

Baptism and the Holy Spirit

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Acts 19:1-7, *“It happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus, and found some disciples. ² He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said to him, “No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.” ³ And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” And they said, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴ Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵ When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying. ⁷ There were in all about twelve men.”*

Types of Baptisms

1. Baptism of John the Baptist

2. Baptism of Jesus preached by the Apostles.

Acts 2:41 – the baptism of 3,000

Acts 8:13 – the baptism of Simeon the Magician

Acts 8:38 – the baptism of the Eunuch

So what are some practical applications from this text?

1. The Holy Spirit is Received at Baptism

Acts 2:38, *“Peter said to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”*

2. There is Only One Effective Baptism

Ephesians 4:5, *“One Lord, one faith, one baptism.”*

3. Obedience Trumps Sincerity

Acts 5:32, *“We are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.”*