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What is the baptism of Fire? Where do you sign up? - posted by RainMan, on: 2010/8/19 7:37

I was at bible study and an elder said "lets pray that the FIRE of God forms a hedge around us like job". He then went on again and mentioned something about "Holy Ghost Fire". The implication i was getting was that the baptism of fire promised when scripture said Jesus would baptize with the holy ghost and fire, was some sort of mystical energy called Holy Ghost fire.

Personally looking at scripture i see God as a consuming fire and a purifying refining fire. Since one of the objects of baptism is to symbolize the transition of man from a filthy sinner to a washed in the blood believer. Then i concluded that the baptism of fire was to produce purity as a refining fire. Looking at the lives of the believers i saw the FIRE manifest in the shape of suffering and affliction that purified them and made them dead to self.

As i am inferring all of this from scripture it is still just a mere opinion. So my question is

what is the baptism of fire?

is it a refiners fire that manifest itself through suffering for christ sake or is it some sort of power that zaps our enemy. Please kindly let me know what the baptism of fire really is. What do you believe it is by inferring and is there scripture that actually talks about the fire baptism of fire.

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Re: What is the baptism of Fire? Where do you sign up? - posted by enid, on: 2010/8/19 7:49

Laughing's a gift?

Re: What is the baptism of Fire? Where do you sign up? - posted by BeYeDoers (), on: 2010/8/19 8:10

Quote:

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gift from who for what?

One thing's for sure: the junk that man spews out is no laughing matter...he is one of the world's greatest evangelists for the god of mammon

Stay very far away.

Re: What is the baptism of Fire? Where do you sign up? - posted by RobertW (), on: 2010/8/19 9:06

You will know from the Old Testament dedication of the Temple in Solomon's day that the Fire of God fell when the altar was full. This Fire consumed the sacrifice and also served as the Fire that was to be used in the service of God. Any other fire is strange fire or common fire. Common fire cannot be used in the service of God- not then and not now.

These things were a metaphor. Under the New Covenant John Baptist had said Jesus Christ will baptize with the Holy Ghost and Fire. In fact, He came to send Fire on the earth. God's answer to this world's problems is Fire. This is a short introduction to this reality. You will find the following message to be very insightful. It is G.W. North expounding on the Temple and how that relates to us. The key fact is that until we place ourselves totally on the altar the Fire will not fall. We are only fooling ourselves and talking words. We have to place ourselves on the altar in such a way that God can believe us. He is the great unbeliever of men. When God can trust our sincerity that we have utterly come to Romans 12:1-2 then we can be assured the Fire will fall.

http://mp3.biblebase.com/mp3/MrNorth/hi/fire1_GWN-Fire_on_the_altar.mp3

Re: What is the baptism of Fire? Where do you sign up? - posted by Goldminer (), on: 2010/8/19 9:08

Here are just a few thoughts that came to me when I read your post.

Hbr 12:29 For our God a consuming fire.

Act 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

I read a book years ago about the refining work of the Holy Spirit and how the more consumed we are by His presence the more all the junk in us is burned up. They likened it to a log in a fireplace, we the log, the fire God. As the fire begins to consume the log the log takes on the very nature of the fire. It becomes one with the fire. The fire burns out all the impurities.

I sought God constantly for the baptism of the Holy Spirit when I was first saved 34 years ago. Finally while I was sleeping I received a radical baptism. It felt like electricity (fire?) going through my body in waves. I found myself sitting straight upright in the bed with my arms out cross fashion and I was speaking in tongues. This was the most awesome thing that ever happened to me.

After that day I was totally changed. I couldn't help but love those around me. I couldn't help but witness to the lost, and most I did witness to got saved. There was a fire shut up in my bones that compelled me to share the good news. I had what I call a lump of love in my heart that stayed there for about 3 months. I was so... in love with Jesus that all I could do was talk about my lover.

Jer 20:9 Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not.

I believe that baptism of fire burns up the junk and refines us for the Master's use. I also believe that is what has held me fast in my walk with Him over all these years when many have fallen away. I know what I received was not something I could work up. It was from outside myself and impossible to manufacture. I am so grateful to the one I love for giving me this gift.

