

Notes for Matthew 3:11

Hebrew & Greek pronunciation spelled phonetically

Romans 10:9-10 - *because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

Baptism doesn't change our heart by itself, but it does point to the One who can! It is only effective as an expression of true Faith, as in Colossians 2:12

Colossians 2:12 - *having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.*

Romans 6:3-4 - *Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

Christ baptizes a person with the Holy Spirit at conversion; the moment they repent and believe the Gospel, putting their Faith in Christ. It's a once-for-all, one time act that unites the believer to Christ and to the body of Christ.

Romans 8:9 - *You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you.* Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him

Baptized in the Spirit is different than being "filled" with the Holy Spirit which which is an ongoing thing and includes repeated empowerment for holiness and witness like in Ephesians 5:18 and Acts 4:8, 31.

Ephesians 5:18 - *And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit*

Acts 4:8 - *Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders*

Acts 4:31 - *And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.*

Invite someone to church and you may be the tool God uses to win a soul to Christ!

Not all heroes wear capes!

Acts 1:8 - *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

The Holy Spirit enables us to live for Christ and speak boldly as in Acts 1:8 and in Acts 2 when the Holy Spirit came with signs "as of fire" and timid disciples became bold witnesses. The Holy Spirit teaches, convicts, helps and guides us as we see in John 14 -16 & Romans 8.

In Acts 8, 10 and 19 we see the Holy Spirit work in Samaria, in Cornelius and in Ephesus. The same Spirit comes to Jews and Gentiles.

1 Corinthians 12:13 - *For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Gentiles, slaves or free - and all were made to drink of one Spirit.*

Ezekiel 36:26-27 - *And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules*

Titus 3:5 - *he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,*

Matthew 28:19 - *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*

If we call ourselves a Christian - a Follower of Christ - and do not care if we are baptized - or worse, don't want to be - that seems worth praying about!

Malachi 3:2-3 - *But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord*

Isaiah 4:4 - *when the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and cleansed the bloodstains of Jerusalem from its midst by a spirit of judgment and by a spirit of burning.*

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There are many ways to pray depending upon our situation. Many times, we can pray boldly. Other times it may be best to pray silently and invisibly. But we should not pray as one ashamed of who we are - Children of God.

EZEKIEL 36:25-27

I WILL SPRINKLE CLEAN WATER ON YOU, AND YOU SHALL BE CLEAN FROM ALL YOUR UNCLEANNESSES, AND FROM ALL YOUR IDOLS I WILL CLEANSE YOU. 26 AND I WILL GIVE YOU A NEW HEART, AND A NEW SPIRIT I WILL PUT WITHIN YOU. AND I WILL REMOVE THE HEART OF STONE FROM YOUR FLESH AND GIVE YOU A HEART OF FLESH. 27 AND I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT WITHIN YOU, AND CAUSE YOU TO WALK IN MY STATUTES AND BE CAREFUL TO OBEY MY RULES.

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