

The Doctrine of Salvation

A Study of the Ordo Salutis

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The Holy Spirit and Salvation/Sanctification

After God's Spirit regenerates those who were previously dead in their sins (Eph. 2:1-3) so that they inherit eternal life, at least six significant spiritual enhancements involving the Spirit occur simultaneously:

1. Christ baptizes the believer with the Holy Spirit into His Body (1 Cor. 12:13).
2. The Father seals the believer with the Holy Spirit as a show of ownership and a guarantee of salvation (Eph. 1:13).
3. The Spirit indwells the believer (1 Cor. 3:16).
4. The Spirit fills/controls the believer (Eph. 5:18).
5. The Spirit produces spiritual fruit in the believer's life (Gal. 5:22-23).
6. The Spirit gifts the believer for service in the church (1 Cor. 12-14).

Spirit Baptism

1. Christ baptizes the believer with the Holy Spirit into His Body (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.

All believers are immersed into Christ at the moment of conversion, baptized by Christ with His Holy Spirit. Through this Spirit Baptism, which is entirely God's work, believers are united with Christ, and placed into His body, the Church.

- MacArthur, pg. 782

Spirit Baptism

- 1 Peter 3:21 There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- Not external, water baptism, but internal Spirit baptism.
- Spirit baptism occurs only once, at the moment of salvation, and should not be sought as a secondary, post conversion experience.
- Romans 6:3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?
- Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Sealed with the Spirit

2. The Father seals the believer with the Holy Spirit as a show of ownership and a guarantee of salvation (Eph. 1:13).

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.

Indwelt with the Spirit

3. The Spirit indwells the believer (1 Cor. 3:16).

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

Romans 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.

Jude 19 These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.

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

Indwelt with the Spirit

- Always occurs at conversion.
- Inclusive of all believers individually.
- Permanent in the NT (for OT see 1 Sam. 16:14; Psa. 51:11).

But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the Lord troubled him.

Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

- Collective, for the whole church.
- Empowers believers for holy living and fruitful service.

Filled with the Spirit

4. The Spirit fills/controls the believer (Eph. 5:18).

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Be being filled, continually. The believer receives all of the Spirit at salvation, but how much of the believer's life is under Spirit control?

Filled with the Spirit

- Filling in the Gospels:

1. John the Baptist – Luke 1:15
2. Elizabeth during the time she carried John – Luke 1:67
3. Zechariah when he prophesied about John – Luke 1:67
4. Jesus as a child – Luke 2:40
5. Jesus at the start of His public ministry – Luke 3:22; 4:1

Filled with the Spirit

- Filling in the NT, Pentecost forward:
 1. Peter preached in his native tongue – Acts 4:8
 2. Christians spoke with boldness (in their native tongue) – Acts 4:31
 3. Seven men were chosen to serve the church – Acts 6:3, 5
 4. Stephen preached fearlessly as he was being stoned – Acts 7:55
 5. Paul, shortly after his conversion – Acts 9:17
 6. Barnabas as he ministered at Antioch – Acts 11:24
 7. Paul as he rebuked the magician – Acts 13:9-11
 8. Paul, Barnabas, and their disciples on the first missionary journey – Acts 13:52

Filled with the Spirit

After Acts, the only mention of filling is Ephesians 5:18.

Filling is not:

1. A dramatic, energizing experience that leads to an advanced state of godliness.
2. Doing what God wants in our power with the Spirit's blessing.
3. The same as being indwelt.
4. A process of receiving Him in degrees.
5. The same as baptism in the Spirit.
6. The same as being sealed or secured by the Spirit.

- MacArthur, pg. 372

Spiritual Fruit

5. The Spirit produces spiritual fruit in the believer's life (Gal. 5:22-23).

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

- a. Fruit of attitudes – Gal. 5:22-23; Eph. 5:9
- b. Fruit of actions – Col. 1:10; Titus 3:8, 14
- c. Fruit of worship – Heb. 13:15
- d. Fruit of gospel witness – Rom. 1:13; Col. 1:5-6
- e. Fruit of truth telling – Eph. 5:9; 1 John 4:2
- f. Fruit of cheerful giving – Rom. 15:26-28; 2 Cor. 9:6-8, 13; Phil. 4:17

- MacArthur, pg. 374

Spiritual Fruit

1. Love – agape – a willful choice about how to relate to others, unconditional love
2. Joy – joy, gladness and rejoicing
3. Peace – tranquility, harmony, free from danger
4. Longsuffering – to suffer much, endurance
5. Kindness – to do what is right, kindness and generosity
6. Goodness – good, healthy, right
7. Faithfulness – full of faith, refers to reliability
8. Gentleness – gentleness, humility, consideration, courtesy
9. Self-control – self-discipline, virtue (self being controlled by the Spirit)

Spiritual Gifts

6. The Spirit gifts the believer for service in the church (1 Cor. 12-14).

Table 5.10 Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:8-10	1 Corinthians 12:28-30	1 Corinthians 13:1-3	1 Corinthians 13:8-9	Romans 12:6-8	Ephesians 4:11	1 Peter 4:10-11
Utterance of wisdom	Apostles	Tongues	Prophecy	Prophecy	Apostles	Speaking
Utterance of knowledge	Prophets	Prophecy	Tongues	Service	Prophets	Serving
Faith	Teachers	Knowledge	Knowledge	Teaching	Evangelists	
Gifts of healing	Miracles	Faith		Exhorting	Shepherds / teachers	
Working of miracles	Gifts of healing	Giving		Generous contributions (giving)		
Prophecy	Helping			Leading		
Distinguishing between spirits	Administering			Mercy		
Various kinds of tongues	Various kinds of tongues					
Interpretation of tongues	Interpretation of tongues					