenchable fire.

Q. Are you the wheat or the chaff? (Luke 3:17)

Psalm 1:1-4: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a **tree** planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. The ungodly are not so, but are like the **chaff** which the wind drives away.

Q. Are you the tree or the chaff of Psalm 1?

He will burn the chaff with unquenchable fire. (Luke 3:17)

Matthew 25:41: Then He will also say to those on the left hand, "Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels."

Revelation 20:15: And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

Contrasts:

- The baptism with the Holy Spirit
- The baptism with fire

- Believer
- Unbeliever

- Now
- Coming

- Rivers of living water flowing out of your heart
- Lake of fire

- Life giving to others
- Death (second death)

- **Exhilarating**
- **Horrifying**

- Ask
- Do absolutely nothing

Revelation 20:15