

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

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LES PROMESSES DE L'ESPRIT

“until the Spirit is poured out on us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field” (Is. 32:15)

“Fear not, O Jacob my servant ... For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your descendants and my blessing on your offspring.” (Is. 44:2-3)

“I will sprinkle clean water upon you, ... A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes ...”
(Ezek 36:25-27)

“I will not hide my face any more from them, when I pour out my Spirit upon the house of Israel, says the LORD God.” (Ezek. 39:29).

THE PROPHECY OF JOEL

“It shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even upon the menservants and maidservants in those days, I will pour out my Spirit.” (Joel 2:28-29)

This passage is cited very freely by St Peter on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2: 17-18).

SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.” (Matt. 3:11)

“After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” (Mark 1:7-8)

“I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.” (Luke 3: 16).

To Note

1. In the Greek, there is no article before “Holy Spirit” or in Matthew and Luke before “fire”. Text reads “with Holy Spirit and fire”
2. In Matthew and Luke, the sayings about being baptized are preceded and followed by a warning of the judgment (before: ax placed to the root of the tree, after: winnowing and threshing: the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire)

GOSPEL OF JOHN

I myself did not know him but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. John 1, 33.

Note 1. descend and remain

2. Jesus is one who baptizes with Holy Spirit

3. no article

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Risen Jesus: “wait for the promise of the Father, which ... you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 1:5)

“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’” (Acts 11:15-16)

PENTECOST

Notice that the two occasions on which there was a fulfilment of the prophecies of John the Baptist and of Jesus were:

1. The day of Pentecost (Acts 2)
2. The “Gentile” at Caesarea (Acts 10 - 11)

Both are corporate events of significance for the whole Church. See Benedict XVI (Booklet Intro)

ONLY VERB FORMS

Nowhere do we find baptism in the Holy Spirit, always baptize(d)

What does this mean?

This grace/blessing/experience/transformation is not a **THING**.

It is not a standard product, same for all

It is relationship and quality of relationship

POPE FRANCIS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Creativity and Newness of the Holy Spirit
- Creates an incredible diversity (EG 117)
- Gathers the diversity into harmonious unity (Francis to CFCCCF, 31. 10. 14)
- Reconciled diversity (EG 131)

POPE FRANCIS TO THE RENEWAL

- June 1, 2014; Oct. 31, 2014; July 3, 2015
- Sovereign Outpouring different from other movements
- Uses term baptism in the Spirit
- Spread BHS to whole Church
- Essentially Ecumenical