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THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son. God the Son is eternally begotten of the Father, while the Father is neither proceeding nor begotten.

The Holy is God Himself who possesses all the attributes of infinite and perfect deity. He is Person who has a mind, wisdom, a will and emotion [Romans 8:27, Ephesians 4:30, 1 Corinthians 2:10-11, 12:11, Acts 15:6-11]. As a Person, He can be lied to [Acts 5:3], resisted [Acts 7:51], grieved and blasphemed [Ephesians 4:30, Matthew 12:31], or insulted [Hebrews 10:29].

The Holy Spirit is of the same essence as of the Father and of the Son. Although the Holy is same in substance, equal in power and equal in authority with the other Persons of the Trinity, He is subordinate to them in role and function. There is a functional hierarchy within the Godhead (in relation to men in the world).

God the Son is under God the Father who sent the Son in to the world [John 3:17, 17:8]. God the Spirit is both sent by God the Father and God the Son [John 15:26]. The Son glorifies the Father and [John 14:13] and the Holy Spirit glorifies the Son [John 16:13-14].

In the lives of believers, the most laborious task of the Holy Spirit is the conviction of sin leading to rebound and its results-the filling of the Holy Spirit.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit – the coming of the Holy Spirit at the point of salvation is a one-time experience for the believer at the same time of conversion [Ephesians 1:13]. The Holy Spirit indwells the believer and makes him a child of God permanently [Romans 8:9-14]. The divine relationship made by God transcends time and space – a relationship that goes beyond time and space.

The filling of the Holy Spirit is a repeatable work of the Holy Spirit in the post salvation life of the believer, which enables the submissive believer to live a victorious Christian live by the power and grace of God. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a one-time experience that needs not repetition.

THERE IS NO SECOND BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE BIBLE!

The book of Acts is a historical book –where the narrative is descriptive not prescriptive, therefore the period covered by Acts is transitory. Many of the recorded events were one-time and non-repeatable events or experiences. The historical context may not be neglected in our efforts to understand the Word of God.

What the cults calls “baptism of the Holy Spirit” is actually called by the Bible as filling of the Holy Spirit. The so-called “baptism” of Acts 1:5 is defined as filling in Acts 2:4. The Κοτνε Greek word βαπτίζω (βαπτίζω has several meaning: to dip, to immerse, to cleanse, to wash or to be filled.

There is no command to believers for second baptism of the Holy Spirit but for the filling of the Holy Spirit. The believers of Acts chapter 1 and 2 were not yet baptized with the Holy Spirit when Jesus ascended to heaven. The “disciples” of chapters 8 and 10 did not receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, it was their first (and last) baptism of the Holy Spirit – not second.

The Παρακλητε (παρακλητε) -the Holy Spirit mistranslated as “helper” or “comforter” came 50 days after the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to heaven. The events of Acts 2, 8, and 10 were unique –they are not repeatable and were not meant to be normative. There were no second baptism and there were no consistent pattern of second baptisms. And there is no necessity for the second baptisms because the Holy Spirit will be with the believer forever.