

Holy Spirit
How do We Become Members
of the Universal Church?
Colossians 1:18c

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18 **He is also head of the body, the church;**

We are in the midst of seeing when and how the Church Age began. We briefly read through Acts 2:1-4.

What all happened in these verses?

What is it that marks the beginning of the Church Age?

We have seen that JESUS CHRIST cannot be present on earth. Then we saw that JESUS CHRIST actually announced when the new age would begin and the age of Israel would end.

He did this in Acts 1:4-5

4 **Gathering them together,** (JESUS CHRIST gathering the disciples together) **He** (JESUS CHRIST) **commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, “Which,” He said, “you heard of from Me;**

5 **for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”** 10 Days

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And they already knew this from John the Baptist words:

Luke 3:16

16 **John (the baptizer) answered and said to them all, “As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”**

But what is the difference between what happens here in Acts 2:1-4 and John 20 where JESUS CHRIST gave the disciples the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:22

22 **And when He (JESUS CHRIST) had said this, He breathed on them and *said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”**

This is simply the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit, but what happened in Acts 2 on the day of Pentecost, was not only the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit but also the Baptism of Holy Spirit

On the Day of Pentecost of Acts 2; the beginning of the Church Age two major historical phenomena began the Church Age that would happen to everyone who believes in JESUS CHRIST as Savior throughout all the Church Age:

- (1) Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- (2) Indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

We are going to look briefly at three doctrines that are pertinent to our study:

- (1) Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- (2) Indwelling of the Holy Spirit
- (3) Filling of the Holy Spirit

Some people are afraid to make too much out of the Holy Spirit, thinking that would take away from the glory of JESUS CHRIST.

No need to fear at all for the Holy Spirit came to glorify JESUS CHRIST.

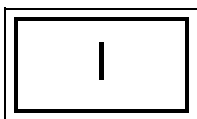
On the other hand some people try to make too much of the Holy Spirit with charismatic emotional manifestations of the Holy Spirit. This is unfortunate for it indeed takes the emphasis off JESUS CHRIST and really also off the Holy Spirit and places the emphasis on 'them'.

The Study of the **“Holy Spirit”** has been a major study in the early Church Councils and today causes divisions in the Church Universal.

Everywhere from “Who is He?”, to “How are you Filled by the Holy Spirit?” and “Can You Lose the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit?”

We are not going to spend a great deal of time answering all these questions and arguments but we will concentrate on Three aspects of the Holy Spirit... Starting with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

A correct understanding of THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT helps to understand that the **Church Age began on the Day of Pentecost** in Acts 2, not in John 20 and certainly not with the Apostle Paul.



Six Salvation Ministries of The Holy Spirit

1. Efficacious Grace:

Efficacious Grace is the enabling power of the Holy Spirit to make Faith in JESUS CHRIST effective for eternal Salvation.. Faith has no power in itself. As unbelievers we are spiritually dead; God the Holy Spirit convicts as to our status of being without JESUS CHRIST as Savior. If in response to that convicting ministry of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit makes that Faith in JESUS CHRIST effectual resulting in salvation of the one who believes in JESUS CHRIST.

2. Regeneration:

Eternal Life is imputed to the human spirit
John 3:1-6; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:23;

The Holy Spirit is the Agent of the New Birth,
being 'born again' 1 Peter 1:32;

-or-

'born from above' John 3:3.

3. Baptism of the HOLY SPIRIT:

Acts 1:5; 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:5;
Galatians 3:26-28;

By the Baptism of the Holy Spirit we are entered into Union with JESUS CHRIST

4. **Indwelling of the Holy Spirit:**

Galatians 3:; 4:6; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19-20

By the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit our bodies become a sacred Temple for the Indwelling of JESUS CHRIST as the “Shekinah” Romans 8:9; John 7:37-39; 14:15-17.

As we will see, Indwelling of the Holy Spirit is toward God while the Filling of the Holy Spirit is toward the world.

