

From the journals of John Wesley: "Sunday a.m., May 5-Preached at St. Ann's; was asked not to come back anymore. Sunday p.m., May 5-Preached at St. John's; deacons said, 'Get out and stay out.' Sunday a.m., May 12-Preached at St. Jude's; can't go back there either. Sunday p.m., May 12 -Preached at St. George's; kicked out again. Sunday a.m., May 19-Preached at St. Somebody Else's; deacons called a special meeting and said I couldn't return. Sunday p.m., May 19 - Preached on street; kicked off the street. Sunday a.m., May 26-Preached out in a meadow; chased out of meadow when a bull was turned loose during the service. Sunday a.m., June 2-Preachd out at the edge of town; kicked off the highway. Sunday p.m., June 2-Afternoon service, preached in pasture; 10,000 people came."

John Wesley

LESSON TWELVE

ARE THE BORN-AGAIN EXPERIENCE AND THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT THE SAME OR TWO SEPARATE WORKS?

Are they the same? ABSOLUTELY NOT! And scripture proves it! I take the liberty to include writings from Don Van Hoozier from his Holy Spirit Lab. Brother Don, now with the Lord, was at High Point Church in Macon for over 50 years. This handout, my Lesson Twelve, quotes verbatim from Brother Don's writings:

There is a difference between receiving *pardon* and *power*. We looked previously at the life of the Pattern Son, our Lord, and saw that though He was conceived of the Holy Spirit, He did not enter into His ministry until at His baptism in water when the Holy Spirit came upon Him (Matthew 3 & 4). We saw also that Jesus came to His disciples in an upper room where they were hidden for fear of the Jews, breathed upon them and commanded (imperative-2nd aorist-*always* followed by immediate obedience) them to receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:22). Later after giving instructions that they were to go into all the world and preach, He told them they were *not* to go until the Holy Spirit had come upon them or until they had been *baptized* in the Holy Spirit (Acts 1). Both our Lord and the disciples did not enter into ministry until they were supernaturally endued with a spiritual power that was in every way superior to the spiritual power of Satan, the present ruler of this age (1st Corinthians 2:8 & Ephesians 2:2). Without it they could not have been successful. And even with it, all were not healed or delivered because all did not come for help. If Jesus were here today, He would not go to the hospitals and heal everyone by the power of the Spirit for some are not willing to give up what makes them sick, some enjoy the attention their sickness brings, some do not believe He is able, some are going to continue to please self and walk in willful disobedience, etc.

Nothing has been so obscured by the adversary as the simplicity of God's great gift of the Spirit to His people, and with intent, for the man who is filled with the Spirit is empowered for a service, which must materially injure the kingdom of darkness.

The gift of the Holy Spirit is not apart from salvation, but it is a part of salvation. Note the analogy between the gift of eternal life and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

LIFE IN CHRIST

- *The promise of life which is in Christ* (2nd Timothy 1:1)
- *Life through His name* (John 20:31)
- *Peace to them that are afar off* (Ephesians 2:17)

- *The gift of God is eternal life.* (Romans 6:23)
- *By grace are ye saved through faith.* (Ephesians 2:8)
- *God sent forth His Son.* (Galatians 4:4)
- Invitation to come for rest of soul: *Come unto Me.* (Matthew 11:28)
- Salvation: *To them that obey Him.* (Hebrews 5:9)

THE HOLY SPIRIT

- *The promise of the Father* (Acts 1:4)
- *The Holy Ghost whom the Father will send in My name* (John 14:26)
- *The promise is to them that are afar off.* (Acts 2:39)
- *The gift of the Holy Spirit* (Acts 2:38)
- *The promise of the Spirit through faith* (Galatians 3:14)
- *God sent forth the Spirit of His Son.* (Galatians 4:6)
- Invitation to receive the Spirit: *Come unto Me.* John 7:37
- The Holy Spirit given *to them that obey Him.* (Acts 5:32)

So are the *Born-Again Experience* and the *Baptism in the Holy Spirit* one and the same experience. Do believers get it all when *born again*, as some denominations teach? Absolutely not, as any serious Truth seeker can infer from a study of the Scriptures. It is true that we cannot receive Christ Jesus in our hearts except by the Holy Spirit, and every believer tabernacles the Holy Spirit in his or her “spirit man.” However, the baptism or infilling of the Spirit is a unique experience that comes after the born again experience, sometimes almost simultaneously but still following but most commonly it come sometimes weeks, months or years later, and some believers never enter in to this experience either through ignorance (they are never taught that there is such an experience) or prejudice (they are taught that the experience is invalid at best and demonic at worst) or through complacency and apathy (they have no real desire to walk in the things of the Spirit).

