

## Chapter 5 “Baptism with The Spirit”

## The Holy Spirit – Graham

controversy over this topic – does it occur at spiritual birth? (Baptist)  
(PR’s notes) does it occur at a separate time afterwards? (Pentecostal)

One baptism only - Baptism with the Holy Spirit occurs at spiritual birth  
(Graham’s notes) - Filling with the Holy Spirit occurs afterwards as needed

(John Wesley notes) – Baptism with the Holy Spirit occurs at spiritual birth  
Christian Perfection – “Second Blessing” – Filling with the Holy Spirit as needed

### ***The Scriptural Usage of the Word Baptism”***

Initiatory and not repeated

“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.” (I Cor 12:13)

original Greek – a completed past action

“all” - a collective operation of the Spirit of God

connected with our *standing* before God, not our current subjective *state*

connected with our *position* and not our *experience*

(I Cor 10:1-5) – five “alls”

all part of the people of God

not necessarily lived up to their calling as God’s people

all believers are baptized with the Holy Spirit

not necessarily filled or controlled by the Spirit

### ***Differences That Divide Us***

Similar to differences of opinion about water baptism and church government

infant baptism vs. believer’s baptism

congregational, presbyterian, representative, episcopal

yet more important – conversion baptism vs. separate experience

baptized into the body of Christ by the Spirit at conversion

many fillings afterwards

separate Baptism with Holy Spirit

accompanied by outward sign of a particular spiritual gift

Only seven passages in NT which speak directly of the baptism with the Spirit

Five refer as a future event (4 – John the Baptist) (1 – Jesus)

(Mt 3:11; Mk 1:7; Lk 3:16; Jn 1:33) (Acts 1:4,5)

One refers as a past event of Pentecost (Acts 11:15-17)

One refers to a wider experience of all believers (I Cor 12:13)

### ***Calvary and Pentecost***

Jesus died on the cross for our sins

His death did not mean the end of His ministry

Night before death – repeatedly told disciples that He would send the Holy Spirit

Necessary to die, be resurrected, and then ascended

Wait in Jerusalem after ascension

John the Baptist – proclaimed twofold mission of Christ

- “take away the sin of the world” (John 1:29)
  - to be followed by His ministry thru Baptism w/ Holy Spirit (John 1:33)
- Pentecost (50 days after Resurrection/10 days after Ascension)
- 120 disciples (believers) received Holy Spirit supernaturally
  - historical event for the Ministry of Holy Spirit to begin
  - 3000 unbelievers received salvation and Holy Spirit simultaneously
  - prime example for today after Pentecost
- “Samaritan Pentecost” (Acts 8:14-17) – new stage in the expansion of the Church
- Samaritans – mixed race – scorned by Jews
  - Baptized by Holy Spirit to be included in God’s people
- “Cornelius Conversion” (Acts 10:44-48)
- Cornelius was a Roman – Gentile – “non Jew”
  - Baptized by the Holy Spirit to be included in God’s people

### ***Three Possible Exceptions***

- “Samaritan Pentecost” (Acts 8:14-17)
    - unique passage – Holy Spirit delayed until Peter & John arrived to confirm
  - “Saul’s Conversion” (Acts 9)
    - unique situation – “filled with the Holy Spirit vs Baptism (Acts 9:17)
  - “Paul’s visit w/ 12 Ephesians” (Acts 19:1-7)
    - unique situation – had John’s Baptism but not Jesus’ baptism
    - belated believers (?)
- Need for Samaritans, Gentiles, & belated believers to join the Church of Pentecost

### ***Our Share in Pentecost***

Pentecost extended to Samaritans, Gentiles, and belated Believers  
 Pentecost extends to us today

### ***One Baptism and Regeneration***

Baptism with the Spirit occurs at regeneration (spiritual birth)  
 Never told in Scripture to seek the Baptism of the Holy Spirit  
 Never commanded in Scripture to be baptized with the Holy Spirit  
 Should be “fillings with Holy Spirit,” never new baptisms

### ***The Unity of the Holy Spirit***

(I Cor 12) – repetition and use of “the same Spirit”; “one Spirit”; “one and the same Spirit”; “the same Lord”; “the body is one”; “there are many parts, yet one body”; “that there may be no discord in the body”  
 emphasis on unity

### ***The Conclusion of the Matter***

“This much all Christians are agreed upon: Every believer must be baptized by the Spirit into the body of Christ.”

- we have been saved (justification)
- we are being saved (sanctification)
- we will be saved (glorification)

sanctification (holiness) is where we are today – Holy Spirit is to help us!