

# Baptism and Filling of the Holy Spirit

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## 1. Baptism in the Holy Spirit in the New Testament

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Verses ([Matthew 3:11](#); [Mark 1:8](#); [Luke 3:16](#); [John 1:33](#); [Acts 1:5](#); [11:16](#); [1 Corinthians 12:13](#))

*baptizo en pneumati hagio*

- The first four verses reference \_\_\_\_\_ and his activity of baptizing with or in the Holy Spirit.
- The second two verses refer directly to \_\_\_\_\_.

B. [1 Corinthians 12:13](#)

- The result of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is becoming part of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Definition: Baptism in the Holy Spirit is the activity of the Holy Spirit at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christian life when he gives us new spiritual life (regeneration) and \_\_\_\_\_ us and gives us a clear break with the power and love of sin (the initial stage of sanctification).

2. Pentecost marked the beginning of a more \_\_\_\_\_ work of the Holy Spirit for believers.

- The Day of Pentecost was the \_\_\_\_\_ point between the old covenant and ministry of the Holy Spirit and the new covenant work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

3. How should we understand the other “\_\_\_\_\_ experiences” in Acts?

A. [Acts 8](#) at Samaria

- There is a clear statement that the Samaritans believe Philip as he preached the \_\_\_\_\_ and were baptized with water.
- [Acts 8](#) represents a “Samaritan Pentecost”.

B. [Acts 10](#) with Cornelius’ household

- Cornelius was a God-fearing man, but there is no evidence of a \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus prior to Peter’s contact.
- Cornelius was to demonstrate the gospel’s effectiveness to convert even the \_\_\_\_\_.

C. [Acts 19](#) at Ephesus

- They were \_\_\_\_\_ to hear about the coming of the Messiah.
  - They \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus had come to earth, died on the cross, rose from the dead, and ascended.
  - They were \_\_\_\_\_ and received the power and blessing of the Holy Spirit.
4. Being “Filled with the Spirit” ([Ephesians 5:18](#); [Acts 4:8, 31](#))
- Being filled with the Holy Spirit is an event that can occur \_\_\_\_\_ through a Christian’s life.
  - Being filled with the Holy Spirit produces \_\_\_\_\_ results.

### Discussion Questions

1. Why has the doctrine of the baptism and filling of the Holy Spirit become confusing or controversial for many Christians today?
2. Why is it theologically important that Paul says *all* believers have been baptized in one Spirit into one body?
3. How does defining baptism in the Holy Spirit as an act that occurs at conversion protect the unity of the church?
4. How does understanding Pentecost as a transition from the old covenant to the new covenant help explain the dramatic nature of the event?
5. What distinguishes the **baptism of the Holy Spirit** from the **filling of the Holy Spirit**, according to Scripture?
6. What practical steps can believers take today to pursue the filling of the Holy Spirit in a way that honors Scripture and avoids unhealthy pressure or expectations?
7. How do Pentecostal and Charismatic teachings about a “second baptism” differ from the definition of baptism in the Holy Spirit presented in this lesson?