5. **Sealing by the Holy Spirit:**

Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 2 Corinthians 1:22

God has placed a seal on you because you are valuable and you belong to God and no one can break this Seal... not even you by sin. The sealing ministry of the Holy Spirit is the guarantee of Eternal Life in Christ.

6. **Distribution of Spiritual Gifts:**

1 Corinthians 12:11

This makes every believer important to the Body of Christ in the church universal.

Every Spiritual Gift is vital to the local assembly.

PRINCIPLE:

**You cannot lose any of these
6 Salvation ministries of the Holy Spirit,
they are by God, not dependent on you.**

**You did nothing to earn them,
You can do nothing to lose them.**

**You may not use the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit,
You may not use your Spiritual Gift
but they are there all the same
and God never takes them back.**

II

Definition of Baptism

1. Greek word is ***baptize*** and means to dip, to immerse, to submerge for a number of reasons.
2. This Greek word for our study in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit the word metaphorically gives four basic ideals.

(1) **Identification:**

By the Baptism of the Holy Spirit we are identified with JESUS CHRIST

(2) **Induction:**

By the Baptism of the Holy Spirit we are inducted into the Body of JESUS CHRIST.

(3) **Initiation:**

By the Baptism of Holy Spirit we are initiated into the New Age or the Church Age.

(3) **Association:**

By the Baptism of the Holy Spirit we are placed into Association with JESUS CHRIST and all that He is.

III

Characteristics of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

FIRST

It is Universal---given to every person, any person who believes in JESUS CHRIST as Savior from the day of Pentecost to the Rapture of the Church.

1 Corinthians 12:13

13 **or by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit**

Ephesians 4:4-5

4 ***There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;***

5 **one Lord, one faith, one baptism,**

SECOND

No one is to ask for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit nor ask to be baptized by the Holy Spirit. Nowhere in Scripture are we instructed to ask for or seek or even desire the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. It is a **free gift from God** to everyone who believes in JESUS CHRIST as Savior

THIRD

The **Baptism of the Holy Spirit** is non-experiential. It does not come by spiritual growth nor is it associated with experiential or physical experience.

FOURTH

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit occurs at the point of **Faith in JESUS CHRIST** along with the **Indwelling of the Holy Spirit** and the **Sealing by the Holy Spirit**; along with **33 other things** you receive at the point of Salvation.

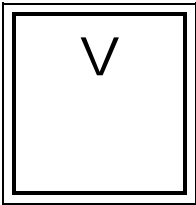
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Baptism of the Holy Spirit is Unique to the Church Age.

This is one of the primary points on why the Church Age began on the Day of Pentecost recorded in Acts 2.

JESUS CHRIST had to leave planet earth and be glorified by God the Father, only then can we be baptized in Christ.

JESUS CHRIST had to be glorified by God the Father that is JESUS CHRIST was seated at the Right Hand of God the Father on God's throne in heaven. And JESUS CHRIST had to become the High Priest before God, before anyone could be placed in Union with Him.



Baptism of the Holy Spirit is distinct to the Church Age not the age of Israel

Acts 1:5

5 **for John baptized with water, but you will be (Future) baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”**

1. 10 days to Day of Pentecost recorded in Acts 2.

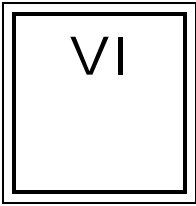
Future to JESUS CHRIST departure from earth to Throne of God in the Third Heaven.

2. The Baptism of Holy Spirit (*placing believers into union with JESUS CHRIST*) started on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2;

Acts 11:15-16

15 **“And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as He did upon us at the beginning.** Specifically identifying the beginning of the Church Age with the Baptism of Holy Spirit

16 **“And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’**



Pertinent Passages on The Baptism of The Holy Spirit

1. All four of the Gospels prophesied the coming of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 24:49; John 1:33 and Acts 1:5.
2. Acts 2:1-4 records the historical beginning of Baptism of the Holy Spirit and therefore the beginning of the Church Age.
3. 1 Corinthians 12:12-13
It is very important as to where Paul now speaks of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The **Corinthian** church was splitting into factions over the issue of **Spiritual Gifts**. Over-emphasis on certain **spectacular gifts** had led to the attitude that some believers had the more desirable gifts, while others had lessor gifts.

