

The Holy Spirit Baptism

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[0 : 00] Thank you for tuning into this message by David Entry. Every true revival is a product of the strong preaching of God's word.! May you receive a word from this message that will spark a revival in you.

! Amen! Hallelujah! Please be seated. So, we saw in our previous session how there's a young man called Apollos.

But it was so nice that Paul, when he decided to end his second missionary journey to go back to Jerusalem, it was so nice that in Acts chapter 18, the Bible says that the people actually wanted him to stay longer.

All right? And then verse 21 says that, verse 20 says that, Well, when they desired him to tarry longer time with them, he consented not.

But he bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep the feast that cometh in Jerusalem. But I will return again unto you, if God will.

[1 : 09] And he sailed from where? Ephesus. Ephesus. So, he was in Corinth, and he left Corinth, went to Ephesus, and then from Ephesus, he sailed to Sincria, and then from Sincria to Jerusalem.

His mission was going to Jerusalem. But it looks like Paul had this hat for Ephesus. So, he had to go through Ephesus, spend some time there, and then left Ephesus to Sincria.

You know, Ephesus is in the territory called, old King James uses Achaia. So, I think chapter 19, verse 10, the King James here uses the word Asia, but in some of the places, you see Achaia, A-C-H.

So, the verse 27 of chapter 18, he says that, and when he is disposed to pass through Achaia, all right, the brethren wrote to him talking about Apollos. So, Paul, initially, when he was going on his second missionary journey in Acts chapter 16, God didn't allow him to preach the word of God in Asia.

That's when he ended up in Europe, if you remember. But when he now was returning from the second missionary journey, he went through Asia, Achaia, and he went through Ephesus.

[2 : 29] Paul had a very interesting heart for Ephesus. But the reason why I brought you to chapter 18 again is, verse 23 says, After he had spent some time there, he departed and went over all the country of the Galicia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples.

And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. Yes. You know, but what happened is, I think, is the verse, Acts 18, 18.

And Paul, after he tarried there yet a good while, and then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed then into Syria, and with him Prisla and Aquila.

So, they left Corinth, went to Syria, but Prisla and Aquila were with him, having shown his head at Syngria. So, but then he left Prisla and Aquila in Ephesus.

He didn't go with them to Jerusalem. So, it happened that Apollos, this verse 24, Apollos came to, he was born, Alexandria, came to Ephesus.

[3 : 41] And in Ephesus, he was speaking so boldly, but what had happened was that Paul left Prisla and Aquila in Ephesus. So, in the next verse, chapter 18, verse 19, it said there, and he came to Ephesus and left them there.

So, he left Prisla and Aquila there, and he himself went to the synagogue. So, Paul left Prisla and Aquila in Ephesus. Then Apollos came to Ephesus. It is very interesting that Prisla and Aquila were at the right place at the right time when Apollos came, because Apollos was an eloquent man, which means when he spoke to you, you are very likely to be convinced.

He knew how to talk. He was a good speaker. And his advantage was that he was also raised in Alexandria, which happened to be one of the largest cities in those days, and well-educated.

And he, as I told you the other time, he was mighty in scriptures. So, somebody who is mighty in scriptures, when they meet you, and you don't really know your way strongly in scripture, they are likely to convince you.

And Apollos will convince you, and will be able to help you towards the ways of God, but not the complete ways of God. Apollos was mighty in scripture.

[4 : 55] Prisla and Aquila were there. Verse 25 says, and he was instructed of the Lord, being perfect in the spirit. He spoke and taught diligently. We spoke about it last week. Knowing only the baptism of John.

Don't forget that. The next verse says that, 26, that he began to speak boldly. Whom when Aquila and Prisla had heard, they took him unto them, and expanded unto him the ways of God more perfectly.

You know what I like about Apollos? He was a teachable man. But usually, when you have information, and you are well-learned, sometimes you can be so pompous, it's difficult to teach you.

Bible says that, knowledge puffs up. 1 Corinthians 8, 1. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. So, usually, sometimes it can be very difficult to explain things to people who believe they know.

When people believe they know, they are in their know, it's hard, especially when they are religious. And they believe in some deep things they think you don't know. But Aquila and Prisla took Apollos to their side.

[6 : 00] They took him unto them, and expounded. They explained. He knew the way of the Lord, but not completely. So, they explained, expounded the way of the Lord to him perfectly. perfectly. Perfectly. And, he received it. That's the beautiful thing about a genuine, godly person. A genuine, godly person doesn't struggle to receive God's word genuinely.

even though it might not be what they expect. Once they know that this is what the scripture is saying, and this is what the word of God is saying in truth, they are easy.

