



**Is there a
baptism
with the
Holy Spirit ?**

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The promise: Jesus will baptize us with the Holy Spirit

“I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.”

Matthew 3:11



The promise: Jesus will baptize us with the Holy Spirit

“On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 1:4-5



'Baptism' : a source of controversy !

'Receive'

- ❖ Used for both inward and outward work of the Spirit

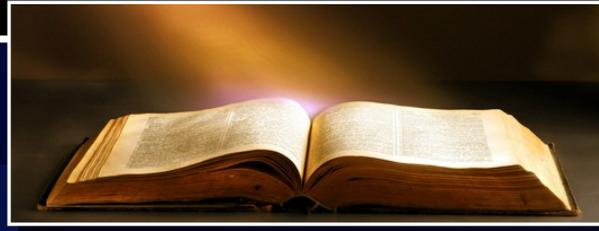
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- ❖ Inward work (salvation, fruit, character)
- ❖ Outward work (power, anointing, gifts)

'Baptism' ...?



**EXAMPLES
LUTHER, WESLEY & HASLAM**





Luther & Wesley (1)



Luther, been a priest for 12 years: I greatly longed to understand Paul's Epistle to the Romans and nothing stood in the way but that one expression, "The justice of God"... Night and day I pondered until I saw the connection between the justice of God and the statement that "the just shall live by faith." Then I grasped that the justice of God is that righteousness by which through grace and sheer mercy God justifies us through faith. Thereupon I felt myself to be **reborn** and to have gone through open doors into paradise.



Luther & Wesley (2)



Wesley, struggling that he did not have the faith to continue to preach. Advice from friend: “Preach faith till you have it, and then because you have it, you will preach faith”. He led a prisoner to Christ, by preaching faith in Christ alone for forgiveness of sins. Prisoner was immediately converted, but John struggled on.

“I Felt My Heart Strangely Warmed”

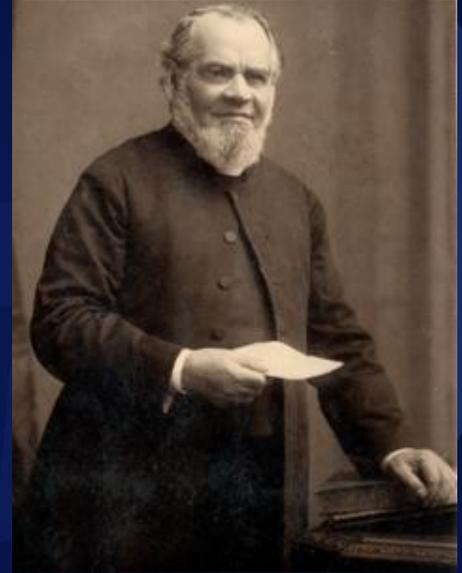
Journal excerpt: In the evening (May 24, 1738) I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther’s preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, *I felt my heart strangely warmed*. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me



William Haslam:



"The Parson is Converted!"



"What think ye of Christ?"

The Rev William Haslam was an English country parson whose story is told in two autobiographical volumes - 'From Death into Life' and 'Yet not I'.

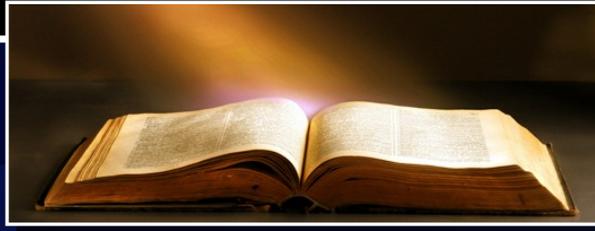
One Sunday in 1851 following a period of deep conviction of sin, Haslam ascended into the pulpit of Baldhu church near Truro with the intention of telling his congregation that he would not preach again to them until he was saved and to ask them to pray for his conversion.

However, when he began to preach on the text 'What think ye of Christ' he saw himself as a Pharisee who did not recognise that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God. At that moment, the Holy Spirit breathed new life into him and the effect was so obvious and marked that a local preacher who was present stood up and shouted 'the Parson is converted' and the people rejoiced 'in Cornish style'.

Others were also converted on that day, including members of his own household, others fled from the church in fear. A revival followed that blessed Sunday that lasted for three years during which time souls were saved weekly, often daily.



