

“Baptism Of The Holy Spirit”
Mark 1: 4-8
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The Only Message We Have Is The Promised Regeneration Of The Spirit Of Christ Bringing Salvation, (vs. 1: 8)

Message Emphasis: Many today have gravely misunderstood the work of the Holy Spirit by overlooking the fact that the Holy Spirit is given to bring conviction of sin. Alternately, many seek the “fire” of the Holy Spirit without truly understanding what they are seeking; judgment of sin. We must understand that the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin leading us to confess our sins before God.

*“... But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”
(John 16:7-11, ESV)*

There Has Only Ever Been One Purpose; Be Changed By The Glorious Spirit Of Christ, (vs. 4 - 8)

- The conviction of Christ’s Spirit is the confessing of our sin, (vs. 5)
 - *The work of the Holy Spirit is attractive* *Does the Holy Spirit hold any attraction for you?*

And all the country of Judea... and all Jerusalem... were GOING (Impf.Act.Ind) out to him

¹⁾ “But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ²⁾ Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ³⁾ And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.” (Matthew 3:7-9, ESV)

 1. The unbelieving are attracted *Why are you drawn to the preaching of the Gospel?*
 2. This attraction must move toward repentance *Do you see the need to repent & bear fruit?*
 3. This attraction goes beyond simple rite or observance *Are you trusting in something other than Christ?*
 - *The work of the Holy Spirit is compelling* *Does the Holy Spirit compel you to trust in the Lord?*

and were being BAPTIZED (Impf.Pas.Ind) by him in the river Jordan,

¹⁾ “I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.”
²⁾ And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’” (John 1:31-33, ESV)

 1. The Holy Spirit moves to reveal Christ *Is the Holy Spirit leading you to know Christ? More?*
 2. The Holy Spirit moves us to trust what we have been told *Are you compelled to trust Christ? More?*
 - *The work of the Holy Spirit is convicting* *Does the Holy Spirit convict you of your sin & need of repentance?*

CONFESSING (Pres.Mid.Part) their sins.

“But if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers in their treachery that they committed against me, and also in walking contrary to me, so that I walked contrary to them and brought them into the land of their enemies – if then their uncircumcised heart is humbled and they make amends for their iniquity, then I will remember my covenant with Jacob, and I will remember my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land.” (Leviticus 26:40-42, ESV)

The marks of genuine conviction

 - ❖ It does not matter who is at fault...
 - ❖ It does not matter what the consequence is...
 - ❖ What matters is rather to humbly confess

*****How Do I Receive The Regeneration Of Christ’s Spirit? ****

Message Directive: Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul ONLY in Christ can His Spirit bring the necessary regeneration of your sinful soul.

- The work of Christ's Spirit is the regeneration of what has been marred by our sin, (vs. 6-8)

...And he preached (*Impf.Act.Ind*), **saying** (*Pres.Act.Part*), **"After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop** (*Aor.Act.Part*) **down and untie** (*Aor.Act.Inf*). **I have baptized** (*Aor.Act.Ind*) **you with water, but he will baptize** (*Fut.Act.Ind*) **you with the Holy Spirit.**

3. There Has Only Ever Been One Profession; Be Found In The Glorious Savior, Jesus Christ, (vs. 9 – 11)
4. There Has Only Ever Been One Protection; Be Sheltered By The Glorious Sustainer, (vs. 12 – 13)