In response, to this splitting issue, **Paul** exclaims, "**We're all one!**" Do not separate from One Another because of Spiritual Gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

12 **For even as the body is one and yet has many members, (analogy from our physical bodies) and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.**

And to prove his point, he explains, "**For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit**" (verse 13)

- 13 **For by** (by means of or by the agency of)
one Spirit (Holy Spirit)
we (everyone who believes in JESUS CHRIST)
were (the moment you believe in JESUS CHRIST as Savior)
all baptized into one body, (at the point of faith in JESUS CHRIST as Savior God the Holy Spirit inducts or places you into the body of JESUS CHRIST)
whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Drink is used here first to show the grace aspect of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit —by Faith in JESUS CHRIST;

Then drink is used here to associate this with the cup of Communion where we drink of the cup of the New Covenant which is centered on the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives once we are saved.

4. Galatians 3:27

For all of you (who believe in JESUS CHRIST as Savior)
who were baptized (at the point of Faith in JESUS CHRIST, a believer is baptized, or put into the body of JESUS CHRIST; the body of JESUS CHRIST is made up of believers all over the world)

into Christ (next we have yet another description of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit)

have clothed yourselves with Christ.

The cherished name “**Christian**” started out as a derogatory remark meaning: “**little Christ**”. The idea was you have no self-identity, you cannot think for yourself, you think like JESUS CHRIST—

[how I wish this were true of everyone who has believed in JESUS CHRIST].

5. Ephesians 4:4-6;

4 **There is one body** (while the church is so divided between denominations and movements there is one universal body, the body of Christ) **and one Spirit**, (of referring to God the Holy Spirit) **just as also you were called in one hope/confidence of your calling;**

5 **one Lord**, (Jesus the Christ) **one faith**, (Faith in JESUS CHRIST to enter into this body) **one baptism**, (which unites all believers.)

6 **one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.**

Preparation for Battle

There are Two things every believer must have to live for Christ in this New Age of the Church.

1. **Baptism of the Holy Spirit**
2. **Indwelling of the Holy Spirit.**

Both of these Supernatural blessings occurred on the First Day of the Church. Acts 1:4 **Gathering them together,** (JESUS CHRIST gathering the disciples together, in Jerusalem before He ascended to the throne of God) **He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait** (before they went out and tried to fulfill the Great Commission, or started spreading the Gospel or teaching, They were not yet prepared to serve Him or the Father) **for what the Father had promised,** (promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit for both Baptism of the Holy Spirit and Indwelling of the Holy Spirit) **“Which,” He said, “you heard of from Me;** (recorded in the Gospels.)

Acts 1:5

- 5 **for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”**

And then and only then will you be prepared to spread the gospel and start local churches.

This New Age called the Church Age will be unique in history, No longer will there be a Special Race (*Jews*) or Special Nation (*Israel*) or even a promised land.

This is a world-wide opening or an ‘Intensified Stage of the **ANGELIC CONFLICT**’ and you will all need these Special Preparations for the Conflict you are entering.

People, you must understand and be aware of some of the differences between the Age of Israel and the Church Age.

The Gospel is the same, Salvation is the same, however the Warfare is much different.

Now, in the Church Age every born again believer is a target in the Church Age. You individually, your marriage, your family, your church, your spiritual life...all under siege by Satan and his army of fallen angels.

And to prepare you for this battle God has given each of us a number of Spiritual weapons.

