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LESSON 44: BAPTISM AND FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Main Idea: *Baptism of the Spirit is a one-time, New Covenant event that happens at conversion when the Spirit places saints into Christ, bringing us into His body the church and indwelling us forever. Filling of the Spirit in the New Covenant refers to either a Christian's steadiness of godly character, or their being empowered one or multiple times in a special way to speak the gospel authoritatively or serve the body of Christ.*

I. Baptism of the Spirit

A. Who used this term?

1. John the Baptist (Matthew 3:11-12, Mark 1:7-8, Luke 3:16-17, John 1:32-33)
2. Jesus (Acts 1:4-5)
3. The Apostles (1 Corinthians 12:13)

B. What are other synonymous terms?

1. The Promised gift of the Father (Luke 24:49a, Acts 1:4)
2. Clothing of power from on high (Luke 24:49b)
3. Pouring out of the Spirit (Joel 2:28-29, Acts 2:14-18,33,Acts 10:44-45)
4. Receiving the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-17)

C. What does all this mean?

1. God keeps His promises (Acts 1:4)
2. We are in the last days (Acts 2:17)
3. Spirit baptism demonstrates God's public mark of approval
4. Spirit baptism is essential for the work of gospel ministry

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II. Filling of the Spirit

- What is it?

A. Steadiness of godly character

1. Ephesians 5:18-6:9
2. Galatians 5:22
3. Acts 11:24

B. Special Empowerment to speak the gospel authoritatively...

1. Acts 2:4, 4:8, 31, 9:17-20,
2. Acts 13:52-14:1

C. Special Empowerment to serve the body of Christ...

1. Acts 6:3
2. Romans 12:11

III. Application...

A. Marvel at God's work in the New Covenant

B. Rest assured of the Spirit's baptism and sealing us for redemption

C. Know and Trust the Spirit's empowerment for evangelism & service

D. Pray for the Spirit's filling

E. Submit yourself to the Spirit's leading