



Major Bible Themes

52 VITAL DOCTRINES OF THE SCRIPTURE
SIMPLIFIED AND EXPLAINED

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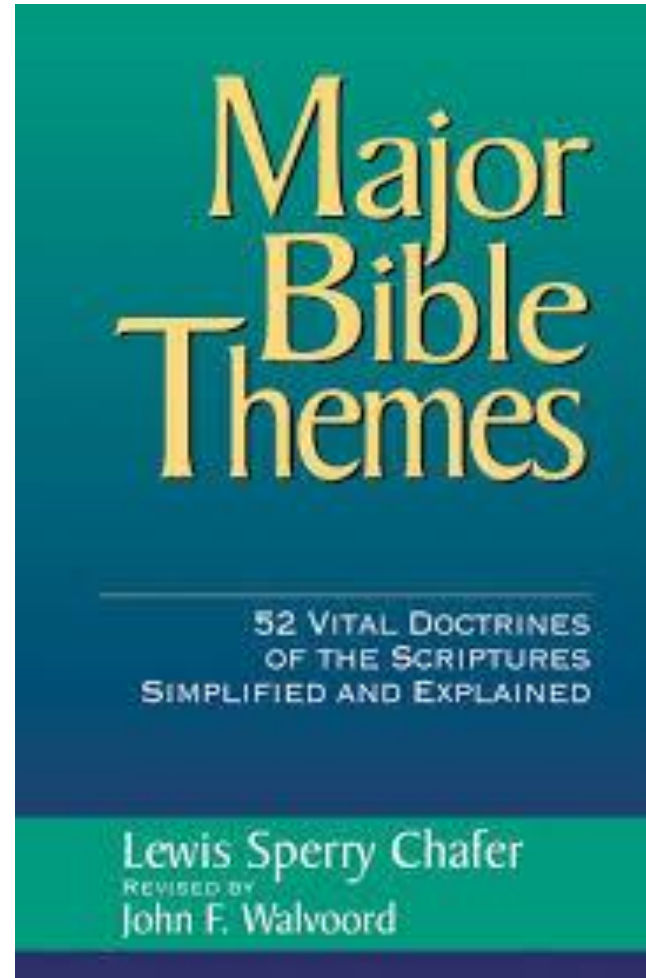
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Chapter Eighteen : God the Holy Spirit: His Baptism

Step # One Chapter Eighteen : God the Holy Spirit: His Baptism

Find the Outline



MBT Chapter Eighteen : God the Holy Spirit: His Baptism

- A. Meaning of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- B. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit before Pentecost
- C. All Christians Baptized by the Spirit in the present age
- D. The Baptism of the Spirit into the Body of Christ
- E. The Baptism of the Spirit into Christ
- F. The Baptism of the Spirit Related to Spiritual Experience

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Understand It



A. Meaning of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Probably no other doctrine of the Spirit has created more confusion than the baptism of the Spirit. Much of this stems from the fact the baptism of the Spirit began at the same time that other great works of the Spirit occurred, such as regeneration, indwelling, and sealing. Also, in some instances baptism of the Spirit and the filling of the Spirit occurred at the same time. This has led some expositors to make the two occurrences synonymous.

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Understand It B. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit before Pentecost



In examining the references in the four gospels and in Acts 1:5, it becomes clear that the baptism of the Spirit is regarded in each instance as a future event which had never occurred previously. There is no mention of the baptism of the Spirit in the Old Testament, and the four gospels unite with Acts 1:5 in anticipating the baptism of the Spirit as a future event.

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C. All Christians Baptized by the Spirit in the present age

Because of the confusion as to the nature and time of the baptism of the Spirit, it has not always been recognized that every Christian is baptized by the Spirit into the body of Christ at the moment of his salvation. This fact is brought out in the central passage on the baptism of the Spirit in the New Testament in 1 Corinthians 12:13. There it states, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

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D. The Baptism of the Spirit into the Body of Christ

By Spirit baptism the believer is placed into the body of Christ in the living union of all true believers in the present age. Here baptism has its primary meaning of being placed in, initiated into, and given a new and abiding relationship. The baptism of the Spirit, accordingly, relates believers to all the great body of truth that is revealed in Scripture concerning the body of Christ. The body of believers, thus formed by the baptism of the Spirit and increased as additional members are added.

