

Ask Me Anything - Week 3

Question #1 – Would you please explain the baptism of the Holy Spirit, as mentioned in John 1:33 and the first part of Acts 19? There seems to be a distinction between baptism of repentance and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. What does this look like for the church today?

John 1:32-34 – Then John the Baptist gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him (Jesus).³³ I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God.”

Acts 19:1-6 – While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples² and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

³ So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?” “John’s (the Baptist) baptism,” they replied. ⁴ Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

• **John was baptizing people who were trusting in the Savior who they were waiting for.**

What they “believed” in Acts 19:2 was that the Messiah would come and pay the penalty for their sin. They did not know that Jesus had already come (Acts 19:4).

• **When Paul placed his hands on them and they began to speak in tongues and prophecy, the purpose was for them to understand that this was a real experience because they knew nothing about the Holy Spirit. It was not a pattern for all Christians for all time.**

Question #2 – Can people speak in tongues at every church service?

Two types of speaking in tongues:

1) **Biblical tongues**

2) **Modern day false tongues**

Biblical tongues is simply being able to speak a language that a person does not know to people who speak that language for the purpose of hearing the gospel.

Acts 2:1-6

• **There is no need to speak in tongues at church because we all speak English.**

Question #3 - In one of your sermons, you spoke about speaking in tongues in church and you talk about how it is wrong. So if it is wrong in church is it ok to pray in tongues in the privacy of your own prayer time?

• **It is an experience, it is just not a real, biblical experience.**

1 Corinthians 14:2 - For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 14:2 (NKJV) - He who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

Question #4 – If Jewish people are considered “the chosen,” how do they still get to heaven when they don’t believe Jesus is the Savior?

Deuteronomy 7:6-11

• **They were not chosen for automatic salvation .**

Romans 3:23

John 14:6

• **They were chosen for three purposes:**

1) **Receive and distribute the Law**

2) **Tell the world about God**

3) **Be the bloodline of the Messiah**