They are more open to embrace it and receive it. So, they expounded to him more completely. Then, he decided to go to the other parts of, let's look at the New King James, verse 27.

And so, when he had desired to pass through Achaia, the brethren wrote, and exhorting the disciples to receive him, and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace.

[7 : 03] So, he became a great blessing to the church, and we saw how he disputed in the synagogues and proving that Jesus, proof from scriptures, he proved from the scriptures.

The scriptures are unambiguous about Jesus, who Jesus Christ is. But sometimes, if you are not well taught, you will miss that. You will be able to see. So, he proved to them from scripture, not just from his opinion or his knowledge or academia, but from scripture.

The strength of our Christianity must be built on scripture, what we understand from scripture. So, then, chapter 19 comes in.

He says that it happened while Apollos was at Corinth. So, he had moved from Ephesus, Achaia, and he was in Corinth.

That's Paul. That's the third missionary journey of Paul. Okay. Did you notice Paul's interest in Ephesus? Paul's interest in Ephesus, when he started his third missionary journey, he's been to Jerusalem, now he's traveling again.

[8 : 10] He comes to Ephesus. In the first instance, I told you, the second missionary journey wanted to go through Ephesus, Asia, but Asia Minor, but the Holy Spirit did not permit him.

When he was returning, he went through Ephesus. Now, when he was going to the third missionary journey, he went to Ephesus again. So, he says that it happened while Apollos was at Corinth that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus.

Where did Priscilla and Aquila meet Apollos? Ephesus. So, Ephesus was the second largest city. Ephesus was the capital of the Roman government in Asia.

Asia. So, the Roman government in Asia. Asia was a very important territory. Asia and Africa during the Roman Empire. Asia and Africa was a very important territory for the Roman authorities.

So, Asia was so important and the capital of the Roman rule in Asia was Ephesus. So, that told you, Ephesus was a very important city.

[9 : 24] and not just that, Ephesus was also wealthier city than Corinth. So, if you change Ephesus, you invariably will affect more territories.

So, when a letter was written to Asia from heaven, Jesus in Revelation chapter 1 verse 11, it mentions some seven churches. All these churches were cities and the churches were named after the cities.

So, he said, write these letters to the churches that are in Asia. Then, he starts with Ephesus. To Ephesus, to Spina, to Pergamos, Titeria, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea.

And there were other cities as well, but these were seven major ones. The other cities there were Hierapolis and Colossae. Colossae was also part of all those territories.

Now, Ephesus was a chief city in those times. So, if you can take Ephesus, you are going to have a bigger influence because a lot of commercial activities were all going towards Ephesus.

[10 : 25] That is why certain religions have major appetites, not just for UK, but for London. There's a reason why God placed us here. If the revival can kick off in London, all the other major cities of the United Kingdom and Europe will follow suit.

I'm telling you. now, let me tell you something about the move of God. The move of God always starts from a Jerusalem. And when it gets, anywhere it gets to, that place becomes another Jerusalem.

Not by name, but by spread. So, it started from Jerusalem to Judea, to Samaria, and then to the uttermost part of the world. Now, we saw that in Acts chapter 13, Antioch had become a major hub.

That's where Paul's missionary journey was launched from. And then they went back to Antioch. So, Antioch became a major hub. But I submit to you, after a while, Ephesus became the next hub.

So, it was usually, it was actually Jerusalem. Then it became Antioch, and the gospel started spreading from Antioch. And now it became Ephesus. And the gospel started spreading throughout the Asia region from Ephesus.

[11:38] So, Ephesus was such a very significant and important territory and city. So, it probably would explain why Paul had an eye and major interest in Ephesus.

And in Ephesus, Paul, theologians believed that he actually lived in Priscilla and Aquila. Because Priscilla and Aquila was quite successful business people. And they had a house because there was a church in their house.

And Ephesus, like, I was taught about Dubai or UAE that when you visit the, I think, around summer, a lot of people don't go there because it's so hot.

It's so hot there. Even the school systems are different because of the heat. I hear the temperature can rise to about 44 degrees. You feel the heat burning you literally.

Recently, I went to the desert and I realized it's not a joke. The heat is coming from top and below. It burns. Oh, yes.

[12:46] And so, most times, you need to go to a place where it's cool. And so, Ephesus was around that time. the climate of Ephesus is, you know, that territory.

It gets very hot during the day, in the afternoon, especially from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. is the peak of the afternoon and it's the hottest.

