



Knowing God as Holy Spirit: “Baptism in Holy Spirit”

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Scripture: Acts 2:37-39, Acts 8:12, 14-17, Acts 19:1-7

We continue our series: “*Knowing God as Holy Spirit.*” Through this short series, we will discover that Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force but rather a vibrant, essential *person* who engages fully with Father and Jesus and also with US.

Today we examine the “baptism of Holy Spirit” as one of the 3 baptism encounters of our faith experience:

1. Baptized into Jesus (Salvation). *We become a new person.* ([Eph 2:8-9](#), [II Cor 5:17](#))

2. Baptized in water (Sacrament and testimony). *The old person is cut off.*

This is an outward symbol of the inner work of salvation, but it is more than a symbol. It is an expression of our NEW covenant (by grace) in contrast to the OLD covenant of circumcision (by law). ([Colossians 2:11-12](#))

Something soulful and meaningful happens in us in this sacrament of water baptism.

3. Baptized in Holy Spirit (Filling & empowerment). *Power to walk in our new life.*

Scriptures teaching/revealing these three different baptisms:

*** Acts 2:37-39**

1. “Repent” ... #1 Baptism into Jesus

2. “and be baptized” ... #2 Baptism in water (1 & 2)... “for the forgiveness of sin”

3. “receive the Holy Spirit” ... #3 Baptism in Holy Spirit

*** Acts 8:12, 14-17**

1. “they believed Phillip as he preached the good news” ... #1 Baptism into Jesus

2. “they were baptized, both men & women” ... #2 Baptism in water

3. "Peter/John laid hands on them and they received Holy Spirit" ... #3 Baptism in Holy Spirit

*** Acts 19:1-7**

1. "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance" ... #2 Baptism in water
2. "baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus" ... #1 Baptism into Jesus
3. "when Paul laid hands on them, Holy Spirit came on them" ... #3 Baptism in Holy Spirit

* Do you want more of God? Which of these baptism encounters do you long for? (Perhaps all three). Simply open your heart, ask, and begin the journey.