

SOME CLAIM THEY HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED IN THE “HOLY SPIRIT.” IS THAT TRUE?

NO, it is not true. The teaching of the Scriptures will not allow it. I can only give an answer regarding what the Bible says and the Bible does not say Holy Spirit baptism is for people today.

Many people prefer to believe what **they think** they “feel” or “experience” or “see.” To them, what they “feel” is worth more than a whole stack of Bibles. However, when it comes to spiritual things, Galatians 1:8 warns us not to believe anything or anyone when they do not speak by the authority of the Scriptures. *“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach ANY OTHER GOSPEL unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.”* Second Corinthians 5:7 says we *“walk by faith, not by sight”* and then tells us that faith comes by hearing God’s word [Rom. 10:17]. Therefore, we walk [live] according to faith, i.e., according to God’s word, not according to what seems right in our own eyes. Proverbs 14:12 warns, *“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”* The only appropriate thing to do is follow God’s way — His truth.

The twelve apostles were the only ones who received the promise of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In Acts 1:5 Jesus said to the twelve, *“For John truly baptized with water; but ye*

shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.”

Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit unto the 12 apostles to **guide them** unto “all truth” (John 16:13). The baptism of the Holy Spirit was never promised to anyone today. There’s no reason for it. The Revelation of God’s word is complete (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3; Jude 3). There is no more Scripture to be given. And, since men are guided by God’s holy divine word, what would baptism in the Holy Spirit accomplish? What would it do? What would it provide for the recipient of it that the Scriptures do not already provide?

This subject is settled by Ephesians 4:5 for all who respect the Scriptures. It says, there is “ONE BAPTISM.” What is the “one baptism?” It is not “Holy Spirit” baptism! It is the baptism of the great commission — “water baptism.” Jesus said in Matthew 28:19 *“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, BAPTIZING them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”* Those who believe and teach that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is for people today also practice water baptism. **They can’t have both!** Now, which is it going to be: Holy Spirit baptism or water baptism? The Bible says there’s only one, not two, and that’s “water baptism.”

– Garland M. Robinson