So, most businesses shut down. So, they had this culture where they had siesta. I know most of you don't know what siesta might be, but they had afternoon naps.

So, businesses are usually closed. Commercial activity and offices, if you might call it, close around that time from 11 because to what?

So, people go and sleep. They go home, sleep, go into their shelter and the life is, so, it is believed that in Ephesus there are more people awake at 1 a.m.

[13:50] than 1 p.m. because 1 p.m. people are sleeping. It's too hot and life starts again after 4 p.m. where commercial activity starts and kicks in.

So, that's just for your information. Ephesus for you. Paul went to Ephesus and I'll come back, I just had to give you this background because of something that's going to happen that you should understand in Ephesus, but Paul came to Ephesus and, happy part to the upper coast, came to Ephesus and finding some disciples.

Let's all say those four words together, last four words. Let's go. One more time please. This, the last word has become a point of contention amongst theologians.

Disciples, what disciples were they? Were they actual Christians Christians or just some kind of disciples who haven't become Christians? I believe they were actual Christians because the scriptures would have clarified if they were some different disciples.

Because he said disciples, he found disciples. And obviously when the Bible is talking about disciples, it's disciples, he found disciples. So, Paul found certain disciples. The next verse says that, and he said to them, in fact, before I tell you what he said to them, I think he noticed something about them.

[15:13] They were in church, but they wouldn't shout hallelujah. He saw that they would come to church and quickly sit there, listen to the word, and then go.

He could hear them talk about me, I just come to seek Jesus. It's just between me and Jesus. It's just between me and God. I serve my God. It's just personal.

So they come, hello, hi, bye, they're gone. They're encouraged, would you mind joining home, self-system, care group? No, no, no, this one's just between me and God. So Paul noticed a trend, praise and worship, they'll sit down.

They'll wait till their favorite leader comes, then they say, yeah, this is the one I like. When some songs are sung, they don't care about the words, they, this is not my song.

love. So Paul noticed a trend, they are not enjoying Christ. These people are disciples, but they don't seem to be enjoyers of Christ.

[16:10] They don't seem to have the joy of the Holy Ghost. When we say, let's pray, and when Paul was preaching, they seemed to like the fables, things that really would not edify quickly.

I heard about certain things that were going on in certain parts of the world. Some pastors, they challenge each other. Me, I'm more powerful than you.

My church is bigger than your church. They can go on radio and insult who does he think. It just made me remember, are these guys Christians or believers or?

Because there's something fundamentally wrong about the understanding of Christianity. Now, when you are not properly discipled, you won't understand this.

That's when you come to church and you think because of your social status, you are equal to a pastor. See, when people understand what Christianity is, the reason why you are struggling, you have an album, but you don't want to join the choir.

[17:19] Please, I don't get it. I just don't get it. No, but maybe I'm not called to. You believe you have a music ministry for the body of Christ, but your local church, you are a chef who doesn't cook at home.

Nobody takes your chefiness at home. God do to God. No, no, I'm just reasoning with you. Don't think I'm picky on anybody because sometimes the nature of your assignment may afford you to go to other places, but the point is that don't deny your local church your genuine service to the body of Christ.

don't deny your local church. If we hear God is using you somewhere, it shouldn't be a surprise because we have actually been benefiting from it. How many of you are surprised when you hear the way God is using me in other places?

It started from here. It started from here. When you are flying, you go to Heathrow, they tell you the home of British Airways, Atlanta, their airport, the home of Delta.

you go to other places, the home of American Airlines. Airlines, the planes are supposed to be in the sky, but they have a base. You can't take off in the sky and not calm down ever.

[18:50] I am an evangelist. God has called me to the body of Christ. You are one of those people Paul met at Ephesus. So I don't belong anywhere.

Me and my children, we wake up in the morning, we pray, God, lead us where we have to go. And then we go. If they don't invite me to go on the pulpit, I can't be there. Some people only go where they'll be seen.

Your discipleship is anemic. have something missing. The reason why certain religions! Christians on in debate.

Many Christians don't even understand the basis of Christianity. I think it's an event center. Coming to church is coming for an event. That's why after church you are gone.

You don't have any dealings after church. You are coming to worship. I'm just going to worship. Afterwards I go. I'm just going to worship. No, no, no, you don't understand Christianity.

[19:51] Christianity is more than that. It's and even when you are home you are still part of you don't switch off your WhatsApp because you think church people will send you a message.

So you switch it off. So Paul saw disciples and after observing them the way they conducted themselves the way they worked themselves there are some people if they come to church and you don't give them certain privileges they will lose interest.