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E. The Baptism of the Spirit into Christ

In addition to his relationship to fellow believers in the body of Christ, one who is baptized by the Spirit has a new position in that he is declared to be in Christ. This was anticipated in the prediction of John 14:20, where Christ said the night before His crucifixion, "At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you." The expression "ye in me" anticipated the future baptism of the Spirit.

Because the believer is in Christ, he is identified in what Christ did in His death, resurrection, and glorification. This is brought out in Romans 6:1-4, where it states that the believer is baptized into Jesus Christ and into His death, and if in His death, He is buried with Christ and raised with Christ.

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Understand It E. The Baptism of the Spirit into Christ



Because a believer is in Christ, he also has the life of Christ which is shared by the head with the body. The relationship of Christ to the body as its Head also is related to the sovereign direction of Christ of His body just as the mind directs the body in the human body of believers.

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F. The Baptism of the Spirit Related to Spiritual Experience

In view of the fact that every Christian is baptized by the Spirit at the moment of salvation, it is clear that baptism is a work of God to be understood and received by faith. Although subsequent spiritual experience may confirm the baptism of the Spirit, the baptism is not in itself an experience. Baptism, because it is universal and related to our position in Christ, is an instantaneous act of God and is not a work to be sought subsequent to being born again.

Much confusion has been wrought by the assertion that Christians should seek the baptism of the Spirit especially as it was manifested in speaking in tongues in the early church.

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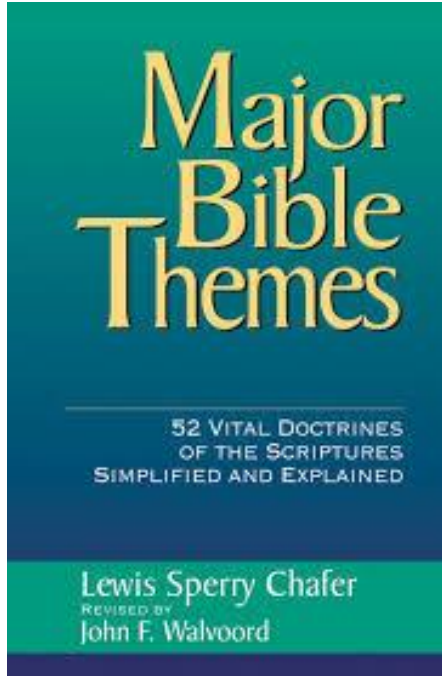


F. The Baptism of the Spirit Related to Spiritual Experience

A similar error is sometimes advanced which claims that there are two baptisms of the Spirit, one in Acts 2 and the other in 1 Corinthians 12:13

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is, therefore, important as being the work of the Spirit which places us in a new union with Christ and our fellow believers, a new position in Christ, and a new association in the intimacy of the body of Christ. It is the basis for justification and for all the work of God which ultimately presents the believer perfect in glory.

The next principle is to build a physical file cabinet



Mike Borland

What does the Bible
teach about the
Holy Spirit's
Baptism?

Chapter 18 :
God the Holy Spirit-
His Baptism

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Baptism of the Holy Spirit

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Memorize it

God the Holy Spirit: His Baptism



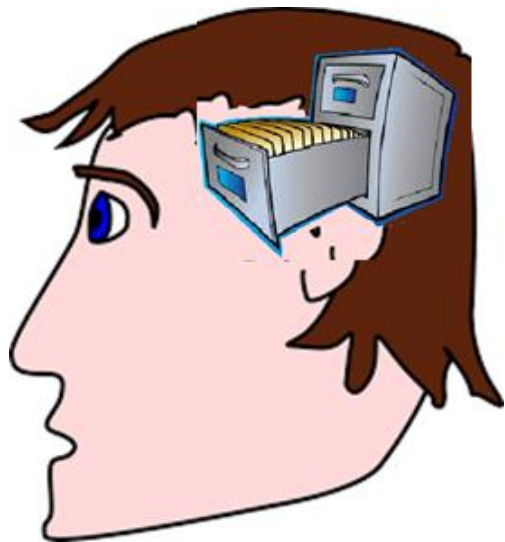
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To file it...



Write it Down



Underline Main Words...



