

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ◆ Jennifer Derrick—more scans Aug. 10th
- ◆ Florene Howze—health problems
- ◆ Finn Lawson—double ear infection
- ◆ Kynlie Lawson—pain after blockage
- ◆ Jim Ward—health problems

Others in Need

- ◆ Janet Andrews—treatments done; biopsy results soon
- ◆ Belinda Crawford—eye issues
- ◆ Elise Davis—hip replacement; in rehabilitation
- ◆ Bob Duke—health problems
- ◆ Wayne and Marie Johnson—improved, but Wayne back in ICU
- ◆ Taylor Mashburn—expecting, also back pain, tooth pain
- ◆ Brenda Mateer—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Thad McCall—health problems
- ◆ Mary Milsted—lung cancer

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- ◆ Robbie Oliver—improving
- ◆ Nola Rowell—passed away
- ◆ Patty Ryan (Stanley Ryan's wife)- 2 new lesions
- ◆ Judy Whitehead—heart problems
- ◆ Brenda Wooten—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Pray for our nation, as chaos and division are rampant in some areas.

Events



October 18-22

Our Gospel Meeting with Joel Wheeler preaching

To Our Visitors



We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

Privileged to Serve



Announcements—Glenn Howze
Song Leading—Sunday—David Howze; Wednesday—Caleb Howze
Serving the Lord's Supper
 Head: Leo Derrick; Helpers: Caleb Howze, Ethan Howze, Josh Lawson
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Mark Howze
 Helper: Caleb Howze
Scripture Reading—Braden Hilburn

Faithful Worship — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Phil. 4:6); **2) Singing** without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); **3) Preaching** God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); **4) Giving** weekly as prospered, cheerfully (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 9:7); **5) The Lord's Supper** on the first day of every week (Matt. 26:26-28; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20-34; 16:2; Heb. 10:23-31).

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Meeting Times

Sundays:

- 10AM Bible Class
- 11AM Worship
- 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

- 7PM Bible Class

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Holy Spirit Baptism, or Water Baptism?

Part 2

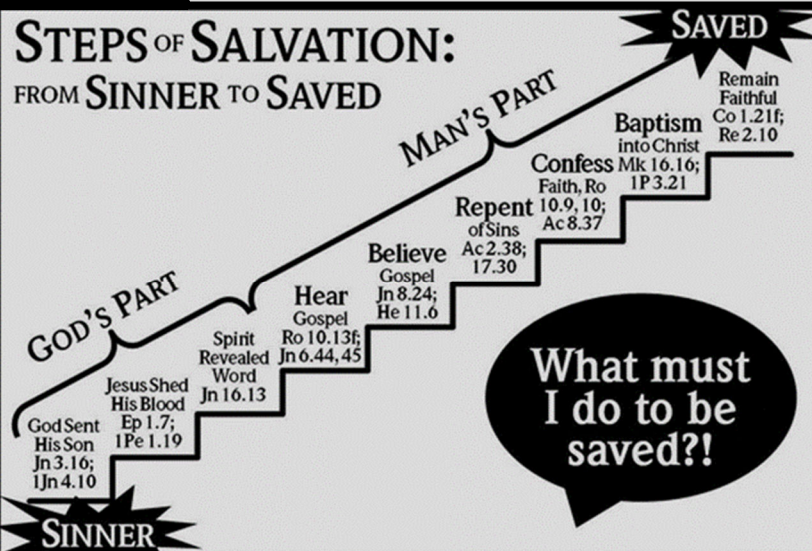
Jason Patrick Hilburn

Being "born of water" to "enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5) is also described as being "washed...in the name of Jesus" to "inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Corinthians 6:9-11). Both passages are referring to the same requirement to enter the kingdom. Therefore, the birth of water in John 3:5 is a washing, not a natural birth from a mother's womb. It is the "washing of water" for sanctification and spiritual cleansing mentioned in Ephesians 5:26 and Hebrews 10:22. Both First Corinthians 6:9-11 and Ephesians 5:26 mention a sanctification and cleansing that involves a washing [of water], and both Jesus and Paul said that is a requirement to go to Heaven (John 3:5; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; cf. Titus 3:5).

The baptism "into Christ" of Galatians 3 is the same baptism "into Jesus Christ" that Paul also referenced in Romans 6. He said it is a burial that causes one to walk in new life. Who has new life? Someone who has just been born of water has new life! (John 3:5). The one with new life is the one who has just entered "into Christ" by baptism and is "a new creature:" "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature..." (2 Corinthians 5:17). Yes, Paul was referring to water baptism in Galatians 3:27, 28, which is the same type of language he was using in First Corinthians 12:13. This is further evidence that the baptism of First Corinthians 12:13

STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED

"...ye were the servants of sin..."
 (Romans 6:17).