They will lose interest. Let me tell you if you are well trained in scripture you meet people who are Christians and sometimes you will wondering what kind of Christian version is this?

It looks like the understanding of Christianity there's a problem with it. And that is where discipleship plays their role. Because you might think I'm now in Christ. That's not the end.

We must all be schooled through scripture to understand what Christianity is. How can you be in a church and say I don't talk to that person. It's not my level. is not your level and what grounds?

[21 : 08] Is it because the kind of car you drive? Where you live? Your education? Your background? Your finance? What is it? What is it that makes you think you are better than somebody?

You don't understand Christianity. You have not been properly discipled. In Christ we are all one. There's no! There's no Greek. There's no male. Colossians chapter 3 no Jew.

No Jew. No Barbarian. Barbarian. There's a village. Barbarian or Scythian. Slave or free. But Christ is all and in all.

And in Galatians it says that there's no male nor female. Christ is all. It says that there's neither Jew nor Greek. There's neither slave nor free. There's neither male nor female.

For all are one in Christ. Shout hallelujah. I submit to you Paul wrote the letter of Galatians from Ephesus.

[22 : 09] So he met these guys and he realized that we got problem here. So he started from the foundation. He asked them guys have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?

They said what's that? What was that? we have not so much as whether there be any Holy Ghost. Now John the Baptist's ministry was an introductory ministry.

John the Baptist his ministry ended the Old Testament. So the Old Covenant ended with John the Baptist. Listen that's very important.

So the Old Covenant even though Jesus you see the story of Jesus in the New Testament large parts of what we saw in the Gospels are still under the Old Covenant.

The New Covenant really started from the upper room when it said this is my blood which we give in from you and then it was enacted on the cross. So until the cross the new covenant had not really started.

[23 : 23] Bible says in Luke chapter 16 verse 16 it says that the law and the prophets were until when? John. So John was a full stop to the Old Testament and so introducing the New Testament there were certain details in the New Testament John spoke about forgiveness of sins he spoke about your sins must be forgiven and he showed them the way to forgive your sins he said repent and be baptized so John the Baptist came and Luke chapter 3 verse 3 John the Baptist came and preached repentance and he went into all the regions around Jordan preaching the baptism of what repentance for the remission of sins that's what he preached John preached repentance in Acts chapter 13 verse 24 this is Paul speaking he said after John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of

Israel John preached the baptism of repentance for remission of sins so John's focus was three things need to note down focus of John was number one forgiveness of sins through repentance number two you need to be baptized once you have repented you need to be baptized to actualize that forgiveness of sins coming and number three he spoke that there's one coming after me so he spoke about salvation in Jesus he spoke about the one coming in the book of John chapter one verse 15 you will see in Matthew chapter three verse 11 John 1 15 says that John bore witness of Jesus and cried out saying this was he of whom I said he who comes after me let's all say after me so John preached and spoke made reference to somebody coming after him so if you listen to

John very carefully you will not be ignorant about sin that need to be forgiven you will not be ignorant about the need for baptism and you will not be ignorant about someone coming after him Matthew chapter three verse 11 John said he says that indeed I baptized you with water unto oh come on are you sleeping okay let's go!

let's go unto repentance but he who is coming after me is mightier than first one more time but he some of you are not ready let's go one more time but he who is coming after me is much say after me so John was doing something but he was pointing to somebody coming after him so John's focus was repentance or forgiveness of sin that comes through repentance baptism to actualize your forgiveness and salvation in Jesus Christ but there are three things that John didn't talk about which are the way of God more perfectly that's what Apollo didn't know if you follow John the Baptist very keenly it's not everything you will know about the gospel what he didn't John didn't speak about the cross John never mentioned the cross John didn't speak about the resurrection and

John didn't speak about the Holy Ghost now these three things are foundational to the ways of God the ways of the New Testament permit me to use this phrase the New Testament economy God's system to save humanity is predicated and hinged on the cross of Christ the resurrection of Christ and the pouring or the baptism of the Holy Spirit for the building of the church John didn't teach that that's how Apollos didn't know that so Priestly and Aquila had to bring him aside and school him now so having that at the back of your mind let's go back to our text again and look Paul having passed through the Abagos came to Ephesus and finding certain disciples he said unto them have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed and they said unto him we have not as much as heard whether there be any Holy Spirit then he asked them and he said unto them unto what then were you baptized and they said unto

