

The Gospel of Matthew #17

JESUS AND THE BAPTISM OF THE SPIRIT

Matthew 3:11-17

Contrast many Presbyterians' avoidance of the Spirit: Matthew begins with John's introducing Jesus' ministry as characterized by baptizing with the Spirit and fire!

I. Jesus _____ with the Spirit (v16)

Jesus is baptized with water→

_____ comes **on** Him (gentle as a dove)

The _____ speaks **about** Him:

The **Son** of Psm 2:7

The **Servant** of Isa 42:1

Flawless in all His ways; contrast confessions of the people

Note 1: His baptism of the Spirit inaugurates His Messianic ministry

Note 2: HE needs the Spirit to minister; how much more
you & I!

Note 3: the Spirit begins His ministry by leading into the desert for testing and temptation by the UNholy spirit (contrast much contemporary emphasis of effects of Spirit baptism)

II. Jesus baptizes everyone with the Spirit--or fire (v11)

You are either baptized with the Spirit, Who changes your heart and desires--or you will be baptized with Fire in the Last Day
(Matt 3:7, 10-12)

This is the fulfillment of the promise of Ezekiel 36:25-29a

- Cleanse (sprinkle clean water: baptism)
- Change (give you new heart and new spirit/My Spirit)

Baptizing with the Spirit is basic to Jesus' ministry.

Compare John 1:29-34 (both are continuous tense):

1. v29: _____ : takes away sin cleanse
2. v33: _____ : baptizes with the Spirit change

Titus 3:3-8 (esp v5): washing and renewal to new desires

These two ideas in Matt 3:

1. Cleansing: His is the true baptism for spiritual cleansing
 2. Change: He fulfills the longing to live a life seeking to please God (cf. 5:6), and to minister for Him
- Such a baptism is one of great power: the Spirit of God!

This Baptism is for ALL Christians; it is your distinguishing mark. **Not** an experience subsequent to conversion.

One Baptism; many fillings (Eph 5:18)

Do you recognize and depend consciously upon the Spirit day by day for His cleansing and power?

Ways that being conscious of the Spirit will make a difference in my life this week (how I need Him and will consciously depend on Him):