

Test yourself to see if you are in the faith; examine yourself! Or do you not recognize this about yourself, that Jesus Christ is in you -- unless indeed you fail the test? (2 Cor 13:5)

Did you receive the Holy Spirit?

THE TEST

If indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if *anyone* does not have the Spirit of Christ, *he* does not belong to Him. (Rom 8:9)

You are a Christian only if His Holy Spirit dwells in you. This is the test to see if you are in the faith! Paul used this test on some disciples of Apollos. Apollos was "acquainted only with the baptism of John." (Acts 18:25)

Paul found some disciples and said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said to him, "No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" And they said, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus." When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (Acts 19:1-5)

This illustrates the reason for being baptized in Jesus' name. These men needed to be re-baptized, this time through faith in Jesus to receive the Holy Spirit.

Two Baptisms

John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Mark 1:4)

Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38)

John's baptism was only for the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' baptism is also to receive the Holy Spirit. This is why Apollos' disciples needed to be re-baptized.

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of *water* and the *Spirit* he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (John 3:5)

He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the *washing of regeneration* and *renewing by the Holy Spirit*. (Titus 3:5)

For you are all sons of God *through faith in Christ Jesus*. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. (Gal 3:26-27)

Having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him *through faith in the working of God*, who raised Him from the dead. (Col 2:12)

Moment Of Truth

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. (2 Tim 4:3-4)

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness. (2 Tim 3:16)

Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so. (Acts 17:11)

If you believe that Jesus is Lord and Christ; if you repent of your sins; and if you are willing to make the good confession before witnesses that Jesus is Lord and Christ...

Why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name. (Acts 22:16)

Baptism now saves you -- not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience -- through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 3:21)

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