[28 : 02] John's baptism he ah now that points to a fact here about believing and being baptized he knew they were believers and they were disciples and for that matter they had been baptized but there is a certain kind of believers baptism that you are supposed to have he realized they have not had it because the baptism the true believers baptism is not only the baptism of repentance but it is actually the baptism the Holy Spirit so there are two baptisms Paul was talking about he said okay so unto what baptism were you baptized and they said John baptism Paul said then he said Paul John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance saying unto the people that they should believe on him who should come here after him so the baptism said so and he said that is Christ and when they heard that they realized okay we haven't got into the

Christ properly then we haven't got our hearts are open we have received the work that brings salvation we have received but the baptism this is very important they were saved but the baptism that Christ gives John the Baptist said the one coming after me he will also baptize you but he is going to he said in John chapter 1 verse 25 26 27 he said I baptize with water I baptize verse 26 I baptize John 1 26 I think so he said I baptize with water but there's someone standing here you don't know he is mightier than me he is coming after me but he is mightier than me in Matthew chapter 3 verse 11 12 13 he says that there's one coming after me that will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire my own is water water water anybody at all can do it kind of it's easy for a human being to do!

but it's not easy for a human being to coming he is the actual baptizer because he said I did not know him by him John chapter 1 verse 31 and 32 I did not know him but he who sent me to baptize with water that might be revealed that's why look at verse 33 I did not know him but he who sent me to baptize with water said unto me upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining on him this is he who so John actually alluded to the fact that people will be baptized with the Holy Spirit which the scripture has already indicated you know so then there's baptism of the Holy Spirit and there's water baptism so when Paul asked them into what then were you baptized and they told him we are baptized into John's baptism he said that's repentance baptism unto repentance but he told them to believe after him who is coming after him who baptized which is

Jesus Christ and verse 5 says that verse 5 when they heard this they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ now this has been a theological an issue of theological disagreements one school of thought believes that once you are born again in Christ you already have the Holy Spirit the baptism Paul is talking about is the baptism of the Holy Spirit in the sense that once you are in Christ you have the Holy Spirit once you are in Christ when it comes to reference to the Holy Spirit the scripture the scripture uses the verses one the scripture uses in Ephesians chapter 1 verse 13 and in Ephesians chapter 4 verse 30 it talks about how we have been sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise say sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise okay so sealed by the Holy

Spirit of promise Ephesians 1 13 and Ephesians 1 4 and then in Romans chapter 8 verse 9 we are indwelt it's called the indwelling spirit but you are not in the flesh but in the spirit if indeed the spirit of God dwells in you that is indwelt by the Holy Spirit and these incidents are one of incidents so once and for all so when you are indwelt by the spirit it's once and for all!

[32 : 47] and Jesus himself in John chapter 3 verse 6 says that we have to be born of the spirit now that is what it talks about when you are born again it is a spiritual work it's a spiritual work so we have to be born of the spirit say born of the spirit so we are born of the spirit we are born of the spirit into the family of God we are indwelt by the spirit we are sealed by the spirit and the fourth terminology the bible uses about our born again experience is we have been first Corinthians chapter 12 verse 13 we have been baptized by one spirit we were all baptized into one body now this is very important this is different from what is traditionally called the Holy Ghost baptism when you are baptized by the spirit it's like anytime you become born again watch this there's nothing else you have to do you are by default automatically member of the church part of the body of

Christ that's what it so body of Christ is made up of all those who are born again all those who are in Christ how do you get born again when you born of the the person is born of the spirit and when you are born of the spirit is the spirit that gave birth to you that seals you unto the day of redemption Ephesians 1 13 you are already sealed you are born of the spirit and when you are born of the spirit that same spirit has baptized you in other ways immersed you initiated you made you part of the body of Christ which is called the church it's one and the same thing you are born of the spirit you are sealed by the holy spirit you are indwelt by the spirit and baptized by the spirit so where if Romans chapter 8 verse 9 when Paul said that's a strong claim that's serious claim but you are not in the flesh but in the spirit if indeed the spirit of God dwells in you now if anyone does not have the spirit of

Christ he is not his that's a very serious statement so that means one of the signs that show that you are in Christ is actually the spirit being in you now watch this in 1st Corinthians the Bible clearly says categorically that no one can say Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit and so for you to even accept you can never be born again monogistically that's the theological terminology it's not a monogistic work I decided to come to church but you can't decide to come to Christ you must be drawn John chapter 6 verse 44 no one can come to me unless the father who sent me drawn for you to be in Christ you must be drawn but it's a spiritual work now so all these four terminologies I've said it's once and for all it's not necessarily repeated but there's one that is repeated being filled with the

