

BAPTISM, INDWELLING & FILLING

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The doctrines of the baptism, indwelling, and filling of the Holy Spirit are interrelated. This has caused some confusion. A helpful guide can be found in the prepositions “upon” and “in”. They will clarify some passages.

As Jesus prepared to ascend back to heaven, He laid the groundwork for a change of administration. The Holy Spirit would come as another “Comforter” or Helper and collectively begin a congregational church relationship of administering the church. He would, along with this congregational work, individually indwell each believer and then control (fill) them to enable them to accomplish their work of world evangelism.

The Holy Spirit indwells the bodies of the believers (John 14:16, 17) after Jesus was risen in His glorified body. The indwelling is now automatic upon conversion.

The official, congregational beginning of His new administration occurred, historically, on the day of Pentecost and is called the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This baptism was repeated amongst the Gentile believers at the house of Cornelius. The baptism of the Holy Spirit was an historic occasion and has no present day continuing occurrence.

On the same day, the day of Pentecost, and repeated on different occasions afterward, the Holy Spirit came upon the believers to endue them with power by controlling them that the work of world evangelism could be accomplished.

Study the following chart and articles:

	Baptism of the Holy Spirit	Baptism in Water	Indwelling	Filling
Definition	Congregational, historic occurrence relating to the beginning of the Holy Spirit's administration of the church. Change of administrators from Jesus Christ to the Holy Spirit.	Individual, continuing testimonial whereby a new believer is welcomed into church membership.	Automatic entrance of the Holy Spirit into the body of every believer.	Often repeated experience of the Holy Spirit coming upon a believer to control and empower.
Scripture	Matthew 3:11 Mark 1:8 Luke 3:16 John 1:33 Acts 1:5 Acts 11:15-18	Acts 2:41-47 Romans 6:1-10 Galatians 3:27 I Corinthians 12:13	John 14:16,17 John 20:21,22 John 7:37-39 Romans 8:9	Luke 24:46-49 Acts 1:8 Acts 2:4, 14a, 37-42 Acts 4:8, 13-18 Acts 4:29-33 Ephesians 5:18