

Words – 7

Proverbs 18:21 (The Message)

²¹ Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit—you choose.

Each of the words we choose to use carry enormous power with them

- Power to heal or wound
- Encourage or discourage
- Speak the truth or tell a lie
- To praise or to criticize

We are created in His image – “speaking spirit” – **Genesis 2:7**

James 3:2 (NKJV) The Tongue

² For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

No Slide: James 3:9–12 (NKJV)

The tongue is

- Disproportionality powerful
- Inherently evil
- Humanly untamable
- Contrastingly productive
- We need God's help!

The Baptism of Heaven

Turning our tongue into a fountain of life rather than a fire hose of destruction cannot be accomplished without turning to the only supernatural source of help available to us

- No man can tame the tongue but the Holy Spirit can
- The Holy Spirit – He is referred to as “The Promise of the Father” as well as “The Helper” – Acts 1:4; John 14:26
- The Holy Spirit brings “Power” into our lives

Hebrews 6:1–2 (NLT)

So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don’t need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from evil deeds* and placing our faith in God. ² You don’t need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

- Notice “Baptisms” is plural
- Baptism into the Body of Christ
- Baptism of water – John’s Baptism
- Baptism of the Holy Spirit

No Slide: Ephesians 4:4–6 (NLT)

- Says there is “One Lord” yet we believe that there are 3 members of the Godhead
 - One Lord yet 3 expressions
 - One baptism yet 3 expressions

Lets' look at all three mentioned in the book of acts

Acts 2:37–39 (NLT)

³⁷ Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, {*salvation*} and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. {*water baptism*} Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. {*Holy Spirit baptism*} ³⁹ This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away*—all who have been called by the Lord our God."

There are many people that don't believe we need to be baptized in water or the Holy Spirit

- There is a **power** that comes on you with the Holy Spirit
Baptism – *greater sensitivity to the supernatural*
- This baptism adds a supernatural dimension to your life
- "Power from on high"

Again, note 3 Baptisms

No Slide: Acts 8:12–17 (NKJV) Preaching Samaria

- They "believed" Philip – Salvation
- They were baptized – in water
- They laid hands on them to receive the Holy Spirit
- Simon the "Sorcerer" wanted to buy the Holy Spirit

Acts 19:1–6 (NKJV) In Ephesus

19 And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples 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.”** ³ And he said to them, **“Into what then were you baptized?”** So they said, **“Into John’s baptism.”** 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.” ⁵ When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid hands on them, the **Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.**

Here we see all three baptisms

- Repent and believe – Salvation
 - Baptism into Jesus (Body of Christ)
- Water Baptism
- Holy Spirit Baptism

1 John 5:7–8 (NKJV)

⁷ For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. ⁸ And there are three that bear witness on earth: **the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.**

There are three heavenly witnesses and three earthly witnesses
To what do they bear witness?

- There is one God in heaven who lives, who moves, who loves us!

In Heaven – the Father, the Word (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit
bear witness of that fact

On Earth – The Spirit, the water, and the blood

The Blood – Salvation

Hebrews 9:22 (NKJV)

²² And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

The Water – Water Baptism

Romans 6 and Colossians 2 tell us

- Baptism is more than a symbol
- More than a mere act of obedience
- It's a key step in winning the battle in victory over sin

Colossians 2:12 (NKJV)

¹² buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

The Spirit – Holy Spirit Baptism

The Spirit is the only member of the Trinity that is mentioned, both in heaven and on earth

He is the only member who is currently active here on earth

- God is in heaven
- Jesus is at His right hand making intercession for us

Romans 8:34 (NKJV)

³⁴ Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Baptism into the Body and baptism in the Holy Spirit are separate events

1 Corinthians 12:13 (NKJV)

¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

- The Spirit baptizes into Jesus

Matthew 3:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ He *{Jesus}* will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

- Jesus Baptizes us into the Spirit

These are clearly two separate events

First – you are saved and the Holy Spirit baptizes you into Jesus

Second – you are obedient to the Lord’s command

Third – Jesus baptizes you into the Holy Spirit

- Three separate events
- You need the first to go to heaven
- You need the second to learn obedience
- You need the second and the third to live a victorious Christian life

The Holy Spirit Baptism is mentioned in all four Gospels

Matthew 3:11 (NKJV) See: Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16

¹¹ I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

John 1:33 (NKJV)

³³ I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ The Holy Spirit had never descended and remained on anyone before

- In the old testament the Spirit descended but never remained
- See: King Saul, King David, Elijah, Samson, etc.

We see these baptisms clear in the life of Jesus

- *Salvation (Baptism into Jesus)*
 - Jesus was born of a virgin, conceived of the Spirit
 - He didn't need to be born again
- *Water Baptism* – By John in the Jordan River
- *Holy Spirit Baptism* – at the same event we see the Holy Spirit appear **like a dove** and descend and alight upon Him

Matthew 3:16–17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. ¹⁷ And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

- From that moment forward Jesus began to do miracles
- He began to operate in power
- He later told the disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:4–5; 8 (NKJV)

⁴ And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” *He said*, “you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Types of Baptisms in the Call of Abraham

Genesis 12:1 (NKJV)

12 Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you.

- Come out from paganism and darkness and start following me
 - a type of salvation

Genesis 15:17 (NKJV)

17 And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces.

- A type of water baptism
- **Romans 6** likens baptism to circumcision
- **1 Corinthians 10** likens water baptism to Israel crossing the Red Sea
- When Israel crossed the Red Sea there was a cutting (parting)
- The enemy was left in the sea – leaving the old (sinful man) behind

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Genesis 17:5 (NKJV)

⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations.

- In the changing of the names the letters A and H are inserted
- Hebrew root 'ah refers to breath or breath of God
- Ru'ah – “Spirit” used when speaking of God – **Genesis 1:2**
 - Ru'ah hovered over the face of the waters
- Also used when God creates Adam – **Genesis 2:7**
 - God breathed the “breath of life” into Adam making him a “speaking spirit”
- God puts “breath” inside of Abrams name
- A type of Holy Spirit baptism
- Abraham was never the same after that

The same for Sarai

Genesis 17:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Then God said to Abraham, “As for **Sarai** your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but **Sarah** shall be her name.

Ezekiel prophesying about how God spoke “Life” into Israel

Ezekiel 16:9 (NKJV)

⁹ “Then I washed you in **water**; yes, I thoroughly washed off your blood, and I **anointed you with oil**.

Paul referencing Moses leading Israel out of bondage

1 Corinthians 10:2 (NKJV)

²all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

- Moses a type of Jesus – Deuteronomy 18:15-18

Three baptisms

- Moses – a type of salvation
- The Red Sea – a type of water baptism
- The Cloud – another symbol of the Power (Spirit) of God

The Tabernacle

- The Outer Court
- The Holy Place
- The Holy of Holies

To enter the Tabernacle, you would need to...

- Present a spotless lamb as a sacrifice – a type of salvation
- Wash in the Laver – a type of water baptism
- To enter the “Holy of Holies” you needed to be anointed with oil – a type of Holy Spirit baptism
 - Without this the priest would drop upon entering God’s glory
- God Himself gave these instructions!

If you want to enjoy the fullness of God's presence you need to be baptized in His Holy Spirit

I believe this is why we see so many defeated Christians

- We pray yet see few results
- We fail to live victorious lives

Holy Spirit baptism is a separate experience from salvation

- Even if you were baptized as a child
- You must be saved first
- You need to believe to be saved – **Romans 10:9**
- All we need to do is ASK!
- You'll get what you ask for!

Luke 11:11–13 (NKJV)

¹¹ If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

Luke 10:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.