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## BAPTISM

Baptism is an outward testimony of the work which has been accomplished in the believer's life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ; specifically the remission of sins and victory over death.

The word "baptism" is taken from the Greek "*baptismos*" which is believed to mean, "to dip completely or immerse." Most "born again" believers believe that baptism should involve full immersion in water, as best representing the believer being lowered into Christ's death and being raised again from death and sin.

1. Why should all Christians be baptized? Who commanded this? (Matt 28:18-20)

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2. Which three divine personalities are the believer brought in contact with in baptism?

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3. When the believer is immersed in water he is partaking in two aspects of Christ's ministry. They are: (Romans 6:4 and Col. 2:12)

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

4. If the believer is a partaker of Christ's death and resurrection (as a result of baptism), what effect does this have on his life? (Romans 6:5-11)

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5. What two actions must precede baptism?  
(Mark 16:16) \_\_\_\_\_

(Acts 2:38) \_\_\_\_\_

***As part of your water baptism we would also like to pray for you to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. BEFORE the service on the day you are getting water baptized we would like to pray over you for this experience.***

The baptism of the Holy Spirit was the source of Jesus' power and the key to His effective ministry. When He became man He emptied Himself of His power as God, He did not perform any miracles until after He was baptized in Holy Spirit.

Read Acts 1:4-8. What did Jesus say would happen to the disciples after they received this "power?"

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The word “power” is dunamois in the Greek. It is the same word that we get our English word dynamite from. It is explosive or releasing power. In Acts 2:1-4 when the baptism of the Holy Spirit came it was like an explosion in their lives. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is when you experience explosive power. The baptism releases you to function in supernatural ways, like Jesus and disciples. The twelve fearful apostles were mightily changed after they were baptized in the Holy Spirit. A changed life should follow after you receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The baptism helps us to be His witnesses. It gives us boldness to speak the good news. It empowers us to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help others.

The Holy Spirit indwells us when we receive Christ, but to be empowered with gifts of the Holy Spirit we need to be baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Which spiritual gift most commonly appears with Baptism of the Holy Spirit?  
(Acts 10:44-46; 19:6) \_\_\_\_\_

List nine gifts of the Spirit found in 1 Cor. 12:8-11

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| 4) _____ | 5) _____ | 6) _____ |
| 7) _____ | 8) _____ | 9) _____ |

For what purpose are spiritual gifts given? 1 Cor. 12:7, 14:12  
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Does God intend that all Christians have every spiritual gift? (1 Cor. 12:4-6, 18-20)  
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How does one receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit? (Acts 8:15; 4:31; 19:2-6)  
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Have you ever been baptized in the Holy Ghost? When? Did you notice any significant changes as a result?  
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What signs should follow every believer? Should these happen once in a lifetime or regularly? Mark. 16:15-18  
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Write your personal testimony on how you became a Christian.