

John Series: That You May Believe

#6: The Witness of John the Baptist (Part2: Baptizer with the Holy Spirit & Son of God)

Text: John 1:19-34

John the Apostle has written his gospel so that men will believe on Christ and receive life in His name. John the Apostle has called his first witness to the stand, John the Baptist. He is one of 7 witnesses (counting Jesus Himself) in the book of John that show Jesus as God. We have seen John's first testimony of Jesus, calling Him the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Now we continue with John's testimony.

John's Testimony Concerning Jesus Christ (vs 29-34) .

I. The Baptizer with the Holy Spirit (v33) God's plan is not for us to be simply forgiven of sin ("Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin..."), but FILLED with power to serve God ("He is the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit")! Power to do what we can't do in the flesh – obey God! The Spirit gives us life and power in Christ. Jesus not only takes away our sin; He also GIVES us the Spirit of God – the HOLY Spirit. It is a negative and a positive. He takes away our sin, and gives us His Spirit, resulting in LIFE and POWER and living in victory and right relationship with God and others.

Ministries of the Holy Spirit, Given by Christ

1. **Conviction of Sin** (Jn 16:8-11) [Christians are justified, but sin still hinders experientially; Therefore the Spirit convicts, and brings to Christ in progressive sanctification]
2. **Regeneration** (Ez 36:26, Jn 3:3, Jn 6:63, Rom 8:11, Titus 3:5-6)
3. **Baptizes us into the body of Christ** (1 Cor 12:13, Rom 6:3-4)
4. **Indwells believers** (Ez 36:27, Rom 8:9, 1 Cor 3:16, 6:19, 2Cor 6:16, Gal 4:6, 2 Ti 1:14)
5. **Is the seal and guarantee** of the rest of salvation (2 Cor 1:22, 5:5, Eph 1:13-14, 4:30)
6. **Gives His fruit** (Christ like characteristics) (Gal 5:22-23)
7. **Gives His gifts** (supernatural enabling to edify the members of the church) (1 Cor 12:4-11)
8. **Fills believers** (we yield, receive, surrender to Him, and walk in Him) (Acts 2:4, 4:8, 31, 7:55, 11:24, 13:9, 52, John 7:37-39, Gal 5:16, Eph 5:18-24)
9. **Guides believers** (Jn 16:13, Acts 10:19-20, 13:2, 16:6, Gal 5:18)
10. **Comes upon believers to give them power** to serve God (Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8, 2:18, 10:44, 19:6, Titus 3:6)
11. **Glorifies Jesus Christ** (Jn 16:14)

II. The Son of God (v34) John concludes his testimony by declaring that Jesus is the Son of God and, therefore, God. Who but God could GIVE US the Spirit of God?

Application: Have we neglected the Holy Spirit, or our responsibility toward the Spirit? To desire Him, Ask for Him, Receive Him, Surrender to Him, Wait for Him, Walk in Him and minister to others through Him?

Come to Jesus Christ in faith, and receive His Spirit, the Spirit who gives LIFE!!! His salvation is not a dead, dreary thing. Do you have life? Are you walking in the Spirit? Are you filled with the Spirit of God? Come to Jesus!

Scripture References

John 16:8-11 – "8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: **9** of sin, because they do not believe in Me; **10** of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; **11** of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged."

Ez 36:26 – "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh."

Jn 3:3 – "Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Jn 6:63 – " It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life."

Rom 8:11 – “But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

Titus 3:5-6 – “not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, **6** whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,”

1 Cor 12:13 – “ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free-- and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.”

Rom 6:3-4 - “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? **4** Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

Ez 36:27 – “ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.”

Rom 8:9 – “But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.”

1 Cor 2:12 – “Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.”

3:16 – “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”

6:19 – “Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ”

12:7 – “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all”

14:25 – “And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you.”

2Cor 6:16 – “And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you* are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.”

Gal 4:6 – “And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

2 Ti 1:14 – “That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.”

2Co 1:22 – “who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”

2Co 5:5 – “Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ”

Eph 1:13-14 – “In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.”

Eph 4:30 – “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

Gal 5:22-23 – “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”

1 Cor 12:4-11 – “There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. **5** There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. **6** And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. **7** But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: **8** for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, **9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, **10** to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. **11** But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”

Acts 2:4 – “And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

4:8 – “Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel:”

4:31 – “And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.”

7:55 – “But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God,”

11:24 – “For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.”

13:9-10 – “Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him **10** and said, “O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?”

13:52 – “And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.”

John 7:37-39 – “On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. **38** He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” **39** But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”

Gal 5:16 – “ I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”

Eph 5:18-21 – “And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, **19** speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, **20** giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **21** submitting to one another in the fear of God.”

Jn 16:13 – “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”

Acts 10:19-20 – “While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Behold, three men are seeking you. **20** Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them.”

13:2 – “As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

16:6 – “Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia.”

Gal 5:18 – “But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.”

Luke 24:49 – “Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

Acts 1:8 – “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

2:18 – “And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.”

8:17 – “Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.”

9:17 – “And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

10:44 – “While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.”

11:15 – “ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning.”

15:8 – “ So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us,”

19:6 – “And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.”

Titus 3:6 – “**6** whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,”

John 16:14 – “He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.”