

The Holy Spirit of Christmas- The Holy Spirit Baptism

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Acts 2:38

"Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Mark 1:4-8

"And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.⁷ And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Luke 1:15

"...and he (John) will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born."

Holy Spirit Lessons from John

- The Holy Spirit helps us point people to Jesus

Isaiah 40:3-5

"A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.⁴ Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.⁵ And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Reflection: Is my life a BRIDGE for people to come to Jesus....or is my life a BARRIER for people coming to Jesus?

- The Holy Spirit makes us different

Mark 1:6

"John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey."

2 Kings 1:8

"They replied, "He had a garment of hair and had a leather belt around his waist." The king said, "That was Elijah the Tishbite."

Reflection: How does the Holy Spirit in me make me different from people who don't have Jesus?

- The Holy Spirit keeps us Humble

Mark 1:7

"And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie."

John 3:30

"He must become greater; I must become less."

Ephesians 5:18

"Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit..."

Reflection: What am I filled with?

Will I humble myself to make more room for the Holy Spirit?

John 14:26

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and remind you of all that I said to you."

Mark 1:8

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"I baptize you with (in) water, but He will baptize you with (in) the Holy Spirit."

Ephesians 4:4-6

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you also were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all."

Galatians 5:22-25

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

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