

"THE ONENESS OF THE BODY"

I CORINTHIANS 12:12-13

I. THE HUMAN BODY IS A TREMENDOUS ILLUSTRATION OF THE CONCEPT OF UNITY IN DIVERSITY (12:12)

- A. Though It Is One Organic Whole, Its Various Parts Perform Widely Differing Functions, So That No Two Parts Are Exactly The Same
- B. 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

II. THE LORD'S SPIRITUAL BODY HAS A SINGLE COMMON CREATIONAL DENOMINATOR: THE HOLY SPIRIT (12:13)

- A. The Spirit Of God Has Been The Object Of Much Misunderstanding
- B. 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
 - a. Tongues (Acts 2:1-4)
 - b. Saving Of Samaritans (Acts 8:13-17)
 - c. Saving Of Roman Gentiles From The House Of Cornelius (Acts 10:44-48; 11:14-17)
 - d. Inclusion Of 12 Ephesian Disciples Of John The Baptist (Acts 19:1-7)
- C. The Spirit Of God Would Be The Instrument Or Sphere Or Element Of Spirit Baptism
- D. 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.

TABERNACLE	SOLOMON'S TEMPLE	MILLENNIAL TEMPLE
EXODUS 40:34	I KINGS 8:10-11	EZEKIEL 43:4,5
"THEN A CLOUD COVERED THE TENT OF THE CONGREGATION AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD FILLED THE TABERNACLE."	" ... 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."	"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."

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>BAPTIZER</u>	<u>METHOD</u>	<u>ELEMENT</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>
WATER BAPTISM	JOHN	IMMERSION	WATER	BELIEVERS
SPIRIT BAPTISM	CHRIST	SPIRITUAL IMMERSION	HOLY SPIRIT	BELIEVERS
FIRE BAPTISM	CHRIST	BODILY IMMERSION	FIRE	UNBELIEVER