

## Prayer List



### Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Covid-19
- ◆ Jennifer Derrick—more scans Aug. 10th 0
- ◆ Florene Howze—health problems
- ◆ Hanna Lawson—surgery Sept. 10
- ◆ Kynlie Lawson—more G.I. tests; dental procedure Aug. 27
- ◆ Jim Ward—health problems

### Others in Need

- ◆ Janet Andrews—treatments done; biopsy results soon
- ◆ Elise Davis—hip replacement; in rehabilitation
- ◆ Bob Duke—health problems
- ◆ Josh Holloway family—Covid-19
- ◆ Wayne and Marie Johnson—improved, but Wayne back in ICU
- ◆ Jeff Mashburn—Covid-19
- ◆ Taylor Mashburn—expecting
- ◆ Brenda Mateer—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Thad McCall—health problems
- ◆ Mary Milsted—lung cancer

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- ◆ Patty Ryan (Stanley Ryan's wife)- 2 new lesions
- ◆ Judy Whitehead—heart problems
- ◆ Brenda Wooten—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Pray for others who are sick, mourning, public servants, gov. leaders, military, those traveling, those lost in sin, our enemies, and the church worldwide.

## 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).

## Events



**October 18-22**  
*Our Gospel Meeting with Joel Wheeler preaching*

## Privileged to Serve

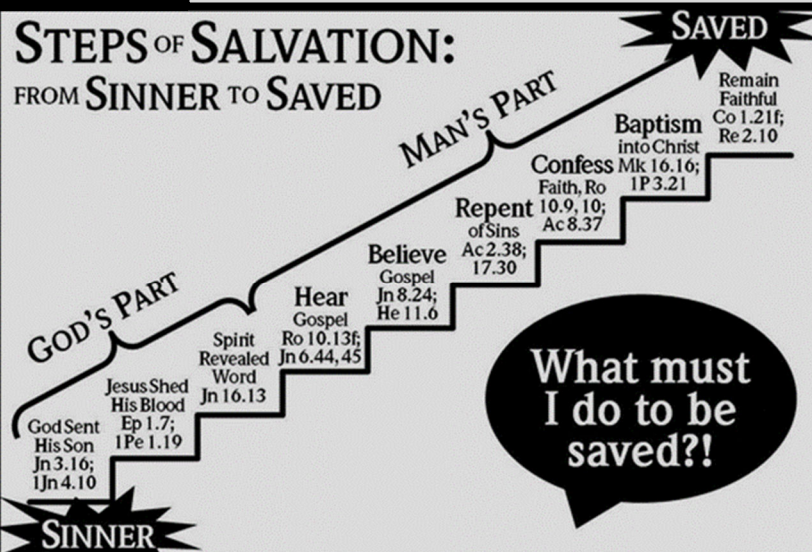


**Announcements**—Leo Derrick  
**Song Leading**—Sunday—David Howze; Wednesday—Mark Howze  
**Serving the Lord's Supper**  
 Head: Glenn Howze; Helpers: Wilfred Derrick, Caleb Howze, Josh Lawson  
**Lord's Supper PM**  
 Head: Leo Derrick  
 Helper: Ethan Howze  
**Scripture Reading**—Braden Hilburn

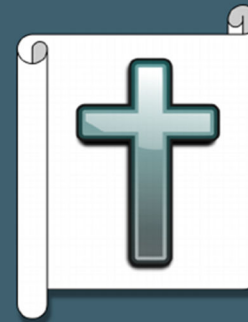
**Faithful Worship** — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Phil. 4:6); **2) Singing** without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); **3) Preaching** God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); **4) Giving** 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).

## 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).



# THE BAKER BULLETIN

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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 3 of 3

Jason Patrick Hilburn

### THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS NOT THE ADMINISTRATOR OF ANY BAPTISM

Paul could not have meant that all Christians are literally "baptized by the Holy Spirit," because the Holy Spirit was not the actual administrator of any kind of baptism. Christ was the administrator of Holy Spirit baptism. John said, "...he [Jesus] shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost..." (Matt. 3:11; Luke 3:16; 24:49; John 1:33; cf. Acts 2:17). Jesus did so by the authority of God the Father (John 14:16, 26, 28; 15:26; Acts 2:33). If men were supposed to be the administrators of Holy Spirit baptism, how could any man even begin to baptize someone with the Holy Spirit? We do not have such power, but we do have power and authority from Christ to baptize penitent believers in water for the forgiveness of their sins (Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:38; 8:36-39). Men are the administrators of Great Commission baptism, which is for all men to obey in every generation, until the end of the world (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15, 16). The phrase "baptized WITH the Holy Ghost" is used in Acts 1:5 and 11:16, but nobody was literally baptized BY the Holy Spirit, as if the Spirit Himself were the administrator; so First Corinthians 12:13 must mean something other than a baptism being literally performed by the Spirit Himself.