To continue on with the teaching from High Point:

Paul’s filling with the Holy Spirit (or his baptism in the Holy Spirit) came after his conversion. On the Damascus Road he was converted (Acts 9:6). Three days afterward Ananias came to him and said, “*Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way, as thou camest, hast sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit* (Acts 9:17b).

Cornelius was baptized in the Holy Spirit after his conversion (Acts 10:44-48).

The Bible types in Exodus 29:4, 21, and Leviticus 14:13-18 show that the baptism in the Holy Spirit is subsequent to the new birth. *And Aaron and his sons, thou [Moses] shalt bring unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation and shalt wash them with water* (Exodus 29:4). Water here is a symbol of the new birth (Titus 3:5). And we read in Exodus 29:21: *And thou [Moses] shalt take of the anointing oil and sprinkle it upon Aaron and his garments and upon his sons and upon the garments of his sons with him; and he will be hallowed and his garments and his sons and his sons’ garments.* First came the washing, then the anointing oil (typical of the Holy Spirit).

In Leviticus 14:13-18, the leper (leprosy types of sin) had to have the blood of the trespass offering applied before the priest could anoint his right ear, right thumb, right toe and head with oil. Charles Henry MacIntosh says, “It is deeply interesting to see that oil was put upon the trespass offering. The blood of Christ is the divine basis of the operations of the Holy Ghost. The oil could not have been put upon the leper until the blood of the trespass offering had been applied. Ephesians 1:13 *...in whom also, AFTER THAT YE BELIEVED, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.*”

[Ephesians 1:13 can be translated (the same aorist participle as in Acts 19:2) *having previously believed.*]

Acts 8:14-17 makes it clear that the Born Again Experience and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit are two separate experiences: *Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John, who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit; for as yet He was fallen upon none of them; only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

Acts 19:1-7 also shows clearly that these are two separate experiences: *And it came to pass that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul, having passed through the upper borders, came to Ephesus, and finding certain disciples, he said unto them, "Have you received the Holy Spirit SINCE YE BELIEVED"? And they said unto him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is any Holy Spirit." And he said unto them, "Unto what, then, were you baptized?" And they said, "Unto John's baptism," Then said Paul, "John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people that they should believe on Him who should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands, upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.*

A.J. Gordon (a Baptist preacher of the late 1800s): *It [the Baptism in the Holy Spirit] is a subsequent operation-it is an additional and separate blessing; ...I do not mean to deny that the gift of the Holy Spirit may be practically on the same occasion, but never in the same moment as our conversion.*

F.B. Meyer (a Baptist minister in the early 1900s who left the Baptist to pastor a nondenominational church in England, Meyer was a close friend with the American evangelist Dwight L. Moody): *Jesus Christ was conceived of the Holy Ghost, and for thirty years Jesus was led and taught by the divine Spirit. Was He not one with the Holy Ghost? Certainly. Why then must he be anointed? Because His human nature needed to be empowered by the Spirit, before even He could do successful service to this world. Jesus waited for thirty years until He was anointed, and only then did He say, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, and He hath anointed Me..."*

R.A. Torrey, D.D. (Congregational minister who became a worldwide evangelist, president of the Moody Bible Institute and founder of Biola University): *See how He came on the day of Pentecost! It is not carnal to pray that He may come again and that the place may be shaken. I believe Pentecost was but a specimen day. I think the Church has made this woeful mistake that Pentecost was a miracle never to be repeated. I have thought too that Pentecost was a miracle that is not to be repeated. I believe now if we looked on Pentecost as a specimen day and began to pray, we should have the old Pentecostal fire here....*