

BAPTIZED FOR POWER

- I. The Contemporary Confusion over the Holy Spirit
 - A. In relation to His Deity
Note His characteristics, activities, associations.
 - B. In relation to His "coming"
John 14:23; 15:26; 16:8, 13. How can an omnipresent being "come"?
 - C. In relation to His baptizing
Water or Spirit?

Baptized or filled?

What about tongues?
- II. The Promise of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit
 - A. The promise given by God to John, John 1:33
 - B. The promise given by John to the enquirers, Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16
 - C. The promise given by the Lord to the apostles, Acts 1:5
 - D. The promise fulfilled on the day of Pentecost, Acts 11:15-16
- III. Some Features of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit
 - A. It did not occur in O.T. times
 - B. All believers experience it

Stated in I Cor. 12:13; implied in Eph. 4:5; inferred from lack of exhortations
 - C. It happens whether we realize it or not
 - D. There is only one baptism, not two.
- IV. The Practical Ramifications of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit
 - A. It unites us to one another, I Cor. 12:13

Practical points: unity and service
 - B. It unites us to the risen Christ, Rom. 6:1-13
 1. Shall we keep on practicing sin (v. 2)?
 2. Why is the life of sin no longer possible (v. 3)?
 3. What is the new sphere of our life (vv. 3-4)?
 4. How can I make this practical in my life (vv. 11-13)?

Baptism gives us a position in Christ; that position gives us power.