

In many Christian churches much of God's word is inaccessible, because once a belief system is ingrained into the congregant, the word of God become subject to that system. Somehow, somehow it has to fall in line with that system of belief

WE MUST HOLD TO THE TEXT OF SCRIPTURE ALONE, THROUGH THE COMMON USE OF LANGUAGE.

KNOWING THAT GOD COMMUNICATED TO MANKIND IN TERMS THAT MEN COULD UNDERSTAND

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Salvation/ baptism by means of the Holy Spirit is Non-experiential

BY GRACE YOU ARE SAVED THROUGH FAITH, NOT BY FEELING NOT BY EXPERIENCE

1. An explanation for non-experiential salvation:

a. Is the Holy Spirit a sign to verify salvation?

Ephesians 1:13-14 (NIV)

13 that we who first trusted in Christ should be in the **grace of His glory**.

14 In Him **you also trusted**, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, in whom also, **having BELIEVED, you were sealed** with the Holy Spirit of promise,

being glory and honor to the essence of God, as is the perfection of His character

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irrespective of their effort or will

seal - The **perfect verb tense** is used by the writer to present the action of a verb as a "completed" event. The verb's action is portrayed simply and in summary fashion without regard to any process. **In this collective sense, the word usually denotes past time** while an aorist participle usually refers to antecedent time with respect to the main verb. Consider the salvation and the participants, the event does not exclude time. "First Christ" refers to the reflected item. First Christ's action are marked by an aorist (usually a perfect, i.e., -e or -ed) and either -en, -is, or -is as part of the verb endings.

The **guarantee** is the verbal phrase or word indicating that the subject was being sealed upon

The idea is that **the Jews** first, and then **the Gentiles** they both magnify the character of God

Not that they are adding to God's character, but in the eyes of his creatures He becomes highly exalted through the knowledge of the excellence of His grace provision

14 who is **the guarantee** of our inheritance **until** the **redemption** of the purchased possession, to the **glorie of His glory**.

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14 20-21 and we had hoped that for would be the one who was going to **redeem** Israel

So the filling of the Holy Spirit is the first installment of our eternal inheritance until we are liberated from this present world

The issue always for Phase 1 salvation is just trusting in Christ as Savior.

At that instant we are **baptized** by means of God the Holy Spirit.

That means that we are **identified with Christ**. That's the sense of **baptism**; it's literal.

Its literal meaning has the idea of immersion, **but its significance is identification with something**, especially with relationship to **a new state**, or **a new direction**.

This is why John the Baptist came

Matthew 3:1-4 (NIV)

1 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,

2 and saying, **"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"**

3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.'"

4 Now John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.

5 Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him

6 and were **baptized** by him in the Jordan, **confessing their sins**.

The Jews that were baptized were identified with the kingdom

In the Church Age there is this **non-experiential** reality.

In other words we don't feel anything. We don't have a sense of euphoria and happiness given to us by God, or anything else, as a sign that we have been baptized by the Spirit.

Our emotions are **the responders** of our soul.

So all those feelings of euphoria and happiness, all that excitement; that is our emotional response, to the realization that I have just been justified through, just belief alone, in Christ alone; that I've just been given this free gift of righteousness and eternal life, and that it was given because I know it to be true, and for no other reason!!!

Some people feel certain things at the time of their salvation.

That has nothing to do with **verifying** it.

Some people know they're in a miserable state, and when they get saved it's such a relief to know they're saved and have peace with God, that they have a natural emotional response.

But nowhere in the New Testament does it say that it's necessary to have a sign to **verify** your salvation.

Neither baptism by the Spirit

nor speaking in tongues,

or healing,

or any other sign gift is part of it.

But it is in fact a legal transaction that occurs.

Jesus Christ uses the Holy Spirit to identify the believer with His death, burial, and resurrection.

Matthew 3:17-17 (NIV)

17 that when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, **"Bread of yepest! Who wanted you to flee from the wrath to come?"**

18 Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance,

19 and do not think to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father." For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

20 And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and **thrown into the fire**.

21 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but **He** who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

22 His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable **fire**.

Two baptisms. Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Baptism with fire

At the same time, we are in-dwelt by God the Holy Spirit. He makes each and every believer a temple, a place where God takes up residence. Christ in us the hope of glory. We are sealed by the Holy Spirit. That is, we are marked as God's possession. We are identified as his. And this determines our eternal destiny. We can never, ever lose that. It never will be set aside.

Remember that every single believer at the instant of salvation is in-dwelt by God the Holy Spirit, **this is a non-experiential event**.

That means we don't feel it, it's not something that gives us a feeling of warmth or a glow. It's not represented by any kind of activity it's simply something that happens along with numerous others, non-experiential things such as

baptism of the Holy Spirit, justification, adoption, all of these things at the Bible talks about that become ours and our reality at the instant of salvation.

The only way we come to know and understand the many different elements of our justification is through our own personal volition to know by reading and receive the teachings of the text of God's word.

1 Peter 1:22-2:1 (NIV)

22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

23 having been born again, **not of corruptible seed but incorruptible**,

The soul was purified from corrupt human viewpoint thinking.

We were born again not by the corrupt thinking that man teachers

Matthew 13:12-13 (NIV)

12 "Therefore hear the parable of the sower **in When anyone hears the word of the kingdom**, and does not understand it, then the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart! This is the sower sown seed by the sower.

13 But he who **received the seed** on any place, this is **he who hears the word** and immediately receives it with joy.

14 He has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises from the sower, he falls away.

15 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, but the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

16 But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who also produces fruit and grows into a fruitful tree, which yields thirty, sixty, and a hundred fold.

through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

24 because "All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away.

The very best morally good thought system that man can produce withers and falls away

25 But the word of the Lord endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

1 Therefore, laying aside all malice, all **deceit, hypocrisy**, envy, and all evil speaking,

False religious thinking

He's talking to believers

2 as newborn babies, **desire the pure milk of the word**, that you may grow thereby.

3 If indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

Paul goes into great detail teaching the baptism of the Holy Spirit and it's purpose, because it's not knowable otherwise.

We know nothing about the baptism of the Holy Spirit outside of the text of Scripture

We don't build major doctrine, or even doctrine at all on isolated elements of a passage, when that element never shows up again in the vast communication of the main subject.

These elements are isolated from any detailed description in the context.

Mark 16:7-11 (NIV)

7 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

8 **He who believes and is baptized will be saved. BUT HE WHO DOES NOT BELIEVE WILL BE CONDEMNED.**

9 **And these signs** will follow those who believe: in My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

10 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

The same gifts are no longer in operation according to 1 Corinthians 13

Water baptism is subsequent to salvation throughout the rest of new testament teaching