

Sermon Notes

By Fire - Luke 3:16

September 27, 2026

I. Introduction

Water baptism does not save us. It is an outward picture of what Christ has done in our hearts. Water baptism after salvation has its place. But the primary baptism we need is the baptism that comes thru Jesus into the Holy Spirit. It is supernatural and must be taken care of by Christ. Randy Smith

- a. several types of baptisms in the bible... by HS into family... by pastor/leader into water... by Jesus into Holy Spirit... separate, unique, distinct... not denominational, but biblical... Mark 1:8... "I baptize you with water... but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit..." Luke 3:16... "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire..." Acts 8:26-39... "look, there's water... what would keep me from being baptized..." Acts 10:47-48... "can anyone withhold water... be baptized in the name of Jesus..." Rom 6:3-6... "all of us were baptized into Christ... buried with Him... raised with Him..." 1Cor 12:12-14... "we were all baptized by one Spirit into one family..."
- b. family baptism is first and saves us... water baptism follows and identifies us as family... John 6:40-47... "everyone and anyone who believes in Jesus has eternal life..." Acts 8:38-39... "went down into the water... came up out of the water..." Acts 18:8... "when they heard... they believed and were water baptized..." Rom 10:9-10... "confess with mouth... believe in heart... you will be saved..."
- c. disagreement and etp on every one of the baptisms... biggest misunderstanding probably is with Spirit baptism... important we get our info from the Bible, not religion... pray... Hos 4:6... "people are destroyed because of lack of knowledge... rejected knowledge..." Acts 17:11... "listened eagerly... searched Scriptures daily... to see if it was true..." 1Cor 8:2... "if anyone thinks he knows anything... doesn't yet know it as he ought to..." Eph 4:18... "understanding darkened... excluded from life of God... by ignorance and unbelief..."

II. By Fire

- a. all Christians are family baptized... most probably water baptized... but still something is missing... something extremely powerful and biblical... totally different than those... but absolutely critical for power and victory in this life... baptism by Jesus into HS... Matt 3:11... "He Himself will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire..." John 7:39... "those who believed were going to receive the Spirit... but not yet given..." Acts 8:12-17... "believed... baptized in name of Jesus... prayed to receive Holy Spirit..." Acts 18-19... believed... were water baptized... laid hands and the HS came on them..."
- b. not just for apostles... Matt 3 is before any were called... Acts 8 was 5 years after Pentecost... Acts 19 was 25 years after... and the church was still preaching the need to be baptized into the Holy Spirit... why, because Spirit baptism empowers you... Acts 1:8... "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you..."
- c. Jesus did miracles... apostles did miracles... early church did miracles... blind saw, deaf heard, lame walked, dead rose... why aren't we seeing that as much today... John 14:12... "one who believes... will do the works I do... do greater works than these..." John 21:25... "if everything Jesus did was written... not enough books to contain..."

- d. could it be... we are not operating in the same power they had... for instance, how was Jesus able to perform miracles... was it simply because He was God... or how were the apostles and early church able to do miracles... was it because they were with Jesus... Acts 3... "why are you amazed... as though we made him walk by our own power or godliness..." Acts 14:8-20... "why are you worshipping us... we are men just like you..." Phil 2:7... "He emptied Himself... by taking on the likeness of men..." kenoo... lay aside equality with God; deprive of force; make of no effect...
- e. miracles Jesus did... He did as a man empowered by the Spirit... not as God... Matt 3:13-17... "after Jesus was baptized... the HS came down and rested on Him..." Luke 4:14-19... "Jesus was filled with HS power... Spirit is on Me and has anointed Me..." Acts 10:36-38... "God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power..." chrio... furnish Jesus with necessary power; give Christians the gift of the Holy Spirit...
- f. miracles apostles did... miracles we do today are only possible with the power of HS... that power is provided to us when we are baptized by Jesus into the Holy Spirit... Acts 1:5-8... "be baptized with the Spirit... receive power when the HS comes on you..." dynamis... power, ability; power for performing miracles; moral, physical, financial power... 2Cor 1:20-22... "God anointed us... put His Spirit into our hearts..." chrio... furnish Jesus with necessary power; give Christians the gift of the Holy Spirit... 1John 2... "you have an anointing... anointing remains in you... anointing teaches you..." chrisma... special endowment of the Holy Spirit...
- g. if you haven't experienced this... etp is fighting hard... *this is unnecessary, blasphemous, crazy, not for me*... it's actually biblical, normal, necessary if you want to operate in a new level of spiritual power... HS in me at salvation... me in HS at Spirit baptism... Luke 3:22... "HS descended on Him... *You are My beloved Son*..." Acts 2:1-4... "tongues, like fire, rested on them... all were filled with the Holy Spirit..." Acts 8:14-17... "prayed to receive HS... HS had not yet come on them... received HS..." Acts 10:43-48... "HS came down... Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles..." Acts 19:1-6... "did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed... no, we hadn't even heard there is a HS, we were baptized into John's baptism... Paul laid hands on them... HS came on them..."
- h. can't understand this naturally... comes thru supernatural revelation of the Spirit... why would a believer make this choice... are there any other blessings from this baptism...
Sharing Good News / Speaking in Tongues
Matt 10:20... "not you who speak... but the Spirit of our Father in you..." Luke 12:12... "the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what must be said..." Acts 2:1-4... "filled with the HS... began to speak in tongues... as Spirit gave them the ability..." Acts 19:6... "Paul laid hands on them... HS came on them... began to speak in tongues..."
Improved Communication with God
Rom 8:26... "HS helps us... when we don't know what to pray... HS Himself prays for us..." 1Cor 14:2... "talking only to God... speaking by the power of the Holy Spirit..." Eph 5:17-20... "understand what God wants you to do... *be being* filled with the Holy Spirit..."
Bold in Persecution / More Power in Spiritual Warfare
Acts 3... "you denied Holy One... you killed source of Life... repent and turn back..." Acts 4... "by what power did you heal... filled with the Holy Spirit... *by the name of Jesus*..." Acts 13... "filled with the HS... stared at sorcerer... *you son of the devil*... many believed..."
- i. so what now... how do you get baptized by Jesus into the Spirit... pray...
Wait - Acts 1:4-8... "do not leave... wait for the gift the Father has promised..."
Be Open - Acts 19:1-6... "haven't heard there is a HS... when they heard... HS came..."
Ask - 1John 5:14-15... "ask anything according to His will... you'll have what you ask..."
Lay Hands - Acts 8:4-17... "Peter laid hands on them... they received the Holy Spirit..."