

“Baptism Of The Holy Spirit”

Mark 1: 4-8

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The Only Message We Have Is The Promised Regeneration Of The Spirit Of Christ Bringing Salvation, (vs. 1: 8)

Message Emphasis: Many today have gravely misunderstood the majesty of Christ in His Spirit. It seems to be common to separate these two Persons and make the work of the Holy Spirit something different than what Christ came to do. We MUST understand that because Christ gives to us His Spirit, anything accomplished by the Spirit will always be in perfect harmony with the atoning work of our Lord.

“..And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him ... saw his glory and the two men who stood with him... a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!”” (Luke 9:28–35, ESV)

The work of Christ’s Spirit is the regeneration of what has been marred by our sin, (vs. 6-8)

- There is none other than the LORD Jesus

...**And he** PREACHED (Impf.Act.Ind), SAYING (Pres.Act.Part)...

Our confession must be born out of a renewed heart

“After me comes he who is mightier than I,

Our confession must be Christ ONLY

“You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’¹ but I have been sent before him.’² The one who has the bride is the bridegroom.³ The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice.

⁴ Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. He must increase, but I must decrease.”” (John 3:28–30, ESV)

1. We are not seen; Christ is seen in us
2. We are not honored, Christ is honored by us
3. We are not heard, Christ is heard through us
4. We are not preeminent, Christ is preeminent for us

- We are completely unqualified to undertake the smallest task in His kingdom

Our confession CANNOT be about us

the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop (Aor.Act.Part) **down and untie** (Aor.Act.Inf).

“Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’ ”” (Luke 17:9–10, ESV)

- Christ’s work is far beyond anything we have ever known

Our confession must be “unreal”

I have baptized (Aor.Act.Ind) **you with water, but he will baptize** (Fut.Act.Ind) **you with the Holy Spirit.**

“he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” (Titus 3:5–7, ESV)

1. Salvation cannot have a temporal source; it must be beyond human achievement
2. Salvation REQUIRES the regeneration of the Holy Spirit leading to full renewal
3. Salvation MUST be accomplished through Jesus as our Savior & by no other way

***How Do I Receive The Regeneration Of Christ’s Spirit? **

Message Directive: Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul ONLY in Christ can His Spirit bring the necessary regeneration of your sinful soul.

3. There Has Only Ever Been One Profession; Be Found In The Glorious Savior, Jesus Christ, (vs. 9 - 11)
4. There Has Only Ever Been One Protection; Be Sheltered By The Glorious Sustainer, (vs. 12 - 13)