

No Shortcuts to Spiritual Maturity

**Mark 1:8, Acts 1:5, 1
Corinthians 12:13**



What Is The Baptism In The Holy Spirit

- In the baptism with the Spirit, believers are immersed with the Spirit into the body of Christ.
- When we come to Christ, we become a member or a part of Christ.
- The “body of Christ” is a synonym for what theologians refer to as the “Universal Church.”
- The Greek word for baptize means to “dip, submerge, or immerse” something.
- For in one Spirit we were immersed into one body at ONE point in time in the past.
- All the believers in the Corinthian church were baptized in the Spirit.

When Did The Baptism In The Holy Spirit Take Place

- The baptism in the Holy Spirit is one of the most misunderstood and misinterpreted concepts in the Bible.
- The punctiliar passive future tense is used in the Greek of an action that was to take place in the future, at ONE particular time, ONCE FOR ALL.
- The baptism in the Holy Spirit was a ONCE-IN-HISTORY EVENT which took place on the Day of Pentecost and was never to be repeated again.
- The effects of this baptism in the Spirit, is not realized until one believes in Jesus.
- It is not something that we experience, but something that Jesus Christ did, once-and-for-all, in joining all believers into His body.
- If you are saved today, you have already been baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Conclusion

- In order to be in the body of Christ, you have to be saved.
- Salvation is a gift from God that comes by recognizing that you are a sinner.
- If you will turn from sin and trust in Jesus as your Savior, He will give you eternal life.
- If you are saved, be careful about shortcuts in your Christian life.
- There are no shortcuts to Christian maturity.
- We are changed a little bit each day as we learn God's Word and obey what it says.