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## A Word For Your Day

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# The Baptism Of The Holy Ghost

If You Died  
Today  
Would You Go  
To Heaven?

Acts 19:1-7 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, (2) He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. (3) **And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.** (4) Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should 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 *his* hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. (7) And all the men were about twelve.

There are those that teach that when a person is saved, that they get all that God has for them then. When you read the above text, it does not support that type of teaching. First, it was the Apostle Paul, who is called by many, the Apostle to the Gentiles, that asked the question in verse 2 **"Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?"** He was assuming that these twelve men had believe on Jesus. **"Then they replied — We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost."** Then Paul asked a pointed question. **"Unto what then were ye baptized?"** and they replied — **"Unto John's baptism."** Here is where we learn about **"John's Baptism"**. Paul replied — **"John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe (the language here implies that they should believe, meaning that they had not believed) on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."** John's was the Fore Runner to Jesus, as so was his baptism. But Christian Baptism always follows our being saved and is a sign that we have trusted Jesus as our Savior. This is a vast difference in the two Baptisms.

### John's Baptism preceded one's salvation — Christian Baptism follows ones Salvation

Paul then baptized them in the name of the Lord Jesus — as a result of their confession that they had already believed. I have met people that say that they were Baptized before they were saved and they did not need to be baptized again. Here is a clear example of Christian Baptism always following the salvation of a believer — not being baptized before.

Now, notice that these twelve people had believed on Jesus and had Followed Jesus in Christian Baptism. They had done what many people say is enough to have the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Yet, when Paul finished, he thought it necessary to go one step further. **Now he laid his hands on all twelve of these people and all 12 received the Holy Ghost and there followed 2 signs that each one received from the Lord.**

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This is considered by many to be the time when God gives His Saints the power to do what He has called them to do.

**Acts 1:5-8** For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. (6) When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? (7) And he said unto them, **It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.** (8) **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:** and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

**Mark 16:17-18** And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; (18) They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

**John 14:12** Verily, verily, I say (Jesus) unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. 3 John 1:4 KJV