

# WHICH DENOMINATION AM I?

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The Bible is clear and unambiguous in its message, and everything it says is completely true; therefore the Bible is our ultimate authority, and nothing else is equal to its authority.

Even though you receive the Holy Spirit when you become a Christian, there is a second experience of the Holy Spirit available to all Christians that happens later, which results in you becoming "baptized in the Holy Spirit."

You can choose to follow Jesus, and thereby become a Christian. You can later choose to walk away and forfeit your salvation. You can return afterwards by placing your faith in Jesus again.

The Bible teaches that God predetermines where everyone will go—heaven or hell.

Sorta. God doesn't choose beforehand where you will go. But if you do truly choose to follow Jesus, God won't let you fall away. You can choose to follow Jesus, but you'll never choose to leave Him.

Well, everything it says is completely true, but it's difficult to know with certainty what it teaches beyond the central message that salvation comes through faith in Jesus.

The Bible is completely true, but we need the leaders of the one-and-only true Church that God has appointed to interpret it for us. They are always right in their interpretation.

Yes. When you are "baptized in the Holy Spirit," you are made completely holy. Before, you couldn't love God with all your heart, mind, soul, strength. Now, you can.

No. When you become a Christian, that is the same thing as being "baptized in the Holy Spirit."

Yes

Yes, the Bible clearly teaches that we must place our trust in Jesus—there's no other way to be saved. Anyone who doesn't become a Christian remains lost in their sins and will die eternally separated from God. But beyond that, all that other doctrine stuff is just divisive and pointless.

Well, define what it means to "put your faith in Jesus." Who are we to decide how that's done or what that looks like?

Yes

-Catholic

No

The Bible isn't a reliable source for a final authority. Its teachings about how to live our lives are convoluted by the authors' biases and falleness.

We'll still try to trust what it says about God, even if we can't trust what it says about how to live morally.

The Bible just isn't very trustworthy. Most of it is unreliable. But it's still often very inspiring to read.

-United Methodist Church  
-Presbyterian USA (not PCA)

-Episcopalian  
-Lutheran ECLA (not Missouri Synod)  
-Presbyterian USA (not PCA)

-Presbyterian PCA (not USA)  
-Reformed Churches

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That second experience isn't the "baptism of the Holy Spirit." It's the gift of sanctification. There is a third experience of the Holy Spirit, and *this* is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. When you receive this baptism, you will speak in other tongues, and then you will be able to use other supernatural spiritual gifts.

No, we can never achieve perfection. The second experience of the Holy Spirit, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, is when God gives you the ability to use the supernatural gifts of the Spirit (speaking in tongues, miracles, prophecy, etc.)

We should strive to see these gifts expressed regularly in our worship services.

-Freewill Baptists  
-Churches of Christ

-Charismatic Baptists  
-Calvary Chapel

-Evangelical Free Church  
-Baptists  
*(There are a variety of Baptists. The largest group, Southern Baptists, generally also believe in a literal 7-day creation and only allow men as pastors.)*

Those who receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit will first speak in tongues before they use any of the other gifts of the Spirit.

Yes, we seek to experience the supernatural gifts regularly

They may occur, but the more "supernatural" gifts are not emphasized over the others.

-Evangelical Covenant Church  
-Some of the United Methodist Churches out there

Not necessarily

-Charismatics

-Vineyard Movement

Some Pentecostal denominations such as:  
-The Assemblies of God

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-The Church of God In Christ  
-The Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)