Step # Two

Read the Section and look up the passages



MBT Chapter Eighteen : God the Holy Spirit: His Baptism

A. Meaning of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

There are eleven specific references to Spirit baptism in the New Testament

Christ as agent of the Baptism: (This is the indwelling of the Spirit)

Mat 3:11 *I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:***

Mar 1:8 *I indeed have baptized you with water: but **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.***

Luk 3:16 *John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:***

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Joh 1:33 *And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizes with the Holy Ghost.*

Act 1:5 *For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*

Act 11:16 *Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.*

Holy Spirit as agent of the Baptism:

1 Co 12:13 *For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.*

There are eleven specific references to Spirit baptism in the New Testament (Cont)

Holy Spirit as agent of the Baptism:

Rom 6:3 *Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?*

Rom 6:4 *Therefore we are **buried with him by baptism into death**: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

Rom 6:5 *For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, **we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection**:*

Gal 3:27 *For as many of you as **have been baptized into Christ** have put on Christ.*

Holy Spirit as agent of the Baptism:

Eph 4:5 *One Lord, one faith, **one baptism,***

Col 2:12 ***Buried with him in baptism,** wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.*

B. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit before Pentecost

In the gospels, the baptism of the Spirit is presented as a work which Christ will do

Mat 3:11 *I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he **shall** baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:*

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B. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit before Pentecost

He contrasted His baptism by John with the future baptism of believers by the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:5. *For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence*

C. All Christians Baptized by the Spirit in the present age

1 Co 12:13 *For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.*

Never in Scripture is the Christian exhorted to be baptized by the Spirit, whereas he is exhorted to be filled by the Spirit

Eph 5:18 *And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;*

D. The Baptism of the Spirit into the Body of Christ

Added to and comprised of many members

Act 2:47 *Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord **added to the church** daily such as should be saved.*

1Co 12:12-14 *For as the body is one, and **hath many members**, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many.*

Eph 4:16 *From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh **increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.***

Eph 5:30 *For we are **members of his body**, of his flesh, and of his bones.*

Christ is the Head of this body and the One who directs its activities

1Co 11:3 *But I would have you know, that the **head of every man is Christ**; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.*

Eph 1:22-23 *And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the **head over all things to the church**, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.*

Eph 5:23 *For the husband is the head of the wife, even as **Christ is the head of the church**: and he is the savior of the body.*

Col 1:18 *And he is the **head of the body, the church**: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.*

The body is nurtured and cared for by Christ

Eph 5:29 *For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but **nourishes** and **cherishes it**, even as the Lord the church:*

Php 4:13 *I can do all things through Christ which **strengthens me***

Col 2:9 *For **in him** dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead **bodily**.*

Believers given special gifts or functions in the body of Christ

Rom 12:6 *Having then **gifts differing** according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;*

1Co 12:4 *Now there are **diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.***

Eph 4:7-8 *But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and **gave gifts unto men.***

The body as a whole is "fitly joined together"

Eph 4:16 *From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, makes increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*

E. The Baptism of the Spirit into Christ

Baptism anticipated

Joh 14:20 *At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.*

Identified in what Christ did in His death, resurrection, and glorification

Rom 6:3 *Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?*

Rom 6:4 *Therefore we are **buried with him by baptism into death**: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

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F. The Baptism of the Spirit Related to Spiritual Experience

Experience of tongues at the Baptism

Act 2:1-4 *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, ...and **began to speak with other tongues**, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

Act 10:46 *For they heard them **speak with tongues**, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,*

Tongues were a sign and warning for unbelievers in the Nation of Israel.

1Co 14:21-22 *In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord. Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.*

F. The Baptism of the Spirit Related to Spiritual Experience

An error is sometimes advanced which claims that there are two baptisms of the Spirit—one for Jews at the day of Pentecost and one for Gentiles to place them into the body of Christ

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What occurred to Cornelius, a Gentile, was exactly the same as what had occurred to the disciples on the day of Pentecost.

Act 11:15 *And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them (Gentiles), as on us at the beginning.*

Step # Three

Memorize one Passage per section

Learn general and specific later.

- Highlight key words
- Understand difficult words and the meaning



Read out loud 5 times what you are trying to memorize



Write the verse on paper or put the verse into you phone



Step # Four Take the Test at the end of the chapter

Chapter 18:

God the Holy Spirit: His Baptism

1. How would you distinguish the baptism of the Spirit from the work of the Spirit in regeneration, indwelling, and sealing?

