

Ministry of the Holy Spirit

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT is God the HS taking the believer at the moment of salvation and putting him into the family of God. It is a dry baptism. (I Cor. 12:13; Col. 2:12)

INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT is God the HS coming to make His residence inside the believer at the moment a person accepts JC as Savior and Lord. (I Cor. 6:19; Gal. 3:2) While the Indwelling Spirit never leaves the Christian, He may or may not be in control of the life. Christians are never, in the Church Age, commanded to be baptized or indwelt by the HS. There is one act of indwelling and one act of baptism. These occur at the point of regeneration – new birth.

FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT is the means by which a Christian is cleansed of sin (COS), Christ controlled, and prepared for the *reception, absorption, assimilation, appropriation, and application* of the Word of God. The Christian life is a human impossibility. Therefore, when a person is controlled by the Holy Spirit, he/she is controlled by a power greater than man's. That power is absolutely necessary to break the hold of the flesh which the Bible calls carnality!