# "THE ONENESS OF THE BODY"

## I CORINTHIANS 12:12-13

1. **THE HUMAN BODY IS A TREMENDOUS ILLUSTRATION OF THE CONCEPT OF UNITY IN DIVERSITY (12:12)**
   1. Though It Is One Organic Whole, Its Various Parts Perform Widely Differing Functions, So That No Two Parts Are Exactly The Same
   2. The Body Of Christ, Though Also An Organic Whole, Consists Of Many Parts Performing Widely Differing Functions, Of Which No Two Are Carried Out Exactly The Same
2. **THE LORD'S SPIRITUAL BODY HAS A SINGLE COMMON CREATIONAL DENOMINATOR: THE HOLY SPIRIT (12:13)**
   1. The Spirit Of God Has Been The Object Of Much Misunderstanding
   2. The Spirit Of God Has Been Instrumental In Not Only The Life, But Also The Qualitative & Quantitative Growth Of The Church  
      1. On The Day Of Pentecost The Holy Spirit Was Given For Regeneration, Authentication & Accreditation Of God's New Thing In The Earth
      2. The "Ekklesia" Now Became The New Institution Through Which The Lord Would Work
      3. There Were Further Authentications & Accreditations Given in Relatively Close Proximity For The Sake Of A Sign To The Jews  
         1. Tongues (Acts 2:1-4)
         2. Saving Of Samaritans (Acts 8:13-17)
         3. Saving Of Roman Gentiles From The House Of Cornelius (Acts 10:44-48; 11:14-17)
         4. Inclusion Of 12 Ephesian Disciples Of John The Baptist (Acts 19:1-7)
   3. The Spirit Of God Would Be The Instrument Or Sphere Or Element Of Spirit Baptism
   4. That This "Baptism" Was Already Common To All Believers At Corinth Is Evidenced In The Fact That There Is No Command For Them To Experience This At Any Time In The Future

**THE GIVING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**FOR AUTHENTICATION AND ACCREDITATION**

SEVERAL TIMES IN THE O.T. SIMILAR ACTIVITY OCCURRED AS  
THAT WHICH OCCURRED IN ACTS 2:1-4. IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING  
SCENARIOS WE SEE THE LORD'S AUTHENTICATION AND  
ACCREDITATION AS HIS NEW PLACE OF PRESENCE, WORSHIP AND  
SERVICE.

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| **TABERNACLE**  **EXODUS 40:34**  "THEN A CLOUD  COVERED THE TENT  OF THE  CONGREGATION AND  THE GLORY OF THE  LORD FILLED THE  TABERNACLE." | **SOLOMON'S**  **TEMPLE**  **I KINGS 8:10-11**  " ... THE CLOUD  FILLED THE HOUSE  OF THE LORD, SO  THAT THE PRIESTS  COULD NOT STAND  TO MINISTER  BECAUSE OF THE  CLOUD: FOR THE  GLORY OF THE LORD  HAD FILLED THE  HOUSE OF THE  LORD." | **MILLENNIAL**  **TEMPLE**  **EZEKIEL 43:4,5**  "AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD CAME INTO THE HOUSE BY THE WAY OF THE GATE WHOSE PROSPECT IS TOWARD THE  EAST ... THE GLORY OF THE LORD FILLED  THE HOUSE." |

LIKEWISE, THE N.T. CHURCH HAD BECOME THE LORD'S NEW   
TEMPLE, AND CONSEQUENTLY, IT NEEDED TO BE AUTHENTICATED   
AND ACCREDITED.

**THREE VIEWS ON SPIRIT BAPTISM**

**CHARISMATIC:** AFTER SALVATION

**PROTESTANT:** SIMULTANEOUS TO SALVATION

**HISTORIC BAPTIST:** AT PENTECOST ONCE FOR ALL TIME

**THE THEOLOGY OF BAPTISM(S)**

**ACCORDING TO**

**JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**MATTHEW 3:11**

"I INDEED BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER UNTO REPENTENCE: BUT   
HE THAT COMETH AFTER ME IS MIGHTIER THAN I, WHOSE SHOES I   
AM NOT WORTHY TO BEAR: HE SHALL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY   
GHOST AND WITH FIRE."

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| **TOPIC** | **BAPTIZER** | **METHOD** | **ELEMENT** | **CANDIDATE** |
| WATER  BAPTISM | JOHN | IMMERSION | WATER | BELIEVERS |
| SPIRIT  BAPTISM | CHRIST | SPIRITUAL IMMERSION | HOLY SPIRIT | BELIEVERS |
| FIRE  BAPTISM | CHRIST | BODILY IMMERSION | FIRE | UNBELIEVER |