1. He has Clothed us in Christ by the **Baptism of the Holy Spirit.**
2. He has equipped each one with the **Indwelling of the Holy Spirit** for **greater is He who is in you than He who is in the world** Satan (1 John 4:4)
3. He has given us the completed Canon of Scripture (sorry Mormons)

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 **All Scripture** (Old Testament and New Testament) **is**

inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;
17 **so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.**

**Give thanks to God everyday
for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit
and the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit
and the Bible;
It is these three that enable you
to live in Church Age serving JESUS CHRIST.**

VIII

Three important reasons why the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is important to the believer in his lifetime on earth as a believer saved eternally.

First

By being baptized into JESUS CHRIST, results in the fact that JESUS CHRIST is in final authority in the believer's life, throughout the believer's life. He is your authority. He is our authority by being in the Body of JESUS CHRIST or the Church, but He is our authority by the fact that by the Baptism of the Holy Spirit we are placed in union with JESUS CHRIST.

Second

You are a new person by the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. This is why you should grow in the Knowledge of God and in the Knowledge of JESUS CHRIST. We are not to think of ourselves as we did as unbeliever. In no way are you

superior or inferior and have no fleshly prejudices or hypocrisies. Galatians 3:26-28; Spiritual living now replaces psychological living.

Third

Any time you think you have no reason to live or that all reasons to live are over, you just remember that you are In Christ. He is your reason for living. Cloth yourself in Christ and you do this by growing in the Knowledge of JESUS CHRIST and living the Spirit Filled Life. Oh, believer, please do not reach some point in your life (*generally as we get older and the children are gone, if you had any children, and work is over*); often people feel a sense of what is the purpose of my life? Please remember that you are in Christ, you are associated with the Son of God, and here is your image of who you are, not as the world sees you but as God sees you, and by the Baptism of the Holy Spirit He sees you in His Son. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit gives your life, purpose, meaning and definition and destiny. Give thanks! And get on with increasing in the Knowledge of JESUS CHRIST and glorifying Him.

IX

Other Results of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

1. Everyone who believes in JESUS CHRIST as Savior is put into Union with JESUS CHRIST. This is what the word Baptism of the Holy Spirit means.

And once you are put into union with JESUS CHRIST you can never be taken out. This is one of the things God does to guarantee us with Eternal Life;

“Once Saved Always Saved”,

“Once Baptize Always Baptized in Christ”.

This is what Unifies every person around the world—we are each Baptized into Union with JESUS CHRIST.

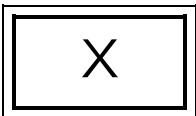
1 Corinthians 15:22 **For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.**

2. By the Baptism of the Holy Spirit every believer is put into the body of JESUS CHRIST 1 Corinthians 12:13.

So the Baptism of the Holy Spirit unites us with Christ and unites us with One Another. Therefore, we are to love One Another as JESUS CHRIST loves us and we are to serve One Another in Spiritual Love.

3. By the Baptism of the Holy Spirit every believer is made joint-heirs of JESUS CHRIST. As a result of being in union with Christ, we share what Christ has.
 - (a) We share His eternal life. (1 John 5:11-12)
 - (b) We share His righteousness,
Doctrine of Imputation of +R (Perfect Righteousness)
2 Corinthians 5:21
 - (c) We share Christ's destiny under predestination.
JESUS CHRIST is the only Predestined person in history and once we believe in JESUS CHRIST we share His destiny. Ephesians 1:5-6
 - (d) We share Christ's Election. JESUS CHRIST is the only one Elected in history; God has chosen to Elect anyone who believes in JESUS CHRIST as Savior.
Ephesians 1:3-4

- (e) Jesus Christ, seated at the right hand of the Father, has a third Royal Title.
We share in His royalty as His royal family.
- (f) We share the SONSHIP of JESUS CHRIST
Galatians 3:26; John 1:12
- (g) We are joint heirs with the Son of God by the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:16-17; 1 Peter 1:4
- (h) We share the Priesthood of JESUS CHRIST.
1 Peter 2:5 and 9.
- (i) We become a new spiritual species, 2 Corinthians 5:17
There have only been two new species created in human history:
 - a. Israel was created a new racial species
 - b. The Church is created a New Spiritual species There is neither Jew nor Gentile in the body of Christ. By the Baptism of the Holy Spirit there is no racial distinctions in Christ.
Galatians 6:15; 2 Corinthians 5:17



Challenge of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

1. This truth should give every believer confidence and identification in Christ, not in some denomination or church or some teacher, not even Paul;—we are not Baptized into Paul.

