

Sermon Notes

The New Life Part 9: Holy Spirit Baptism

July 16th – 17th, 2022

- **The New Life**
- Jesus changed the world with two words, “Follow Me.”
 - We are called out of the old and into the new, to be born again, to live new life in Christ.
- Last time: Water Baptism
- **Holy Spirit Baptism**
- Important topic full of different interpretations and controversy.
 - I’m going to do my best to talk about this Biblically and from personal experience.
- Correlation between water baptism and Holy Spirit baptism. **Matt 3:11, Mark 1:7-8, Luke 3:16, John 1:32-34, Acts 1:1-8.**
 - Pattern is salvation first with water baptism, then a later experience of Holy Spirit baptism.
- Water baptism is a symbolic gesture. Holy Spirit baptism is empowering. **Acts 1:8, John 7:37-39**
 - My experience with initial Holy Spirit baptism.
- This seems really important Biblically and personally, but it can fade away.
 - Why? Weird. Fakers/evil. Immature use. Not a salvation issue. Not a one size fits all cure for every spiritual issue. Etc.?
 - This fading is not a new issue. True in NT times as well! **Acts 19:1-7**
 - They were already disciples. How much did they really understand?
 - Paul felt it necessary to ask about the Holy Spirit. They didn’t have the foggiest clue!
 - They received the Holy Spirit. Different terms can be used to refer to the same thing.
 - I hope you’re not bothered by talking about this topic.
 - When people get bothered they can try to get super specific about bunches of details.
 - Instead, let’s try to get the general principles down first.
 - The pattern described (water baptism then Holy Spirit) wasn’t even always followed!
 - Sometimes people even received the Spirit first before being water baptized! **Acts 10:39-48**
 - So, don’t get all weird trying to gain control by creating a million details.
 - The general principles: Come to Jesus in repentance, be forgiven and do your best to live the new life, you’ll need help, so open yourself up to the Holy Spirit for empowerment! Then keep growing and maturing until you meet Jesus!!
- I’m a big fan of giving opportunities to go deeper with God, but I’m not a big fan of religious pressure.
 - If the baptism in the Holy Spirit is something you are down with, fantastic!
 - If not, that’s ok. But I encourage you to seek that out. It changed my life. It’s Biblical. So...why not open your heart to the possibility?
 - Holy Spirit baptism is not just for super spiritual Christians, but for everyone.
 - Closing Scripture: **John 7:38-39**
 - Let’s let the Spirit of God flow in so good things can flow out!
 - God has given us an opportunity to go get something good! Let’s make the most of it.
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