R.A. TORREY
1856 – 1928

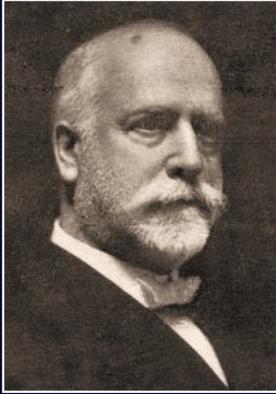


Theologian of Moody & Shanky revival



R.A.Torrey

...the need for the Spirit



R.A.Torrey

“I had been a minister for some years before I came to the place where I saw that I had no right to preach until I was definitely baptized with the Holy Ghost. Then just as far as I could, I shut myself up alone in my study and spent the time continually on my knees asking God to baptize me with the Holy Spirit. ...”



R.A.Torrey

...the occasion of his baptism

“It was a very quiet moment, one of the most quiet moments I ever knew; indeed, I think one reason I had to wait so long was because it took that long before my soul could get quiet before God. Then God simply said to me, not in any audible voice, but in my heart, ‘It’s yours. Now go and preach.’”

R.A. Torrey - The Holy Spirit : Who He Is and What He Does



R.A. Torrey

...the results of his baptism

“God gave me what I sought, I was ‘baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ And the result was a transformed Christian life and a transformed ministry. Then I began to tell others of what I had found in the Word of God, first in very small circles, then in larger circles, then in much wider circles, and at last it was my privilege to tell it literally around the globe.”



R.A.Torrey

...his teaching about the baptism

“The baptism with the Holy Spirit is an operation of the Holy Spirit distinct from and additional to his regenerating work. A man may be regenerated by the Holy Spirit and still not be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

In regeneration there is the impartation of life by the Spirit's power, and the one who receives it is saved; in the baptism with the Holy Spirit there is an impartation of power and the one who receives it is fitted for service.”



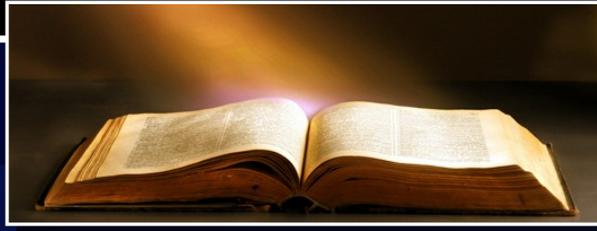
R.A.Torrey

...the significance of his experience

- ❖ “Naked faith” ...not tongues or emotions
- ❖ Thoroughly Reformed, Biblical teaching
- ❖ Equipping for ministry – teaching & evangelism
- ❖ Happened before 1900
(before *Pentecostalism* !)



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT ?





'Baptism' ...as used by Jesus

"John's baptism—
was it from heaven,
or from men?"

Luke 20:4

- ❖ A purification rite
done with water





'Baptism' ...as used by Jesus

"I have a baptism to undergo,
and how distressed I am until
it is completed!"

Luke 12:50

- ❖ Initiated into, overwhelmed
by, obedient suffering on the
cross



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Baptism with the Spirit – his outward, empowering work

“You are witnesses of these things.
I am going to send you what my
Father has promised; but stay in
the city until you have been clothed
with power from on high.”

Luke 24:48-49





Baptism with the Spirit – his outward, empowering work

“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.”

“...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:4-5,8





Baptised with the Spirit on the day of Pentecost

- ❖ Acts 2:4 says they were “filled with the Spirit” at Pentecost

“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.’ So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us...”

Acts 11:15-17

- ❖ Peter describes Cornelius’ experience and their Pentecost experience as “baptised with the Spirit” (*ie: empowerment*)



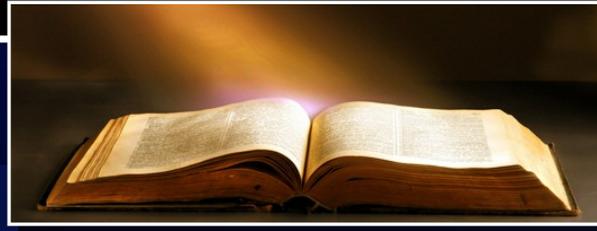
Baptism with the Spirit

3 Biblical conclusions...

1. This belongs to the outward empowering work of the Spirit
2. Being baptised with the Spirit is a definite occurrence – it happens
3. The one promised result is: empowered to be witnesses



**THREE DIFFERENT VIEWS OF THE
EMPOWERING WORK OF THE SPIRIT**





Holiness Pentecostal view



Traditional Evangelical view



Dunamis Course view

