



**WHOSE BAPTISM
HAVE YOU
RECEIVED?**



Acts 19

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, “**Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?**”

They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

So Paul asked, “**Then what baptism did you receive?**”

“**John’s baptism,**” they replied.

Paul said, “**John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance.** He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were **baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.** When **Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.**

COMPARISON OF BAPTISMS

John's Baptism

- Repentance (change of heart; returning to oneself)
- Signifies a decision to become a follower
- Is about forgiveness and starting a new life

Jesus' Baptism

- Into the 'name' of Father Son and Holy Spirit (or the 'name of Jesus')
- Signifies permanent, full immersion into the life and relationship of the Trinity
- Includes forgiveness, but is about resurrection and transformation (caterpillar -> butterfly)

- In Acts 19, Paul checked what baptism they received by asking ‘**Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?**’
- The fact they hadn’t suggested that John’s baptism was as far as their understanding had gone
- Paul expected ‘receiving the Holy Spirit’ to be the direct consequence that they had received Jesus’ baptism
- Everyone in the book of Acts who receives the Holy Spirit has some experience and some evidence associated with it, usually **speaking in tongues and/or prophesying**

WHAT DOES LIFE LOOK LIKE UNDER TWO DIFFERENT BAPTISMS?

John's Baptism

- Without Holy Spirit
- Life (and discipleship) is self-powered
- It's possible to lose your way because your own power is limited
- Creates servants who work for the Father's glory

Jesus' Baptism

- Is about receiving Holy Spirit
- Life (and discipleship) is fully powered by the life of God
- You cannot get lost because you are surrounded on all sides by the Trinity (although you can forget!)
- Creates sons and daughters who share in the Father's glory

'FILLED' WITH THE SPIRIT

Two images:

