**Baptism of the Spirit**

Who has been baptized in the Spirit? How can you tell?

Laying the foundations first

Baptism of the Spirit – not a salvation issue

– not a matter of indifference

– not “non-charismatic” vs “charismatic”

**Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

Only 7 references in the Bible

- Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33; Acts 1:5, 11:16; 1 Cor. 12:13

6 of them referencing the same person saying the same thing:

John the Baptist!

* Baptism – conversion & repentance
* Forerunner

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| John the Baptist’s baptism | Jesus’ baptism |
| Water: external, symbolic, picture | HS: internal, transformative, reality |

The Old Testament promises, eg.

Ezekiel 36:26-27, 39:23-29; Isaiah 32:15, 44:3

Pouring out of God’s spirit associated with restoration of God’s kingdom & relationship, new age to come, new covenant etc etc.

→ **Therefore, baptism of the Holy Spirit simultaneous with conversion. Initiatory experience (One-stage view)**

Cf. 1 Cor. 12:13; Romans 8:9

**2 stage view: baptism of the Holy Spirit is distinct and *subsequent* to conversion.**

Wesley > Holiness movement > Classic Pentecostals

1. Subsequence
2. Initial evidence: tongues

Implication of 2-stage view for the Christian life = Christians divided into two groups

*Does the 2-stage view hold up?*

Acts 1:3-8, 2:32-33, 38-39

Acts 8:14-17 (Samaritans)

Acts 19:1-6 (“disciples” of John the Baptist)

Application

**Being filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:15-21)**

Who has influence? (5:18)

Fulness language in Ephesians (3:16-19, 4:13)

Christ-like in our relationships (5:19-21)

Truly wanting Jesus to feel at home