

RESETTING WITH JESUS

GOSPEL OF JOHN



John 1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'")

19 And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" 20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." 21 And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." 22 So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" 23 He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." 24 (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) 25 They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" 26 John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, 27 even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." 28 These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." 32 And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

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Application In Community

Welcome: We hope you feel at home here at Grace. Have you ever experienced GOD moving in your inner-person? Have you felt the voice of the Holy Spirit speak to your heart? When this happens, you know it is of the Lord and you need to respond. This brings illumination of GOD's will, strengthens you with GOD's power, and purifies you with GOD's grace.

*"When a [person] is confronted with Christ there comes an inner conviction that this is none other than the Son of God."
– Barclay*

Do you desire this? Because you are here, this suggests you are seeking for GOD to move in your heart; this happens by the power of the Holy Spirit at work in you to lift up the name of Jesus. Let the Spirit work, let go of control, let GOD be in charge and He will show you His ways and intentions for your life.

So, what to do? We need to *Reset with Jesus*. Give your life to Christ. Allow Jesus to spiritually baptize you with the Holy Spirit (which simply means you begin to hear and feel GOD changing you from the inside-out).

How to? John the Baptist and Jesus preached, *"Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand."* (see Matt. 3:2 & 4:17) So, repent and then believe in Jesus and He will spiritually purify you within. Then let the pastor know and we will talk about water baptism as your next step of faith (water baptism is an external symbol of the internal reality of your salvation in Christ).

Small Groups: We encourage everyone, at Grace, to join a small group. There are several kinds; we have Life Groups, which are specialized, and Home Communities, which are neighborhood based. See Tia Hanson for more details at the info center or email her tieah@gracechurchseattle.org –

Application Questions in community:

1. Let's have 3 people tell the group about your baptism (when, why, how?)
2. **Read John 1:19-34** and think of the difference between John's Baptism & Jesus' Baptism [**after reading the text, discuss the difference**].
3. Have you been spiritually baptized? Water baptized?
4. Are both necessary for salvation?
5. Read Acts 2:38 & Matt. 28:19 and wrestle with the text.
6. What is GOD calling you to do?
7. Set in motion GOD's will by asking the Spirit to speak in prayer.

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