

For Our Information

Joyce Venable is still dealing with a cough.

John LaValla is dealing with a sore throat again.

Carolynn Richmond is to return to Houston for some testing this week.

Ruben & Brenda Keisler are back in the States from their cruise. As of this writing their flights have been delayed due to the weather.

Remember one another as we pray to the Father each day

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We want opportunities to speak with others about our work in the Lord's Kingdom.

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the Holy Spirit. He promised the Apostles this (**Acts 1:4-8**). They were to wait in Jerusalem for it. There are no instructions for us on how to get the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We are beneficiaries of the Apostles and Cornelius' experience. Through them we get the Spirit-confirmed message on how to be saved from sin. Their miraculous experience confirms to us what we are to do to be saved (**Acts 2:37-38,41; 10:47-48; Mk.16:15-16; Acts 22:16**). No one today needs the same miraculous experience. We simply obey the Spirit confirmed message. The gift of the Holy Spirit is the salvation the Spirit promised (**Acts 2:16-17,21**). Those who call on the name of the Lord are those who repent and are baptized (calling on the name of the Lord) (**Acts 2:38; 22:16; Col. 2:12**). Those who so call upon the name of the Lord do so because the Spirit poured out upon the Apostles instructs on how to call upon the Lord, when to call upon the Lord, and why they should call upon the Lord in baptism.

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Seeking His Righteousness

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Baptism of the Holy Spirit

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When one examines the incidents of baptism in the Holy Spirit, we learn the following:

1. Men did not administer the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Jesus did this directly from heaven. **Matt.3:11**

2. Something audible occurred. When the Apostles at Pentecost received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, "a sound from heaven" suddenly came that was so loud that it "filled the whole house" and attracted the attention of a multitude of people (**Acts 2:1-6**).

3. Something visible occurred. At the Apostles' baptism of the Holy Spirit, "divided tongues, as of fire," appeared and sat upon each of the Apostles (**Acts 2:3**).



For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

1Corinthians 12:13



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4. Something miraculous occurred. Obviously, both the sounds and sights referenced above were miraculous. However, note also that after both the Apostles and Cornelius received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, they also miraculously received the ability to speak foreign languages (**Acts 2:4-11, 10:46**). There was no laying on of hands involved in these cases, though they were involved in other cases that were not a direct baptism from heaven by Jesus. (**Acts 8:14-17; 19:1-6**)

5. The baptisms of the Holy Spirit occurred at the beginning of something significant. The Apostles at Pentecost were baptized before they began their ministry. Before Cornelius was baptized with the Holy Spirit, the Gospel had not been shared with the Gentiles (**Acts 11:18**). So, baptizing Gentiles in water in the name of the Lord began (**Acts 10:47-48**).

6. The baptisms of the Holy Spirit served to confirm God's will. When the Apostles received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the multitude that heard the first Gospel sermon could not deny that the Apostles were speaking by God's authority; being so convinced and convicted by Peter's sermon 3,000 listeners were baptized (**Acts 2:41**). The fact that Cornelius and other Gentiles received the baptism of the Holy Spirit convinced many Jewish brethren that God intended to share the Gospel with the Gentiles (**Acts 10:45, 11:18**).

7. The baptism of the Holy Spirit did not preclude the necessity of water baptism for the remission of sins. Though sinless, Christ submitted to water baptism (**Matt. 3:13-17; Mk. 1:9-11; Lk. 3:21-22**) "*to fulfill all righteousness*" (**Matt. 3:15**). Although Cornelius and the others received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, Peter still "*commanded them to be baptized*" with water (**Acts 10:47-48**).

Years after these incidents, Paul wrote to the

Store In My Heart

Leviticus 27:34

These are the commandments which the Lord commanded Moses for the sons of Israel at Mount Sinai.

As we continue the story of God's chosen we find that a new law has been given. Bringing Israel out of Egypt demonstrated the power of God to all, but it took the giving of the law to make them a special people for God.

This book reveals the rules and regulations that would keep this people clean before God. Much of it is centered on the ceremonies and sacrifices performed by the priestly tribe of Levi. They were set apart for this service by God and were to be the only priest in the nation and even of them, only certain of one family could enter the Tabernacle.

Ephesians that there is only "*one baptism*" (**Eph. 4:5**).

We do not hear miraculous sounds from heaven, see miraculous tongues of fire, or observe people miraculously speaking in languages they did not know as a sign of baptism of the Holy Spirit. Unlike the Biblical accounts of Holy Spirit baptism, no one observes these things today - neither the person supposedly so baptized, the other people in the building, nor anyone outside the building (**Acts 2:6**). Thus, we are not baptized in the Holy Spirit today.

The one baptism that is to be preached and practiced in all the world is that which Jesus commanded his disciples to perform in the name of the Lord (**Matt.28:18-20; Mk.16:15-20; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 10:47-48**). The baptism of the Holy Spirit confirmed through the apostles that the Jews needed to be baptized (immersed in water) in the name of the Lord to be saved from sin (**Acts 2:38,41**). The baptism of the Holy Spirit confirmed through the Gentile house of Cornelius that Gentiles should not be forbidden water to also be baptized in the name of the Lord (**Acts 10:44-48**). The baptism of the Holy Spirit confirms God's will that we all should repent and be baptized, everyone, in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins. Those so influenced by the baptism of the Holy Spirit poured out upon the Apostles and Cornelius will "*gladly receive the word and be baptized*" (**Acts 2:41**). Those who do not have not only rejected the message, but have resisted the Spirit behind the message (**Acts 7:51**).

Let me make it clear that we are not rejecting the baptism of the Holy Spirit. There was no way for the apostles or Cornelius to have rejected the baptism of the Holy Spirit. There is no way for humans to make it happen or keep it from happening if that is what God wills to do. What we are saying is that the Lord did not promise us all a direct outpouring and baptism of