The Baptism of the Spirit is a work of the Spirit placing us in the Body of Christ and into Christ and His work and the giving of gifts to the believer. Regeneration is the birth of the New Man. Indwelling is the Holy Spirit coming to live inside of the believer. Sealing is the Holy Spirit protecting and demonstrating ownership over the believer until the body is redeemed.

2. How would you distinguish the baptism of the Spirit from the filling of the Spirit'?

The Baptism of the Spirit is a work of the Spirit placing us in the Body of Christ and into Christ and His work and the giving of gifts to the believer. The filling of the Spirit is when the believer yields to the Holy Spirit leading so that He controls the believer's walk

3. Why has there been confusion between the baptism of the Spirit and other works of the Spirit'?

Probably no other doctrine of the Spirit has created more confusion than the baptism of the Spirit. Much of this stems from the fact that the baptism of the Spirit began at the same time that other great works of the Spirit occurred.

4. What is the significance of the fact that the baptism of the Spirit in the four gospels and in Acts I is mentioned as a future work'?

In examining the references in the four gospels and in Acts 1:5, it becomes clear that the baptism of the Spirit is regarded in each instance as a future event which had never occurred previously. The significance is that there is no mention of the baptism of the Spirit in the Old Testament.

5. What evidence may be advanced that all Christians are baptized by the Spirit in the present age'?

Scripture plainly teaches it.

1Co 12:13 *For by one Spirit are **we all** baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.*

6. Why are Christians never exhorted to be baptized by the Spirit'?

In view of the fact that every Christian is baptized by the Spirit at the moment of salvation, it is clear that baptism is a work of God to be understood and received by faith and is a present reality at salvation and not something to be sought after salvation

7. What is the meaning of being baptized into the body of Christ'?

By Spirit baptism the believer is placed into the body of Christ in living union of all true believers in the present age. Here baptism has its primary meaning of being placed in, initiated into, and given a new and abiding relationship with each other and with Christ as the Head.

8. How does the figure of the body of Christ indicate that Christ directs the church'?

As the physical head containing the brain and controls the functions of the physical body so Christ controls the church.

9. How does the figure of the body of Christ bring out special gifts given to individual believers'?

As the body has many members with different functions so believers have different gifts with different functions.

10. What special truths are brought out by the baptism of the Spirit into Christ'?

Because the believer is in Christ, he is identified in what Christ did in His death, resurrection, and glorification. Because a believer is in Christ, he also has the life of Christ which is shared by the head with the body. The life of Christ is in the New Man.

11. How does baptism into Christ relate to our identification with Him in His death, resurrection, and glorification'?

As Christ died, our Old Man is crucified awaiting death. As Christ resurrected, we have resurrection life in the New Man and will have resurrected bodies at death. As Christ was glorified so we are glorified in the New man which was created after God in true righteousness and Holiness. (Eph. 4:24)

12. How does baptism into Christ support the idea that we share eternal life'?

Because a believer is in Christ, he also has the eternal life of Christ which is shared by the head with the body.

13. Why is the baptism of the Spirit not in itself a spiritual experience'?

In view of the fact that every Christian is baptized by the Spirit at the moment of salvation, it is clear that baptism is a work of God to be understood and received by faith. Although subsequent spiritual experience may confirm the baptism of the Spirit, the baptism is not in itself an experience

14. Is it necessary to speak in tongues in order to be baptized by the Spirit'?

Tongues were a sign and warning for unbelievers in the Nation of Israel that impending judgement was coming because of their rejection of Christ. This warning came from the Palestinian Covenant found in Deuteronomy 28:49. It has nothing to do with the baptism of the Spirit

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15. Is it necessary to speak in tongues in order to be filled by the Spirit'?

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16. What is wrong with the teaching that the baptism of the Spirit in Acts 2 differs from the baptism of the Spirit in I Corinthians 12:13'?

What occurred to Cornelius, a Gentile, was exactly the same as what had occurred to the disciples on the day of Pentecost.

Act 11:15 *And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them (Gentiles), as on us at the beginning.*

17. Summarize the importance of the baptism of the Spirit as a work relating to our salvation.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is, therefore, important as being the work of the Spirit which places us in a new union with Christ and our fellow believers, a new position in Christ, and a new association in the intimacy of the body of Christ. It is the basis for justification and for all the work of God in our salvation which ultimately presents the believer perfect in glory.