# "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 THEEAST ... 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** |
| WATERBAPTISM | JOHN | IMMERSION | WATER | BELIEVERS |
| SPIRITBAPTISM | CHRIST | SPIRITUAL IMMERSION | HOLY SPIRIT | BELIEVERS |
| FIREBAPTISM | CHRIST | BODILY IMMERSION | FIRE | UNBELIEVER |