Who is this gift for? Everybody who values it, and pursues the One who gives it.

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, as many as the Lord our God shall call.

We might be among that afar off group, but God is still calling His children. We can have this gift.

Now about Kenneth Copeland, I have to agree with the other comment. He is into the prosperity gospel. It grieves my heart to listen to these guys. In fact I can't listen to them any more. Our focus is to be Jesus, not stuff, not money. Here is what my word says:

1Ti 6:8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

Hbr 13:5 conversation without covetousness; content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Luk 3:14 And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse falsely; and be content with your wages.

I pray you will be filled with all the fullness of God.

Jhn 1:16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

Eph 1:23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Mal 3:3 And he shall sit a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

Re: What is the baptism of Fire? Where do you sign up? - posted by mguldner (), on: 2010/8/19 9:28

Well when I heard about being baptized by fire it wasn't so much as a force or anything like that but simply the sanctifying effect of the Holy Spirit.

Yet another thing I have heard is that Fire represents afflictions we go through as Christians that Christ Church would be baptized in the fires of afflictions.

But both of these interpretations I haven't really done much research on but that is what I would think anyways

Re: , on: 2010/8/19 10:14

I think the word "Baptism" needs to be changed to another word. It's been stretched to mean different things and like the word "Love" it's been misused, misapplied and has lost it's true meaning. Many images come to mind when we hear the word "Baptism" or "Baptize". The word is solely under the rulership of religion. Like the word "gay" is under the rulership of homosexuality. Though the word itself was at one time used to express something colourful and beautiful, but we can hardly use it that way anymore it's been stolen and abused.

Preachers today have done the same thing with that word, "Baptism". Though there is a Holy Spirit baptism of sorts, but nothing like it's been flaunted today in the big shows of Christianity. In your first post you have the meaning more correctly than you think.

Luke 12:50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!

These words were spoken by our Lord. His baptism was to be drowned in death.

Paul says to be filled with the Spirit which literally means to be filled with the knowledge of Jesus Christ, walk in the Spirit, walk in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and we shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the knowledge of Jesus Christ is that Jesus died and we died with Him. If dead, the flesh is no longer alive.

You've got some good stuff, follow along in that vein. As for laughing, I love to have a good laugh, I just don't want to be caught barking.

Re: What is the baptism of Fire? Where do you sign up? - posted by dbiser, on: 2010/8/19 10:34

The baptism of fire by Christ is that demonstrated in Acts 2; when the Holy Spirit came in fullness upon the 120 in the upper room, there was fire upon them - signifying the Holy Ghost. The baptism of fire is what is missing from today's church - where there is power upon them. Yes, fire does refine, it does purify, and it is power. You see this over and over in the saints of the church that when they were baptized in the Spirit they were made full of the Spirit for the work of God to be glorified. We get saved, the Spirit is what convicted us, the Spirit is what draws us unto the Lord. As we go through regeneration, 'old things are past away, and all things become new' the Spirit enters in. Christ is now Lord of our life, He rules in our hearts, minds and possesses our souls. The Spirit is with us; but the question is, how much does He dominate within us? The baptism of the Spirit of power by fire is the fullness of God coming upon us, that sin does not have any place within us. We are obedient to Him and Him alone. Sin is absent, therefore we have nothing to grieve, quench or resist the Spirit. He is able to do great things through us and in us by this baptism of fire. Yet, if sin is in us, controlling us, dominating us, then we quench and grieve Him and the baptism of fire is only a spark of what it should be. The work of the Spirit of fire is to accomplish what He wants to do, whether it be to refine, strengthen, empower, it is His Divine purpose and we are yielded to it.

Re: , on: 2010/8/19 17:57

Behold, the name of the LORD cometh from far, burning with his anger, and the burden thereof is heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire: And his breath, as an overflowing stream, shall reach to the midst of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity: and there shall be a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing them to err. Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come into the mountain of the LORD, to the mighty One of Israel. And the LORD shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones... Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done; and, ye that are near, acknowledge my might. The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; He shall dwell on high; his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure. Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off.

Is. 30.27-30, 33.13-17