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Introduction

Not a comprehensive study—HUGE TOPIC—the works of the Holy Spirit span from **Genesis 1** to **Revelation 22**—45 minutes is just enough time to get in trouble.

Topic is not typical to previous systematic studies

But the rise of Pentecostal and Charismatic denominations
is exposing the church to errant teachings.

I was exposed—back when I responded to the gospel—Whiteside CoG.

A probing question?

Have you been baptized in the Holy Ghost?

Our response to that question may confirm the reach of this exposure

And reveals our tendency to throw out a baby with its bathwater

Will come back to this later.

Note: Scripture in this lesson is taken from the NASB

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Grudem: What Does “Baptism in the Holy Spirit” Mean in the New Testament?

What is it?

A. It Is What Jesus Does to **Believers**

Matthew 3:11: [The Baptist] **As for me, I baptize you with [in] water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with [in] the Holy Spirit and fire.**

What is baptism? We are in the right place to ask.

Immersion / Greek = to dip

John said, I immerse you / dip you in water

Jesus will immerse you / dip you in the Holy Spirit and fire!

Greek = *pneuma* – translated: Spirit / breath / wind

Hebrew = *ruach* – translated: Spirit / breath / wind

Let's change our lens—like Jesus changed lens for Nicodemus

You must be born again—born of the Spirit

The Holy Spirit! The Holy Breath!

The Spirit of God! The Breath of God!

He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit / Holy Breath

Life is in the breath—God breathed into Adam / Scripture

But wait—doesn't Scripture say the life is in the blood?

Think about it—what's in the blood??? Oxygen (Breath)

Don't be afraid

I'm not stretching the translation beyond what the Scripture says.

I'm trying to stretch our preconditioning to what the Scripture says.

B. It Is What Jesus Does to **“ALL” Believers**

1 Corinthians 12:12–13: **12 For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and [but] all the members of the [that one] body, though they are [being] many, are one body, so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit [Breath] we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were [have] all [been] made to drink of [into] one Spirit [Breath].**

ALL believers—baptized into one body / made to drink into one Spirit/Breath

Ephesians 4:4–6: 4 *There is one body and one Spirit* [Breath], just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one **Lord**, one **faith**, one **baptism**, 6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

One – One – One – One – One – One – One x7 = 7 Completion!!!

Jesus baptizes ALL believers in one baptism in the Holy Spirit/Breath

Emphasis: One baptism! Beloved, there is no second baptism.

The Pentecostal/Charismatic teaching is that believers should seek a “baptism in the Holy Spirit” after conversion: a second baptism

C. To Be **Baptized In** the Holy Spirit Is to Be **Indwelt With** the Holy Spirit

Not in that they are the same thing—don’t hear what I’m not saying—but in salvation, where you find the occurrence of the one, you will of necessity find the occurrence of the other giving evidence of salvation.

Romans 8:9: *However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit* [Breath], if indeed the Spirit [Breath] of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit [Breath] of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

John 14:16–17: 16 [And] *I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;* 17 *that is the Spirit* [Breath] of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see [behold] Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

Jesus baptizes ALL believers in the Holy Spirit/Breath!

The Holy Spirit/Breath indwells ALL believers.

D. It Is a **Scandal** of the Faith (a **Hijacking** of the Holy Spirit)

This is my observation:

2 Timothy 4:3: *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires*

And here is the scandal of it—as I observe it:

John 4:22–24: 22 *You worship* [that] *what* [which] *you do not know; we worship* [that] *what* [which] *we know, for salvation is from the Jews.* 23 *But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true*

worshippers will [shall] worship the Father in spirit [breath] and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. 24 God is spirit [breath], and those who worship Him must worship in spirit [breath] and truth.

. . . those who worship Him must worship in spirit [breath] and truth.

The Pentecostals/Charismatics hear this and they seek to worship Him in Spirit!!!

We who are not P/C hear this and we seek to worship Him in Truth!!!

I mean hey—we've seen how the P/C's do it, right? That's just weird!!!

Don't want any part of that, right?!?

Now—remember the probing question?

We must not throw out the baby with the bathwater.

The answer to the probing question was: YES! Without hesitation!

If I belong to Him, I have been baptized in the Holy Ghost/Breath!

Beloved, we must not allow our baptism in the Holy Spirit/Breath of God to be defined by the errant teachings of the P/C's.