Holy Spirit so in Acts chapter 2 verse 4 Bible says that and they were all filled with the Spirit and they began to speak with tongues they were all filled with the Spirit but Acts chapter 4 verse 31 when they had prayed they were filled again with the Spirit so that is not one of experience singular experience but it's multiple times Bible says in Acts chapter 4 verse 8 and verse 9 verse 8 Peter filled with the Holy Spirit filled in Acts chapter 13 verse 9 Paul filled with the Holy Spirit so this being filled with the

Holy Spirit is not the same as just the Spirit of God indwelling you now I'll explain it I'm teaching on Holy Ghost baptism I'll explain it when there's a school of thought that believes that when you are born again you already have Holy Ghost baptism they believe that it's one event so being born again is the same as being baptized by the Holy Spirit but when you look at Scripture very carefully how these people had met Jesus the disciples Jesus told them in Acts chapter 1 verse 8 you shall receive power after the Holy Ghost the Holy Spirit was already in them because they have him they were indwelled after resurrection the Spirit in John chapter 20 verse 19 he breathed on them and he said receive ye the Holy Spirit so the Holy Spirit from verse 19 20 21 he breathed so from the onset after resurrection the

[38:12] Holy Spirit was in them now one of the benefits of the resurrection is that the Holy Spirit can dwell in man the Holy Spirit never dwells permanently in Isaiah in Elijah in Jeremiah in Amos in Nahum in Esther in David none of them in Moses none of them because Genesis chapter 6 verse 3 he said my spirit shall no longer strive with man for his flesh so the Holy Spirit could never permanently stay on anybody then Joel comes on the scene I feel like preaching Joel comes on the scene in Joel chapter 2 verse 28 he said it shall come to pass afterwards that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh not upon individuals like Isaiah Moses Amos Jeremiah but all flesh!

Amos prophesied it and they looked forward to that day and that was pointing to the day of Pentacles that is why Peter quoted that same scripture in Acts chapter 2 verse 16 is a very strong I remember about 18 years ago I was on TV live television for a debate and I was pointing angles to this scripture and it said what the focus was on is that this this what is that this what you are experiencing we are speaking in tongues this this is that which was spoken by the prophets so what you are seeing here was prophesied by the prophet then he caused the prophet that what the prophets prophesied has become our reality has become our actuality has become our experience now these guys were already in

Christ but Jesus said wait because the Holy Spirit was coming when you become born again this is very important when you become born again the Spirit of God indwells you Galatians chapter 3 verse 13 and 14 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the Lord for it is written curse is everyone who hangeth upon the tree oh my goodness verse 14 is the deeper one that the blessing of Abraham might come upon in Christ that's not all that's not all that we might oh come I feel like preaching that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith that's the promise so when you are redeemed the Spirit of God please Christians as I taught you there are biblical terminologies let's not shed off biblical technology theological phraseologies that encapsulate and capture in appropriate manner the core of our beliefs so for instance when you hear the word

Trinity it's not in the Bible but it better captures and explains what we are dealing with the Godhead another point is when we say the Spirit of God indwells please take it serious what do I mean that phrase indwells honor it respect it God indwells we are the only group of people on earth who the Spirit of God can dwell inside us those in the Old Testament never had that experience they never had you read the Bible in the book of Judges several places it says Judges chapter 3 verse 10 Judges chapter 6 about something chapter 16 and the Spirit of God came upon the Spirit of God came upon in fact when the oil was poured on David first chapter 16 verse 13 from that time the Spirit of God came upon so the Spirit of God was always coming upon coming upon never indwelt any man because it was not possible unless you have been baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire so Jesus

Christ comes on the scene and the temple after the cross the curtain torn and now the Spirit of God for the first time can indwell humanity but that is not all the story so he said wait in Jerusalem until you are endued Luke chapter 4 verse 49 wait in Jerusalem until Luke chapter 24 sorry verse 49 until you are endued with power from and he was talking about the Holy Spirit then in Acts chapter 1 verse 8 he said you shall watch this watch this words very carefully you shall receive power after oh come on come on somebody's preaching you shall receive power after is come upon upon not inside you can qualify as a police officer when you are going for duty you have to wear the uniform there is something called the essential supply of the Spirit and the economical supply of the Spirit the essential supply is what makes us believers that is when you are born of the