This is a doctrine you can rely on and find peace in when everything else is so un-stabilizing.

2. As we have seen we are all baptized into JESUS CHRIST, this should unify all believers. However, not surprisingly this truth has been used to divide so many Christians.
3. We have spent this time and gone through this study for you, for your knowledge and comfort, please do not use this information to divide people.
I encourage you not to go into some group that has other views, like these:
 - (1) that the Church Age began with Paul
or
 - (2) that you can lose your salvation
or
 - (3) Baptism of the Holy Spirit occurs sometime after initial Salvation. . .
(Referring to Second Experience or Second Blessing.)
or
 - (4) This is a special blessing that gives the person some special power to live the Christian Way of Life, etc., but do not use this information to cause trouble to divide people.

Certainly, if you are in such a position,
refer to the Truth of the Baptism of Holy Spirit to show someone
that **THEY CANNOT LOSE THEIR SALVATION.**

“Comfort One Another with these Words”

Now, for further comfort:

While the heavens and the earth will be destroyed

the Bible is unchangeable,

His Word abideth forever.

*You have more comfort, more stability in the Word of God
than you do in the universe.*

*You can rest in His Faithfulness
of your Eternal existence with Him.*

Amen

You have to make up your mind:

Is Christ sufficient for all your needs?

Or do you have to have other things or something else?

**This book is about the Sufficiency of JESUS CHRIST:
to God the Father;
and to you?**

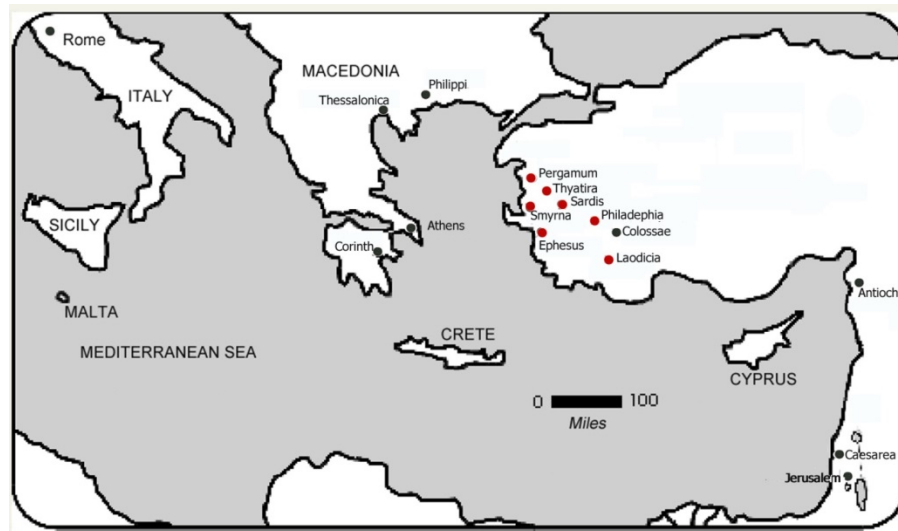
Is the Word of God sufficient for you?

Sufficient to bring you to JESUS CHRIST?

Sufficient to bring you to God the Father?

Is the Word of God sufficient for **SAD** (*Stress, Anxiety, Depression*) in your life or do you need outside help?

So we learn so much from the true understanding of the Gospel.



**Only one life,' twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last**