

THEME: THE FUTURE CHURCH BAPTIZED WITH FIRE

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Luke 3:16 *John said, "I am just baptizing with water. But someone more powerful is going to come and I am not good enough even to untie his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire*

- Baptize means to be submerged
- Many Christians are submerged in the wrong things
- What is real to you is what you are submerged with, what is real to you?
- God will submerge us into His environment, into His atmosphere, into the dimension of the spirit world
- He wants to bring you into another atmosphere
- You need to step out of the old and out of self
- You must open your heart for God to baptize you into His world
- We still confuse infilling of the Spirit with baptism of the Spirit
- At rebirth we are in filled with the Spirit
- Baptism is to come completely under the control of God
- The atmosphere of heaven begins to overwhelm you and that world becomes real to you
- Firstly we will become baptized in the 'person' of God Himself (The Holy Spirit)
- The word says we will be baptized with His Spirit and with fire

Deuteronomy 4:24 *The LORD will be angry if you worship other gods and he can be like a fire destroying everything in its path*

Hebrews 12:29 *For our God is a consuming fire*

- God is a consuming fire
- When you are baptized in God's world, that becomes the life you live in
- You begin to live in Him as a person, then you encounter God the Consuming Fire
- The one thing that will be evident on you if you've entered into God's world is that you will be set ablaze
- When you are baptized in Him, that fire begins to take hold of your heart
- God begins to live in you, speak in you, move in you
- Your struggles will remain until you change and allow God's world in you
- God wants from His people a baptism in Him
- Fire refines
- You burn out because you run on your own fuel
- When you are baptized with fire, you run on His fire
- There must be no energy loss, no burn out
- The fire of God fuels us, compels us, moves us, touches the desire of our hearts
- Zeal = Fire
- The zeal of God must consume us
- Get out of the land of the 'dead bones'
- You can not imitate the fire of God on you
- When you lose your passion, you've lost God, you've been submerged in the wrong thing
- When we are baptized with God, we are governed by the world of God, God is a consuming fire
- Be in God's world, let His environment become your reality
- When God's world becomes real to you, you will be quickened and your body will even be strengthened
- Get out of the flesh, get out of the system
- God has a baptism for the future church, this will not be an once off event
- The baptism of God is an ever increasing and continual process
- God's nature must be at work in you

- Infilling of the Holy Spirit is like a portal, like a key that unlocks the world of heaven for us and baptism is for that world to become our reality
- When you are baptized in the Spirit, you have access to the power of that world

Acts 1:8 *But the Holy Spirit will come upon you and give you power. Then you will tell everyone about me in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria and everywhere in the world*

- What you are submerged in is what you can access
- Money can not buy everything
- Certain things can only be accessed in God's world
- We need to be completely submerged in the world of God
- God's world must become a greater reality than the natural world and our circumstances
- The devil fears the fire of God

FOUR POINTS WHEN BAPTIZED IN GOD:

1. Surrender

- We must begin to submit ourselves and subdue the wrong things in our lives
- When you go in and go out of God's presence the same, you are not surrendering
- When you come hungry and in surrender, you will change
- There must be a continual hunger and thirst for God
- If you do not respond, there will be a delay
- When you miss the appointment God has for you, it will set you back
- Baptism in religion will cause delay and pain in your life because you will miss your appointment
- Grace is to empower us, not to do what we want
- Every time you come to meet God, don't miss that appointment
- A bee only comes to an open flower
- If God sees you are not hungry and thirsty, He will not come

2. Obey the word and the instruction of God at all times

- We still want to play with the word of God that comes to us
- Obedience is protection
- Disobedience is suffering
- Disobedience takes you back to the desert and back to slavery
- Obedience brings blessing

1 Peter 2:6 *Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.*

1 Peter 2:8 *And a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.*

- The same word that can bless you is the same word that can condemn you
- Love is obedience
- We must be willing to break before God

3. Stay out of sin and worry

- Sin brings separation
- Sin kills the fire
- Sin steals your confidence
- Sin keeps you in a place of shame and condemnation
- If you sin, you have rights to still come to God
- If you sin, don't run away from God, run to Him
- God is the only one Who can deal with your sin issue
- Sin must not be an issue for us anymore
- Don't live a life that goes up and down all the time

- It is time for you to overcome
- Sin must have no dominion over you anymore
- Worry will corner you and bring you into a place of stagnation
- It will kill the fire in you
- Worry distracts you from the reality to be hungry and thirsty for God
- Worry causes you to meditate on the wrong things in your life

Matthew 6:33 *But more than anything else, put God's work first and do what he wants. Then the other things will be yours as well*

- Worrying causes sickness in your body

4. Continually activate the word of God in your life

- Continually activate the proceeding and prophetic word of God
- Study the word
- There must first be a revival in the word then comes the revival in the Spirit
- The word of God is the only accurate 'GPS' into the spirit world
- God's word is so important that God has placed His word above Himself
- God's word is the vehicle you need to come into God's world
- When you build the word in your life it becomes the spirit activator in your life
- It draws the baptism of fire and spirit to you, there will be an explosion
- The church of the future is a church that is baptized in the realm of God, God is fire
- The church that God is appointing is not a social club, it is a church that is seated in heaven and ready to take over, nothing can stop them