If I belong to Him, I have been baptized in the Holy Ghost/Breath!

If I belong to Him, I am indwelt by the Holy Ghost/Breath!

We must always be seeking to worship Him in Spirit/Breath AND in Truth! In Truth AND in Spirit/Breath!

Not **spirit** only! Not **truth** only!

Scripture Memory Passage

John 4:24: God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

Filling With the Holy Spirit

Grudem: What Is “Being Filled With the Spirit?”

A. How Jesus **Empowers** “ALL” Believers

Started with His disciples

Acts 1:4–9: 4 [And] Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised,

“Which,” He said, “you heard of from Me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will [shall] be baptized with the Holy Spirit [Breath] not many days from now.”

6 [And] So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; 8 but you will [shall] receive power when the Holy Spirit [Breath] has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

9 And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

Acts 2:2-4: 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit [Breath] and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit [Breath] was giving them utterance.

We get so focused on “other tongues”—we miss the foundational truth . . .

“Being filled” with the Spirit/Breath is receiving power to speak / to witness

A power to speak—a power to be HIS witness

A quick sampling:

Luke 1:15-17: 15 For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother’s womb. 16 And he will turn [back] many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. 17 [And] It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

(John the Baptist—the Voice of one crying in the wilderness...)

Luke 1:41-42: 41 [And it came about that] When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit [Breath]. 42 And she cried out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!”

Luke 1:67–68: 67 **And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit [Breath], and prophesied, saying:**

68 **“Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel
For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people”**

Acts 4:29–31: 29 **“And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, 30 while You [do] extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus.” 31** **And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit [Breath] and *began to speak the word of God with boldness.***

Beloved, I exhort you in the name of our Lord Jesus—be being filled with the Holy Spirit/Breath—like John, Elizabeth, Zacharias—like Peter & John, & disciples—be praying for and be receiving His power to speak the word of God with boldness—as the Spirit/Breath gives you utterance!!!

I exhort you—but the Lord commands you!

B. What Jesus **Commands** to “ALL” Believers

Ephesians 5:18: And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit

Raw Greek: And - no - be ye being drunk - to wine - in - which - is - profligacy - but - be ye being filled - in - Spirit!

profligacy = (shameless dissoluteness); Greek: = *asotia* = unsaved

We’re talking soteriology / that is, we’re talking salvation.

This is the talking a-soteriology / *asotia* is the opposite of salvation

And quickly—lest someone conclude, ‘oh, ok, I get it—so as long as we are teetotalers—NO WINE—we’re good!!!’ (So, beer would be ok, right?!?)

Wine: is a *much* bigger word than just the fruit of a grape

(NO LESSON IS COMPLETE W/OUT A REFERENCE FROM REVELATION)

Revelation 17:1–2: 1 **Then [And] one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, “Come here, I will [shall] show you the judgment of the great harlot [prostitute] who sits on many waters, 2 with whom the kings of the earth committed acts of immorality [prostitution], and those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her immorality [prostitution].”**

Revelation 18:3–5: 3 **“For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality [prostitution], and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality [prostitution] with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality [indulgence].”**

4 [And] **I heard another voice from heaven, saying, “Come out of her, my people, so that you will [may] not participate in her sins and [that you may not] receive of her plagues; 5 for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.”**

Ephesians 5:18: **And do not get drunk with wine** [the fruit of the world’s prostitution], **for that is dissipation** [unsalvation], **but be filled with the Spirit** [Breath]. And receive power to speak the Word of God with boldness as the Spirit/Breath gives you utterance and receive power to be His witnesses (His *martures*).

C. How Jesus **Is Leading** “ALL” Believers

Romans 8:14: **For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.**

are being led = present passive indicative (statement of current fact)

He is leading – but are we following

He is speaking – but are we listening

He is present – but are we acknowledging

D. Repent and Return (**Re-grip**)

A big problem for us is that we have become so very comfortable ignoring Him that we don’t even realize that He is there / here / with us always!

Matthew 28:18–20; 20b: **and lo [be perceiving], I am with you**

Do not ignore Him / acknowledge His presence with you

So much to say—so little time—meet for further discussion in coffee area

Scripture Memory Passage

Romans 8:14: **For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.**

Scripture Meditation Passage

Romans 8