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## **Baptisms in Christ Jesus – Biblical Examples**

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In the Bible, believers are introduced to **three important baptisms** that help them grow spiritually and walk in the fullness of what Jesus Christ accomplished. These baptisms are not about religion or rituals alone—they are **spiritual experiences that shape a believer’s identity, power, and obedience to God.**

A simple way to show this:

- **One baptism is connected with salvation and baptized into Christ Jesus (Mark 16:16, Rom 6:3-4)**
- **One baptism identifies you – Baptized by one Spirit into one body (1 Cor 12:13)**
- **One baptism empowers and purifies you – (Acts 1:5,8, Matt 3:11, Luke 3:16)**

## **The Three Baptisms in the Bible**

### **1. Baptism into Christ (Salvation Baptism)**

**This happens when a person believes in Jesus and is born again.**

*Scripture:*

“By one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.” — 1 Corinthians 12:13

#### **How This Baptism Works**

When someone places their faith in Jesus Christ, the **Holy Spirit spiritually places them into the Body of Christ.**

This means:

- Your sins are forgiven
- You receive eternal life
- You become a child of God
- You belong to Christ

This baptism is **done by the Holy Spirit**, not by water.

#### **Example in the Bible**

In **Acts 10**, when Cornelius and his household believed the gospel preached by Peter the Apostle, they were saved and received the Spirit.

### **Benefits**

- New identity in Christ
- Forgiveness of sins
- Eternal life
- Adoption into God's family

### **Discipleship Motivation**

Explain to new believers:

**“You are no longer the person you used to be. You are now IN Christ.”**

This builds **confidence in salvation** and removes spiritual insecurity.

## **2. Baptism in Water**

**This is the believer’s public declaration of faith.**

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It visually demonstrates what happened spiritually at salvation.

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### **Another example:**

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- Public testimony of faith
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## **3. Baptism with the Holy Spirit**

**This baptism empowers believers for ministry and spiritual power.**

### **Scripture:**

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.” — Acts 1:8

### **How This Baptism Works**

Jesus Christ is the one who baptizes believers with the Holy Spirit.

### **This experience releases:**

- spiritual power
- boldness
- spiritual gifts
- deeper intimacy with God
- burning passion for prayer (Acts 4:31)
- empowerment for spiritual gifts (1 Cor 12) to serve people and build the church

- Romans 5:5 - “The love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit.”
- Believers begin to show greater compassion, forgiveness, and kindness.

### **Example in the Bible**

On the day of Pentecost in Acts 2, the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages.

People from many nations were in Jerusalem during Pentecost, and they suddenly heard the disciples speaking **in their own languages**.

The crowd said:

“We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues.” (Acts 2:11)

This miracle showed several things:

#### **1. The Gospel Was for All Nations**

God was announcing that the message of Jesus Christ would now go to the entire world.

#### **2. The Holy Spirit Gives Supernatural Ability**

The disciples spoke languages they had never learned.

#### **3. The Church Was Empowered for Global Mission**

The Spirit empowered believers to spread the gospel across cultures and nations.

After this experience:

- They preached boldly
- Miracles happened
- Thousands were saved

### **Benefits**

- Spiritual boldness

- Power for witnessing
- Supernatural gifts
- Deeper prayer life

### **Discipleship Motivation**

- **“You are not called to serve God in your own strength.”**
- The Holy Spirit gives believers **supernatural ability to live the Christian life.**
- The goal of the Holy Spirit baptism is not just an experience.
- The goal is **transformation.**

### **How the Three Baptisms Glorify Jesus Christ**

Each baptism reveals something powerful about Jesus Christ.

- 1. Salvation Baptism - Shows Jesus as Savior.**
- 2. Water Baptism - Shows Jesus as Lord.**
- 3. Holy Spirit Baptism - Shows Jesus as the One who empowers His church.**

Together, they demonstrate the **full work of Christ in a believer's life.**

### **What Is the Baptism of Fire?**

The **fire** symbolizes **purification, transformation, and spiritual zeal.**

Jesus said, “Zeal for your house has consumed Me” (fire of the Father’s presence by the Holy Spirit).

Throughout the Bible, fire represents God's holy presence.

### **Examples:**

- God appeared to Moses in the **burning bush**
- God led Israel with a **pillar of fire** at night
- Fire fell from heaven in the ministry of **Elijah**

Fire represents:

- 🔥 purification
- 🔥 refining
- 🔥 spiritual passion
- 🔥 holiness

Just like gold is purified in fire, God **uses spiritual fire to refine believers.**

### **Victory Over Sin through baptism of fire**

The fire of the Spirit purifies the believer's life.

### **The Holy Spirit helps believers:**

- resist temptation
- grow in holiness
- pursue righteousness

This produces the **fruit of the Spirit.**

#### **1. Desire the Gift**

I encourage every believer to sincerely desire the Spirit's fullness.

#### **Step 2: Ask in Faith**

Pray something like:

"Lord Jesus, You promised the gift of the Holy Spirit. I receive this promise by faith today. Fill me with Your Spirit and ignite Your fire in my life."

#### **Step 3: Surrender to the Spirit**

I encourage every believer to:

- Worship God
- Pray freely
- Allow the Spirit to move within you.