### BAPTIZED BY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE SPIRIT

So what DOES Paul mean when he says, "by one Spirit

are we all baptized into one body”? The Bible is its best commentary, therefore, noticing similar passages will help us understand. For example, there is a similar passage in Ephesians: “That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word” (Eph. 5:26). The prepositional phrase “by the Word” in Ephesians 5:26 is like “by one Spirit” in First Corinthians 12:13, with both passages using the same Greek preposition. The phrase means “by (or through) the instructions of the Word,” or “by the instructions of the Spirit.” Through the revealing work of the Spirit, men learned they needed to be “washed in water” to be saved and added to the Lord’s one body. A similar phrase is also used in Hebrews 10:8: “by the law.” The Hebrews writer was referring to animal sacrifices which were “offered by the law.” What did he mean by that? Was the Law of Moses literally offering animal sacrifices, or were people offering animal sacrifices by the instructions of the law? Obviously, the phrase “by the law” means “by the instructions of the law.” The same phrase is used the same way in Hebrews 9:22, meaning “by the instructions, or teaching, of the law.”

Regarding Ephesians 5:26, was the Word of God literally grabbing people and immersing them in water, or were people being baptized “by the instructions of the Word”? Obviously, the phrase “by the Word” means “by the instructions of the word,” and “by one Spirit” means “by the instructions of the Spirit” are we all baptized [in water] into one body. It’s no coincidence Ephesians 5:25, 26 sounds like First Corinthians 12:13. They both mention the church/body, and both mention baptism, but Ephesians makes it clear that the baptism under consideration is “the washing of water,” not being baptized with the Holy Spirit!

Yes, First Corinthians 12:13 is in the context of miraculous gifts, but what was the purpose of those gifts—to entertain and show off, or to teach people the Word of God and confirm that the teachings had come from God? Paul’s emphasis in First Corinthians 14 was that such gifts were to be used in a way that taught, edified, instructed—not in a way that was nonsensical or sensational. No doubt the Holy Spirit spoke through Paul, an inspired apostle, when he first came to Corinth, teaching the Corinthians about Christ and how to be baptized into the one body of the saved (Acts 18:8). Keep that in mind when studying First Corinthians 12:13. Remember, the role of the Holy Spirit in man’s salvation was to reveal and confirm God’s Word to teach people how to get to Heaven, not to be busy baptizing every believer on earth until the end of time! (Matt. 28:18-20; John 16:13; Acts 10:38; 1 Cor. 2:9-13; Heb. 2:3, 4).

### CONCLUSION

The baptism of First Corinthians 12:13 cannot be Holy Spirit baptism because:

- That interpretation would contradict inspired conversion accounts (Acts 8, 19, etc.).
- A very select few received Holy Spirit baptism—not “all” Christians.

- The duty to preach and baptize all nations was given to men, not the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15, 16; Luke 24:47; cf. 1 Cor. 12:13).
- Great Commission baptism is water baptism administered by men for the remission of sins, the entrance into the body of Christ (Luke 24:47; Mark 16:15, 16; Acts 2:38-41, 47; 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:20, 21; Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27; Eph. 5:23, 26).
- Water baptism equals salvation, and being added to Christ’s one body equals salvation, therefore, water baptism equals being added to the one body/church (1 Pet. 3:20, 21; Eph. 5:23).
- There is no Scripture teaching that anyone became saved when they were baptized with the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit was not the administrator when people were “baptized with the Holy Ghost” during the temporary miraculous period; the Spirit was/is not the administrator of water baptism; and the Spirit was never said to be the administrator of any kind of baptism.
- Paul’s language in First Corinthians 12:13 is like Galatians 3:26-28, which was obviously referring to water baptism, when one is born of water and of the Spirit to become a child of God (John 3:5; cf. 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Titus 3:5).
- There is only one type of baptism today, not two—it is “the washing of water” for sanctification and cleansing, by the instructions of the Word (Eph. 4:5; 5:25, 26).
- The phrase “by one Spirit” is like “by the Word” or “by the law,” which means, “by the instructions of the Spirit” (cf. Eph. 5:26; Heb. 9:22; 10:8).
- Ephesians 5:25, 26 sounds like First Corinthians 12:13, mentioning the church and baptism, but Ephesians makes it clear that the baptism under consideration is “the washing of water,” not being baptized with the Holy Spirit.
- The role of the Holy Spirit in man’s salvation was to reveal and confirm God’s Word, not to be busy baptizing every person on earth until the end of time.

All the confusion about First Corinthians 12:13 is removed by rightly dividing the Word and studying how the rest of the Bible harmonizes with this verse. Fanciful interpretations that do not harmonize with the rest of the Bible must be rejected. Water baptism for the forgiveness of sins is the “one baptism” of the Great Commission that will last until the end of the world. Let us all be thankful that the penitent believer willing to confess his faith in Christ to men can be immersed in water, by the instructions of the Spirit, to be added to the one body of the saved! (1 Cor. 12:13; cf. Matt. 10:32; Acts 2:38-41, 47; 8:35-39; 17:30).

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