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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 safe (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 3:16).
* 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 3:17).
* 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.