"...but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17b-18).

was water baptism, not Holy Spirit baptism.

Holy Spirit baptism was a promise for a select few, but water baptism in the name of Christ (Great Commission baptism) is a command for all men to obey. In water baptism one is saved (1 Peter 3:20, 21), but one cannot be saved while being outside the one body of the saved (Ephesians 5:23). One's sins are washed away by water baptism (Acts 22:16), he is spiritually cleansed by *"the washing of water,"* and since his sins are remitted/forgiven, the Lord adds him to His church (Acts 2:38-41; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 5:26).

With that in mind, it can be logically proven that the baptism of First Corinthians 12:13 must be water baptism. Two things that are equal to the same thing are equal to each other. Stated another way: If A = C, and B = C, then A = B. If water baptism equals salvation (1 Peter 3:20, 21), and being added to Christ's church equals salvation (Ephesians 5:23), then being baptized in water equals being added to Christ's church. Therefore, the phrase *"baptized into one body"* in First Corinthians 12:13 must be referring to water baptism by the instructions of the Spirit, who guided men of the first century A.D. into all truth (John 16:13).

THERE IS ONLY ONE BAPTISM—NOT TWO

Paul mentioned one Spirit and one body in First Corinthians 12:13. The epistle to the Ephesians lists "the seven ones," also telling us there is one Spirit and one body, but it says there is only *"one baptism"* (Ephesians 4:5). It further explains that the one baptism is the washing of water for sanctification and spiritual cleansing, not Holy Spirit baptism! *"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word"* (Ephesians 5:25, 26). Most who are advocating Holy Spirit baptism from passages like First Corinthians 12:13 are also telling people that water baptism should still be performed today. In so doing, they are saying there are two baptisms today, when Paul said there is only *"one baptism"*! One of the easiest ways to detect false teachers is when they say there are two baptisms today, when the Bible plainly says there is only one!

There are several types of baptism found in the Bible, but by the time Paul wrote Ephesians, there was only one left for men on earth—*"the washing of water by the word"* (Ephesians 5:26; cf. 4:5). This one baptism in water, which is for *"every creature"* until the end of the world, must be the type of baptism under consideration in First Corinthians 12:13 (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15, 16).

If anyone today is so careless as to claim that the one baptism is Holy Spirit baptism, he has denied what Paul himself taught in Ephesians; he has rejected the sanctification and cleansing that only comes through *"the washing of water"* (Ephesians 5:26); rejected the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20);

rejected forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38); rejected the only entrance into the one body of the saved (Acts 2:38-41, 47); rejected the Lord's plan for saving man (1 Peter 3:20, 21); and has thus rejected the Lord Himself (Matthew 7:21-23; Luke 6:46; 1 John 2:3-6; 2 John 9-11).

If all Christians were baptized with the Spirit when saved/added to the body, we would know it! That is not the way it happened in the Scriptures, but that is the way some people are interpreting First Corinthians 12:13. If that were the case, as soon as people today became saved, they would do miraculous things like speak in foreign languages they had never studied! (Acts 2:1-11; 10:44-46). That does not happen, and such a doctrine does not harmonize with the Scriptures. As already stated, even when people received miraculous gifts, they were not directly tied to salvation; nor were such gifts received at the exact same time as receiving salvation in the body of Christ, so that interpretation of First Corinthians 12:13 is erroneous.

Being baptized with the Spirit involved receiving miraculous power (Acts 1:4-8; 10:44-47; 11:15, 16) that was only available for a temporary time during the first century A.D. (Zechariah 13:1-3; 1 Corinthians 13:8-12; Ephesians 4:7-16). Since Holy Spirit baptism has ended, and there are no more apostles to lay hands on people, there is no way for anyone to receive miraculous power today! (Acts 1:22; 8:18; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Ephesians 4:5; 5:26). Miracles fulfilled their purpose in revealing and confirming God's Word (John 3:2; Mark 16:20; Acts 2:22; Hebrews 2:3, 4), and Holy Spirit baptism was a part of that temporary, miraculous system of revelation that has now been replaced by the perfect system of revelation, the complete canon of Scriptures, the Holy Bible (1 Corinthians 13:8-12).

By the way, water baptism cannot be the same as *"being baptized with the Holy Ghost."* Those two types of baptism did not happen simultaneously in the Scriptures, and they had completely different purposes and administrators. In Matthew 3:11, John makes it clear that being baptized with the Holy Ghost differs from being baptized in water: *"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"* (Matthew 3:11). Jesus also made this distinction, implying that when the apostles would be baptized with the Holy Ghost, there would be no water involved: *"For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence"* (Acts 1:5), so water baptism and being baptized with the Holy Ghost are not the same.

To be continued next week, Lord willing...

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