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ACTS

OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
THE CHURCH AGE BEGINS

BAPTISM BY MEANS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
ACTS 19:1–10

Acts 19:1, “And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples

Acts 19:2, “he said to them, ‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?’ So they said to him, ‘We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.’ ”

Acts 19:3, “And he said to them, ‘Into [*eis*] what then were you baptized?’ So they said, ‘Into [*eis*] John’s baptism.’

Acts 19:4, “Then Paul said, ‘John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.’ ”

Acts 19:5, “When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

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

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

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

The Baptism by the Holy Spirit

Gal. 3:27, “For all of you who were baptized into [eis] Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Gal. 3:28, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

1 Cor. 12:13, “For by one Spirit [en
pneumati] we were all baptized [aor
pass ind] into [eis] one body,
whether Jews or Greeks, whether
slaves or free, and we were all
made to drink of one Spirit.”

1 Corinthians 12:13, “For **by one Spirit** are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.”

ἐν πνεύματι, *en pneumatī*;
***En* plus the dative,**
By means of the Spirit

Matthew 3:11, “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and with fire:”

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Problem:

Pentecostal–Charismatic theology ends up with two baptisms of the Holy Spirit:

one *with* the Holy Spirit *at* salvation,

one *by* the Holy Spirit *after* salvation.

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εἰς, *eis*

With the
accusative
indicating
Direction, goal

John hit the ball with [by means of] the bat.

John hit the ball with [by *means of*] the bat.

Verb

John hit the ball with [by *means of*] the bat.

Subj Verb

Active voice: The subject (JOHN) performs the action

John hit the ball with [by *means of*] the bat.

Subj Verb Object

The OBJECT receives the action of the verb.

John hit the ball with [by *means of*] the bat.

Subj Verb Object instrumental/means

Rendered with a passive verb

The ball was hit with [by] the bat.

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“was hit” is passive voice, the subject receives the action of the verb. And in English that which performs the action is indicated by the prepositions “with” or “by.”

Rendered with a passive verb

The ball was hit by John with [by] the bat.

Subj

verb

performer /agent

means

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Subj verb performer/agent means

Greek uses ‘υπο, *hupo* or δια, *dia* εν *en*

In GREEK, that which performs the action is indicated by the preposition ‘υπο, hupo, the instrument or means is indicated by the preposition εν (en).

Baptism of the Holy Spirit (BHS) was first prophesied by John the Baptist at the incarnation; and Jesus Christ in Acts 1:5. At those times the BHS was future.

In Matt., the subject of the active voice verb is Jesus Christ. It is Jesus Christ who performs the action of baptism by means of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3:11, “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but HE that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: HE shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and with fire:”

**Matt. 3:11, “As for me, I baptize [pres active ind]
you
with water [*en hudatī*]
for [*eis*] repentance,**

**but He who is coming after me is mightier than I,
and I am not fit to remove His sandals;**

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***en* expresses means or instrument**

***eis* expresses the goal, or direction**

The grammatical subject is the agent of the action

Acts 1:5, “for John baptized [act] with **water** [*en hudatī*], but you will be baptized [future pass] with the Holy **Spirit** [*en pneumatī*] not many days from now.”

1 Cor. 10:2, “and all were baptized [aor passive] **into** [*eis*] Moses **in** [*en*] the cloud and **in** [*en*] the sea;”

1 Cor. 12:13, “For **by one Spirit** [*en pneumatī*] we were all baptized [aor **pass** ind] **into** [*eis*] one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”

Mechanics: 1 Cor. 12:13 – Jesus Christ uses the Holy Spirit to identify the believer with Christ.

Just as John used water to identify the believer with repentance.

Baptism by means of the Holy Spirit

John
Matt. 3:11

En hudati
By water

eis metanioan
For repentance

Jesus
Matt. 3:11

En pneumatī
By the Spirit

unstated

Unstated
1 Cor. 10:2

En nephele
En thalasse
By the cloud, sea

Eis Mosen
Into Moses

Unstated
1 Cor. 12:13

En pneumatī
By the Spirit

eis soma
Into the body

**Performer of
the Action**

Action

New State

**John the
Baptist**

uses

Water

*To identify
the person
with*

Repentance

Jesus Christ

uses

**The Holy
Spirit**

*To identify
the person
with*

**Himself: death,
burial,
resurrection—
into His body**

Unification among believers is achieved by the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, Eph. 4:5 – one Lord, one faith, one Baptism.

Eph. 4:4, “There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;

Eph. 4:5, “one Lord, one faith, one baptism,”

Implications in Gal. 3:23–25, no longer do distinctions of race, gender, economics, or social distinctions apply to our relationship with God.

This is not saying that everyone is reduced to the same level, but elevates all to a higher level than the Old Testament priesthood.

Gal. 3:27, “For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Gal. 3:28, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit provides retroactive identification with the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, which is the basis for victory over the sin nature. Rom. 6:3–5

The baptism by means of the Holy Spirit is the work of Christ whereby at the moment of faith alone in Christ alone Christ uses the Holy Spirit (in the act of regeneration) to identify the believer with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. So that he becomes a new creature in Christ.

Acts 2

repentance

**reception of
the Holy
Spirit**

tongues

Acts 8

belief

**water
baptism**

**reception of
the Holy
Spirit**

no tongues

Acts 10

belief

**Spirit
baptism and
tongues**

**water
baptism**

Acts 19

belief

**rebaptized
in water**

**Spirit
baptism,
tongues**

Acts 19:8, “And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God.”

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διαλέγομαι

dialegomai

pres mid part masc sing
nom

“to dispute, discuss”

Appeals to the intellect

πείθω *peithō*

pres act part masc sing
nom “to persuade;
convince”

Appeals to the will

Acts 19:9, “But when some were hardened and did not believe [were not convinced], but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.”

σκληρύνω *sklērunō*

imperf mid indic 3 plur

“to harden; to make stubborn”

ἀπειθέω *apeitheō*

imperf act indic 3 plur

“to disbelieve, disobey”

Acts 19:10, “And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.”