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APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:00 PM

“Pentecost”

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Matthew 3:11

11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: 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:

- John the Baptist came, before the ministry of Jesus Christ began, proclaiming the ultimate goal of Jesus' ministry, which is that He will ultimately baptize **EVERYONE**, either with the Holy Ghost (Spirit of holiness) or with fire (judgment).

- Matthew 3:12

12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

- The only alternative to baptism of fire is the baptism of the Holy Ghost (Spirit baptism). Spirit baptism is THE PROMISE that God made and Jesus came to deliver on!

Acts 1:4-5

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, **which**, saith he, **ye have heard of me**.

5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

- In this passage we see that Jesus identifies The Promise as Spirit baptism, which is also shown as being greater than water baptism!

- We see the **end** of waiting (tarrying) for The Promise, as the baptism of the Holy Ghost arrives in chapter 2:

Acts 2:1-4

- 1** And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
- 2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
- 3** And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
- 4** And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

- The outpour of the Holy Ghost at Pentecost in Acts chptr. 2 is recognized as the beginning of the “Church Age”. It is the ultimate purpose of Christ’s ministry on earth, He did not die just so we can believe, but He shed His blood and poured out His life to cleanse us from sin which prepares us to receive The Promise of Spirit baptism!
- Spirit baptism is not a subsequent additional blessing to salvation, Spirit baptism IS salvation!
 - 1 Corinthians 12:13
13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

- How is it that we ALL gain entrance into this one body? We are all BAPTIZED into one body (the Body of Christ) by one Spirit! We know that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ (2 Peter 1:21 /1 Peter 1:10-11), it is Christ (in Spirit form) that baptizes us with the Holy Spirit:
 - Matthew 3:11
11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: 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
- Anyone who desires salvation must receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Spirit of Christ), else they do not have salvation:

Romans 8:9 (b)

9 ... Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

- Spirit baptism is not optional!
- It is through Spirit baptism that God empowers us to live a life of holiness, sanctification, and righteousness.

Ezekiel 36:25-27

25 Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. **26** I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. **27** I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do *them*.

- Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?

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