

SPIRIT BAPTISM CONTRASTED WITH WATER BAPTISM

ACTS 1:5

	SPIRIT BAPTISM (Col. 2:11-12; 1 Cor. 12:13)	WATER BAPTISM (Matt. 28:19-20)
Realm	Spiritual (unseen, inside)	Physical (symbolic, outward)
Purpose	Salvation	Obedience & outward public testimony of the believers inner faith
By whom?	God	Man
Method	Spiritual operation of God (without hands)	Physical in water by immersion (a burial)
Who For?	Needed for salvation by all lost people	Only for believers (in obedience to the Lord)
Benefit	Forgiveness of all sin and eternal life in Heaven.	To proclaim the new believer's faith in the D/B/R of Christ, to identify with Christ, and to serve the Lord through the Local Church
Result	Puts new believer into spiritual Body of Christ	Many require it for Local Church membership
	Spiritual Baptism connected to:	Water Baptism connected to:
1	Grace	Works
2	Position (1-time event to become a son of God)	Practice (desire to walk in newness of life)
3	Relationship	Fellowship (outward symbol of surrender)
4	God's Righteousness	Man's Righteousness/Obedience
5	Free Gift	Obedience and Submission
6	Salvation (getting saved, born again, redeemed, justified, spiritually circumcized)	Service and discipleship (to follow, obey, and live out your life in serving the Lord)
7	Faith alone (in D/B/R of Jesus Christ)	Walking righteously in a new life of service
8	Regeneration	Commitment to walk in the Spirit