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Truths That Make A Difference: The Spirit Baptism

Isaiah 7:14 - *All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us').*

Matthew 3:16 - *After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him.*

The Indwelling Of His Spirit And The Empowerment Of His Spirit

Luke 4:18-19 - *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free,¹⁹ and that the time of the Lord's favor has come."*

Acts 2:38-39 - *Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."³⁹ This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God."*

The Outpouring Of The Spirit On The Day Of Pentecost

INDWELLING AND POWER

Acts 19:1-7 - *While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior regions until he reached Ephesus, on the coast, where he found several believers.² "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" he asked them. "No," they replied, "we haven't even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."³ "Then what baptism did you experience?" he asked. And they replied, "The baptism of John."⁴ Paul said, "John's baptism called for repentance from sin. But John himself told the people to believe in the one who would come later, meaning Jesus."⁵ As soon as they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.⁶ Then when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in other tongues and prophesied.⁷ There were about twelve men in all.*

Romans 8:9,14-16 - *But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.)*

Acts 1:8 - *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

The Indwelling And The Empowerment Are Two Operations Of The Same Spirit

Matthew 3:11 - *I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.*

Acts 1:5 - *John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.*

GOD'S PROMISE

Ezekiel 36:26,27 - *And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.*

They'll Be Able To Walk Righteously

Joel 2:28-29 - *Then, after doing all those things, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. ²⁹ In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on servants—men and women alike.*

The Receivers Prophecy, Dream, And See Visions

The Baptism Of The Spirit Deepens And Builds Up The Already Indwelling Holy Spirit Within You

Acts 2:4 - *And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.*

1 Corinthians 14:4 - *A person who speaks in tongues is strengthened personally, but one who speaks a word of prophecy strengthens the entire church.*