

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Is Holy Spirit Baptism for All?

Those who claim that baptism in the Holy Spirit is for all of Christ's followers will quote John saying, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire" (Matthew 3:11). Offering that verse as proof text, one individual stated, "This passage makes it clear that Jesus would baptize more than twelve men with the Holy Spirit, unless we are to take a very singular view of it indeed." Note carefully that this passage does not teach that everyone is to be baptized in the Holy Spirit, and neither does it make "it clear that Jesus would baptize more than twelve men with the Holy Spirit.

Saying, "He shall baptize you." John is not using the "you" as a general promise. He is simply stating that something, i.e., a baptism in the Holy Spirit, would occur. This being so, and it is, it does not indicate that on Pentecost the Holy Spirit was to be poured out in the baptismal measure on all Christians. This is so because "...a prediction is best understood in the light of its fulfillment; and it is a fact that the apostles on Pentecost, and the household of Cornelius, are the only persons said in the New Testament to have received this baptism" (McGarvey, *Commentary on Matthew and Mark*, p. 133). Only the apostles received Holy Spirit baptism on the day of Pentecost. Paul, an apostle "born out of due time" (I Cor. 15:8), equal with the other apostles (2 Cor. 11:5; 12:11), must have experienced Holy Spirit baptism.

The apostles were baptized in the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:2-5). They needed Holy Spirit baptism in order to carry out the work God gave them to do. Jesus told His apostles, "I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you...These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:16-17, 25-26). Jesus spoke those words to no others.

Were the 120 disciples baptized in the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost? No. Nothing is said about the 120 disciples until Acts 1:15. Nothing is ever said about them being baptized in the Holy Spirit. No promise of Holy Spirit baptism was ever given to them. Acts chapter 1 ends with, "***And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles***" (Acts 1:26). Here, the "apostles" (including Matthias) become the antecedent for all of the personal pronouns that follow, until someone else is named. Thus, each "they" and "them" pronoun in Acts 2:1-4 has the "apostles" as its antecedent. According to Acts 1:1-4 (including the greater context), the apostles, not the 120 were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Several years after the Acts 2 Pentecost, Cornelius' household was baptized in the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:44-47). Reporting this to the Jewish brethren in Jerusalem, Peter declared, "***And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Forasmuch then as God gave them the life gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?***" (Acts 11:15-17). That Holy Spirit baptism is not for all is evident. Peter had to go all the way back to Pentecost to find a similar baptism in the Spirit. Peter said, "the Holy Spirit fell on them (the household of Cornelius), as on us (the apostles) at the beginning (the day of Pentecost)."

Based on the facts found in the Scriptures; all Christians are not baptized in the Holy Spirit; no one other than the apostles and these of the household of Cornelius were baptized in the Holy Spirit; and, men should not seek baptism in the Holy Spirit today. Yes, certain ones, but not all, received the promised baptism of the Holy Spirit. Still, some seek that in which they have “neither part nor lot.” as did Simon the sorcerer (Acts 8:21).

—Tommy J. Hicks

Prayer Request

Brian Basaldua was admitted into M.D. Anderson Hospital last Monday. If his bone marrow is clear of cancer on Monday, he will undergo cancer surgery on Tuesday, August 27th. After his surgery, Brian will be in quarantine for three months. Keep He is the brother of Devida’s son-in-law. Please keep Brian in your prayers.

Mark Thompson (Linda Tate’s son-in-law) is in Baylor Hospital in Ft. Worth). Mark underwent a seven hour open heart surgery to repair a torn aorta and leaky valve. He had to have a trachea put in. He is also dealing with liver and kidney failure and was put on dialysis. Linda has requested prayers for him.

Prayer List

Crissy Arroyo; Brian Basaldua; Don Blackwell; Betty Brooks; Bill Brown; Bill Butler; Cindy Campbell; Sylvia Campos; Steve Chavez; Emma Craig; Ronald Dement; Bessie Diaz; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Winford Hambright; Letha Hooper; Debbie Howard; Betty Leeth; Jed Martin; Ora McAfee; Juan & Estella Morolez; Juanita Orosco; Caydon Parker; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Paisleigh Grace Shepherd; Janelle Shirley; Charles & Susan Simmons; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Jay Wesson; Conchida Williams; Sondie Williamson; John Wood.

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and the spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

Where was Barnabas when he received word of many Gentiles turning to the Lord in Antioch? (a) Cyprus; (b) Bethany (c) Jerusalem

Last Week’s Bible Quiz Answer...

When the Lord returns “both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.” (2 Peter 3:10)

Events

Watch “*In Search of the Lord’s Way*” every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the “**Speaking the Truth in Love**” program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

Thank You

Thank you for the kindness of the ones that brought me food and thank you for the kindness and cards that everyone has expressed to me while I’ve been sick.

Letha Hooper

Office News

The “New Mexico Children’s Home” will be in Odessa Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019. They have requested **Individual Instant Oatmeal Assorted and Grape Jelly**. Monetary donations also accepted.

Food for Thought...

Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death.

God gives birds their food but they must fly for it.

Are You Prepared?

“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness...” (2 Peter 3:10-11)

Abraham Davenport served as the Speaker of the Connecticut House of Representatives. One day in 1789, the sky of Hartford darkened suddenly and some of the representatives, glancing out the windows, were afraid that the end of the world was at hand.

Quieting the uproar for an immediate adjournment, Davenport rose and said, “The Day of Judgment is either approaching or it is not. If it is not, then there is no cause for adjournment. If it is, I choose to be found doing my duty. Therefore, I wish that candles be brought.”

The Day of Judgment will come one day. When it does, how will our Lord find you? Will you be the sort of person Peter said “you ought to be in holy conduct and godliness?” when Jesus comes to reward His servants, will He find us watching, with our lamps all trimmed and bright (Luke 12:37-38)? “Can we say we are ready, brother, ready for the soul’s bright home? Are we ready for the future Day of Judgment?”

The day of the Lord will come like a thief. So don’t be caught unprepared to meet your God!

–Bob Harrison

Waurika church of Christ

Waurika, OK

August 25th, 2019	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Clint Titlow
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Tommy Garcia	Bill Tolbert
Second Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Charles Wood
Closing Prayer	Richard Siler	Bill Ryan
Lord's Supper		
(Scripture Reading)	<u>Rudy Ochoa</u>	
West...	Cody Wesson	Jacob Carson
	Clint Titlow	Communion
	Don Easlon	(In Library)
East	David Ryan	
	Josh Weakland	
	Kevin Wilcox	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Larry May 638-3990 *Deacon*:: Josh Wells 770-6753 *Pulpit*;; Tom Sorenson 638-9447 *Table*:
Jacob Carson 940-3775 – *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Sermons*; Josh Wells 770-6753 *Collections*: Josh Wells
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Sunday AM

“I am the Resurrection & the Life”
(John 11:25-26)

Sunday PM

“Divine Discretion”
(Romans 9:14-21)

Our Records

Bible Class... 69
Morning Worship...111
Evening Worship...65
Wednesday...73
Contribution...\$4,313.26