[43 : 40] Spirit when you are indwelt by the Spirit when you are sealed by the Spirit when you are baptized by the Spirit into the body it's called the essential supply when you die you won't go to hell when the essential supply is already in place but you can be born again and be living and not have the economic supply the economic supply of the Spirit is for the building of the church for the work of the ministry for God's agenda on air to be carried out you cannot carry out God's agenda even Jesus had to wait for the Holy Ghost to come upon you so Jesus said I'm sending you but wait until the Holy Ghost comes upon you for you to work for me Paul so those two incidents are not one and the same some theologians believe it's one and the same some of us other theologians we also believe it's not one and the same and we can defend our position in the sense that Acts chapter 1 verse 8 is different or that's what happened in Acts chapter 2 verse 4

Acts chapter 2 verse 4 is different from the resurrection experience when they are now in Christ it's different in the same way in Acts chapter 8 Samaria received the word because Philip went down and shook the whole city then in verse 15 what do you understand by receive the word means that they have embraced Jesus because verse 5 said he preached Christ unto them verse 11 said he was teaching the things concerning the kingdom so God's economy they got it but Jerusalem heard that Samaria has received the word that means they have received Christ they sent Peter and John watch this oh it says that and now when the apostles who when the came prayed that they might receive what is that one then if being born again already covers that one why is it that they must receive the Holy Spirit because they are not the same thing one comes after the other

Paul on his way to Damascus didn't he meet Jesus in Acts chapter 9 he met Jesus and he surrendered his will he said because Stephen had already preached the gospel to him so he knew the gospel so when he met Jesus it was an endorsement of the gospel that he was trying to reject and he said what do want me to do he said go into the city you will be told what to do then he goes into the city then Ananias comes to him God sends Ananias to him then when Ananias got to him in the verse 17 of Acts chapter 9 Ananias said to him brother Saul the Lord who appeared the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road as you came has sent me that you might receive your sight and be filled you see the feeling I was talking about be filled because God is going to use you for something great because he said I've chosen you for something you can't do it without being filled with the Holy Spirit so

Pentecost was a repeatable experience four times in scripture the day of Pentecost number one and number two Cornelius house in Acts chapter 10 Peter yet!

but you know that all of all these incidents the medium through which the Holy Spirit came was not the same God doesn't use only one system but the objective is the Holy Spirit came upon them in Acts chapter 2 verse 4 when they prayed the Holy Ghost fell upon them in Acts chapter 10 verse 44 whilst Peter was speaking that's why I believe as I'm preaching the Holy Spirit power is falling up I believe in I believe in what happens when the word of God is preached something is happening in somebody's life now he said he said whilst Peter Acts chapter 10 verse 44 whilst I like the key James so much whilst Peter yet spake these words the Holy Ghost fell upon all those who were listening and then Bible says that the Holy Spirit fell!

[47:59] what's going on here they must have seen something Bible says they were so astonished verse 46 says for they heard them speak with tongues so anytime the Holy Spirit came upon people even in the Old Testament there was always a prophetic speech or something vocal utterance every time in the Old Testament and in the New Testament we can see the same pattern happening in Acts 2 4 they spoke they also spoke even Paul in 1 Corinthians chapter 14 verse 18 he said thank God I speak in tongues more than you when did start speaking in tongues please more than your hope and in Acts chapter 8 Peter and John went that the guys will receive the Holy Spirit do you know what happened verse 17 Acts chapter 8 verse 17 and then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit so he said come touch then they receive it so as he touched them something starts happening it touched the ones he hasn't touched they were still there you observe carefully this ones it's like and I saw the pattern only on those who have been touched something has happened to them the ones who have not been touched they are just like statues some are even sleeping while the preaching is going so this one when he got the time

I just was and I come and touch this one rather but why is this guy standing oh I'm in touch so Simon the social verse 18 when he realized that the Holy Ghost was given because it's so spiritual how do you see the Holy Ghost because there will always be an initial outward manifestation one way or the other he noticed that those who were touched received the Holy Spirit someone he said I like this kind of power so that's why he offered money to also be given but they had already received the word of God in other words they were already indwelt so what happened in Acts chapter 8 was another second Pentecost experience and Cornelius house was another third Pentecost experience talking about a group of people receiving the that's why in Cornelius house this was very unique because there was no way Peter was going to lay hands on them to receive Holy Spirit because they were Gentiles and at that time he knew that

Gentiles were not part of the thing so God himself he said what it takes to save and to fill is the true gospel saturated preaching he said preach a Christ exalting message preach a gospel the generation preach the gospel saturated message so God sidesteps Peter and the spirit of God falls on them Peter didn't have control over this so Peter said once I was speaking the Holy Spirit came upon them as he had come upon us at the beginning I didn't have control over it so then Peter said when he saw that God had given them the Holy Spirit that means they have received the word and God has given them the Holy Spirit normally it is you believe repent receive repent is the same as receiving the word be baptized in water and then you receive the

