

# **Doctrinal Studies**

## **Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

1. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a function of the third person of the Trinity which did not occur before the Church Age. The Priesthood of Levi was inadequate for the intensified conflict. With the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, it was impossible to continue in a dispensation of specialized priesthood. There must be a universal priesthood. Every believer must be able to have a personal representation before God because every believer is a target of Satan. In this dispensation of the Church Age a total change has occurred, a change which makes every believer what Melchizedek was and what Jesus Christ is at the right hand of the Father - that is a Royal Priest.

THEREFORE, THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DESIGNED TO TAKE EVERY BELIEVER IN THE CHURCH AGE AND RELATE HIM TO THE CROSS OF CHRIST.

2. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit did not occur until the day of Pentecost because it was prophesied. John 14:20; Acts 1:5
3. I Cor. 12:13 gives details of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Identification with death, burial, resurrection, etc. of Jesus Christ).
4. Unification of believers is achieved by Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Eph. 4:5. This is a "dry" baptism.
5. Galatians 3:26-28. The only equality on this earth comes from the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. This passage deals with a spirit baptism, not water.
6. Romans 6:3; Col. 2:12 - retroactive positional truth means that at the point of salvation we are retroactively identified with the death of Jesus on the cross.
7. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is also related to Present time, positional truth. Eph 1:3-6; Col 2:10 Jesus is resurrected, sitting at God's right hand. We are in union with Him; therefore, we share this very moment everything He has: heirship, election, destiny, sonship, eternal life, righteousness, etc. WE HAVE VICTORY!!
8. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit began the Church Age. Matt 16:18; Acts 1: 5; 2:3
9. What the Baptism is not: ecstatic, tongues - I Cor. 12:13
10. The Baptism occurs at the point of belief. Col. 2:12 The Baptism occurs at the moment one believes the truth - Christ is Truth!