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WORKERS FOUNDATION SERIES 2

2.0.0 BAPTISM

Baptism consists of the process of immersion, submission and emergence.

TYPES OF BAPTISM

- Water Baptism.
- Holy Ghost Baptism.

2.1 WATER BAPTISM (MATH 28:19-29)

Water Baptism is the outward obedience and confession of inward conversion. It is public declaration of one's allegiance to Christ (Acts 8:38).

TRUTHS ABOUT WATER BAPTISM

- The proper candidate of water baptism should be born again Christian i.e., someone who has given his/her life to Christ, who believes in his birth, death and resurrection.
- Water does not save (Mark 16:16).
- Water baptism should be by immersion (Matt. 3:16).
- Baptism becomes a person reckoning of being dead with Christ and resurrected with Him (Romans 6:3-4).
- Water baptism should be conducted immediately after salvation.
- The believers are baptized in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19).

IMPORTANCE OF WATER BAPTISM

- Obedience to Christ ordinance (Matt. 3:15).
- Significant spiritual phenomenon takes place: it is a form of initiation into the kingdom of God (Luke 3:12).
- The power of sin is broken (Acts 22:16, Rom 6:2-11).
- Burying old sin nature (Colossians 2:12).
- Answer of a good conscience towards God (1 Peter 3:21).
- It gives power (Gal. 2:20, 3:27).
- Identification with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Rom. 6:3-5).

2.2 HOLY GHOST BAPTISM (ROMANS 8:8-9)

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is of a great importance in our CHRISTIAN WALK. Every true believer has a measure of the Holy Spirit as redemption, for there is need to experience the fullness of the Holy Spirit through the Baptism of Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8). Holy Spirit baptism is a promise from the father (Joel 2:28). It is definite experience which every believer will know whether he had received or not (Acts 8:18-20, 19:2). The evidence therefore is by speaking in an unknown tongue (Acts 2:4, 10:46).

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

- He is the third person among the God head (Trinity) 1John 5:7.
- He is Holy; What makes the spirit Holy is the character of God that he carries.
- He is a person; The Holy Ghost personality (Eph 4:30, Acts 5:3, John 16:13).
- He is God's executive agent; in this dispensation, the Holy Spirit display the action of God (John 14:16, Acts 13:2, Roman 8:26).
- He is the comforter (John 14:16).

WHY THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NEEDED

- It must be for every believer for a victorious life (Mark 16:17, Acts 2:4-5, 19:2-6, John 14:14-18).
- He is the source of power for spiritual works (Acts 1:8).
- To pray in the spirit (Jude 20).
- He gives boldness for weakness (Acts 2:14-15, Acts 14:31).
- Self-Edification (1cor 14:4).
- He leads and directs (Romans 8:14).
- He reveals things to come (John 1:13).

EXAMPLE OF THOSE BAPTIZED

- Jesus with the Holy Spirit (Matt 3:16).
- The Apostles on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:3-4).
- The Samaritan's Christians (Acts 8:17).
- Cornelius and His household (Acts 10:44).
- The Ephesians Believers (Acts 19:2-6).

STEPS TO RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

- New Birth.
- Strong Desire (Psalms 42:1, John 7:37).
- Hearing and Believing God's word.
- By requesting (Matt 7:7, Luke 11:3).
- By Faith.

CHANNELS THROUGH WHICH HOLY SPIRIT CAN BE RECEIVED

- Impartation (Laying of Hands, etc.) Acts 8:14-17.
- Word of God (Acts 10:44).
- Prayer.