

Mount Zion Missionary
Baptist Church



Exploring
Water Baptism
and
Baptism by the Spirit

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PARTICIPANTS GUIDE

Introduction:

Water baptism represents our public commitment to Christ, while baptism by the Spirit immerses us into the very fabric of the body of Christ, intertwining us in a divine tapestry woven with threads of faith, obedience, and identity.

As we embark on this exploration of these two significant aspects of our spiritual lives, let us contemplate: How do these profound acts of grace shape our understanding of salvation and our sense of community?

Water Baptism

Definition: An o_____, public a___ of obedience and a symbolic declaration of a believer's faith, d_____, burial, and resurrection with C_____.

1. The Nature of Baptism (Symbol vs. Sacrament)

- Grasp the concept that baptism is an outward testimony of an inward spiritual reality, highlighting its significance as an act of obedience.
- Reflect on 1 Corinthians 1:14-17 and consider its implications regarding the purpose of baptism.

2. The Meaning of Baptism (Identification with Christ)

- Investigate how the act of baptism symbolizes your new identity in Christ, serving as a public declaration.
- Meditate on Romans 6:3-4 and contemplate what it means for your life.

3. The Order of Baptism (Credobaptism / Believer's Baptism)

- Discuss the importance of faith preceding baptism, as evidenced in the New Testament.
- Review Acts 2:38-41 and explore the sequence of belief followed by baptism.

Small Group Questions

1. Why is it essential to differentiate between the symbol of salvation (water baptism) and the actual source of salvation (faith in Christ)?
 2. How does maintaining salvation as strictly tied to faith safeguard the integrity of the Gospel message?
 3. In what ways does your baptism serve as a personal testimony in your faith journey, and how can you share that with others?
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PART II: Baptism by the Spirit

Definition: The once-for-all a_____ of God at c_____ where the H_____ S_____ places a believer i_____ the body of Christ.

1. At-Conversion Placement

- Recognize the instantaneous nature of baptism by the Spirit that occurs at salvation (I C_____ 12:13).

2. Baptism vs. Filling

- Understand the ongoing command to be filled with the Spirit (E_____ 5:18) and how this can transform daily living.

3. Scriptural Examples

- Study the examples of Spirit baptism in Acts 2, 8, 10, and 19 to see how they inform your understanding of community and empowerment.
- Reflect on how these passages can inspire you to engage more deeply with your faith.

Small Group Questions

1. How does understanding baptism by the Spirit influence your perception of salvation and your identity as a believer in Christ?
2. What practical steps can you take to cultivate the filling of the Holy Spirit in your everyday life?
3. In what ways can Mount Zion create an environment that encourages believers to comprehend and live out their baptism by the Spirit?

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