

“HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM” ERRORS EXPLAINED

“For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost...”

Truth

Neither water nor the Holy Spirit performs Baptism, a word meaning immerse. John the Baptist immersed into water. Jesus Christ tells His disciples that He would immerse them into the Holy Spirit.

ACTS 1:5



Error

Many misquote changing the word “with” to “by” incorrectly making the Holy Spirit the one who baptizes. Water did not baptize, John did. This misunderstanding creates a fictional “second baptism.”

“One Lord, one faith, one baptism...”

Truth

The New Testament consistently shows the result of only one type of church Baptism—resulting in membership. The Greek word *heis* (i.e. one) in this verse limits both “Lord” and “baptism.”

EPH 4:5



Error

An exemption to plain sense here calls Scripture into question everywhere. More specifically, why would allowing a second “baptism” here not allow for a second “Lord” or a second “faith”?

“And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.”

Truth

A single fire (it) broken into cloven tongues sat on each of the disciples. This does not match the definition of *baptizō* (i.e. to dip or fully immerse). This event does not repeat in the New Testament.

ACTS 2:3



Error

Often incorrectly depicted by multiple instead of only one flame, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit elsewhere in the New Testament involves no fire neither does it follow any set pattern of tongues or race.

“..from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.”

Truth

The wind “filled” the house, true to the meaning of *baptizō*. This immersion, however, does not follow any pattern set by Christ Himself. Following chapters do not duplicate this event for new converts.

ACTS 2:2



Error

This verse does not indicate a new type of “baptism.” Similarly, “wash” (fully whelmed – G907) found in Mark 7:4 and Luke 11:38 does not produce church membership. *Baptizō* is a common word.

“For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body...and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.”

Truth

In context, chapter 12 speaks to church membership (See Acts 2:41). Believers became church members by obeying the Holy Spirit through water Baptism. Members have obligations to their church.

I COR 12:13



Error

The text says “one” (i.e. “a” or “one of many”) body, not “the” body. Paul carefully says “ye” to the members at Corinth (vs. 27). Nothing in this verse matches the events in Acts 2:2-3.

“And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”

Truth

Scriptural Baptism must involve enough water to picture the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Baptism publically testifies of Him and remains the only doorway to church membership.

I COR 15:4



Error

Should Acts 2 truly reveal a new type of Baptism, then the Holy Ghost symbolizes the grave, as does water in actual Baptism. “Resurrection” would take the believer “up and out” of the Comforter.