Holy Spirit but in this particular instance they received the word they repented and then before water baptism God himself baptized them with the Holy Spirit so after verse 47 of Acts chapter 10 Peter says what stops us from baptizing these people with water can anyone forbid water that these should be baptized which have received the Holy Spirit as well as us so they baptized them there and then because the guys have received the Holy Spirit in Cornelius house and so there is definitely a difference between being born again which is being indwelt I like that physiology indwelt the Holy Spirit another name we believers call him is the indwelling Spirit he is the indwelling don't forget this phrase it's very important he is the indwelling spirit you have to be conscious about the indwelling spirit you carry God you walk with God God lives in you God is in you God is in you the beautiful thing about

Christianity is Christ is in me and I am in Christ if any man be in I am crucified with Christ nevertheless I live yet not I but Christ who lives in me and yet at the same time even though Christ lives in me I live in Christ shout hallelujah so you can see that every time the Holy Spirit came there was a physical manifestation so now Paul meets these guys and said have you received the Holy they said did you know so after all the teaching Bible says that verse 5 Acts chapter 19 verse 6 when Paul had laid his son upon them the Holy Ghost came upon them and they spoke with tongues and prophesied and there were about 12 men when the Holy Spirit comes something outward happens when the Holy Spirit comes usually there's an outward utterance you remember when Luke chapter 1 from verse 40

[53 : 34] Mary enters the house of Elizabeth and then when she greets him she said greetings greetings my relative greetings my sister and Elizabeth Bible says that and when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary the baby in her womb oh my goodness the baby in her womb Elizabeth was filled Elizabeth was filled I can't you Elizabeth was filled now look at the next verse and she spoke out with her Elizabeth she speaking with the loud voice when she was filled with the spirit she spoke out with the loud voice blessed blessed blessed blessed are you amongst women blessed and so you saw in scripture every time people were filled with the spirit of God or the spirit of God came upon people they spoke they spoke out out out out that's why in this classic example in Acts 19 6 when

Paul laid the spirit of God came upon them and they all began they all and they spoke with tongues and prophesied in Acts chapter 2 verse 4 they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they began to speak with tongues in Acts chapter 4 verse 31 and the place where they stood and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and they spoke so I submit to you the baptism of the Holy Spirit is when the Holy Spirit comes upon a human being indwelt by the Spirit for what purpose for the purpose of building God's work being used by God to advance God's agenda God's economy on earth so the Holy Spirit comes upon you said he shall receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you and ye shall be you see that ye shall be witnesses!

unto me in Jerusalem in Judea in Samaria and to the uttermost part of the world this is what we mean when we say the Holy Spirit baptism is not a natural physical baptism it's a spiritual endowment according to Luke chapter 24 verse 49 you shall be endued endued means to be enveloped to be in a certain bubble a bubble to be engulfed another terminology for that engulfed it's like when you are going to give physical offering you put in an envelope when people see the envelope they see but the offering is in the envelope offering has been endued and said when the Holy Spirit comes upon you so you are going to do God's work he endues you envelopes you puts you in the Holy Ghost Bible tell somebody I am in the Holy Ghost Bible I am in the Holy Spirit Bible

Hallelujah that was the last time John the Baptist was ever mentioned in the Bible in Acts 19 verse 3 John was finished your disciples and everybody but Apollos that was the influence of Apollos in Ephesus because he had been preaching preaching preaching he's got some disciples but he didn't have the complete understanding of God's word which includes the cross the resurrection and chiefly the Holy Spirit receiving of the Holy Spirit and so they had to make it complete by letting them receive the Holy Spirit baptism you can tell later on Paul was writing to the church in Corinth influence and why others say I'm Apollos some say I'm of Paul said no Paul plants Apollos waters but God gives it it's not who you are of but it's about God but that tells you Apollos power and influence after he really received the full gospel he was able to do so much because of how much the gospel was living in him what

I'm trying to tell you the Holy Spirit comes upon you economically for God's economy for God's agenda on earth yesterday I told the church workers that God's agenda for you before you were born was not only to save you not only salvation but saving you and using you that's why after you are saved you are still here that's why you need the Holy Spirit whilst you are here so God can use you for good of his church did you receive something let's give Jesus praise hallelujah thank you for listening to this message by David Entry we pray you have been revived towards God you can connect with David Entry on all relevant social media platforms including Instagram and LinkedIn you can also hear more messages from David

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