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Luke Chapter 24

VI. The Vindication of the Son of Man before Men, Luke 24:1-49.

5. The Promise of Giving them the Holy Spirit, vs. 49.

This promise is fulfilled in **Acts 2:1-4**. The Feast of Pentecost was the day when the disciples of Jesus received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:4

Acts 2:4, “And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.”

Being filled with the Holy Spirit is the result of being Indwelt and Baptized with the Holy Spirit, **Acts 1:5**. At this time, we are going to focus on the Baptism and Indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit, especially for the Church Age believer. Though they are two separate aspects of the ministry of God the Holy Spirit within the believer, they are inextricably linked. We will first focus on the Baptism of the Spirit, yet here are few verses that tell us about the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit, as Jesus stated in **Luke 24:49**, that they would be “**clothed** (*ENDUO*, “dressed, clothed”) **with power from on high** (*the Holy Spirit*).”

Rom 8:9, “However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells (*OIKEO*, “inhabit, dwell in, reside”) in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.”

Rom 8:11, “But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells (*ENOIKEO*, “lives, dwells in, inhabits”) in you.”

1 Cor 3:16, “Do you not know that you are a temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?”

1 Cor 6:19, “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?”

2 Tim 1:14, “Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.”

Therefore, we are the living Holy Temple in which God the Holy Spirit resides. Next, we will discuss the principles of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is one of seven Biblical Baptisms, **Heb 6:2**, where there are 4 Real and 3 Ritual Baptisms (see the doctrine of Baptisms). In the Real Baptism of the Holy Spirit, the invisible omnipotence of God the Holy Spirit takes every believer and enters Him into union with Christ. That is a real identification. You were really taken at salvation and really put into union with Christ, although you could not “feel” it, **1 Cor 12:13; Acts 1:5; John 14:17**.

1 Cor 12:13, “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.”

That “one body” is the body of Jesus Christ, as He is the Head and we are the body.

Eph 5:23, “For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.”

Rom 12:5, “So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”

1 Cor 12:12, “For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.”

Eph 4:12, “For the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.”

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a real baptism, an actual identification, in which God the Holy Spirit, at the moment someone believes in Christ, enters that new believer into union with Christ. It is one of the seven ministries of God the Holy Spirit at salvation whereby the individual Church Age believer is entered into union with the person of Jesus Christ.

The seven salvation ministries by God the Holy Spirit at salvation include: Efficacious Grace; Regeneration; Sealing; Baptism by which the believer is entered into union with Jesus Christ; Creates the believer as the Temple of God; Distribution of Spiritual Gifts; and the Filling of the Spirit.

The Baptism of the Spirit began the Church Age, **Acts 2:3f.; 11:15-17**. It did not occur in the OT or any previous dispensation, it is related to the Church Age only. That is why Jesus spoke in the Future Tense of BAPTIZO in **Acts 1:5**. This ministry of the Holy Spirit is not found in the OT, and there are no eschatological references to it beyond the Church Age.

The Baptism of the Spirit was prophesied by John in **Mat 3:11**, and Jesus in **Acts 1:5**. However, He prophesied it in another way in **John 14:20, “I in you. and you in Me.”** This also reminds us of the Tesseract Love of God; the never ending envelop of love between God and the believer.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit that enters us into union with Jesus Christ is also the means by which He forms the Royal Family of God during the Church Age. By entering the believer into union with Christ, we are adopted as Royal Family of God, **Rom 8:15, 23; Gal 4:5; Eph 1:5**.

Rom 8:15, “For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a Spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!””

Eph 1:5, “He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will.”

Union with Christ is a permanent identification which distinguishes Christianity from religion. In religion, man by man’s efforts seeks to gain the approbation of God, a satanic function. In Christianity, the believer through union with Christ has a permanent relationship with God.