

MESSAGE SUMMARY: We don't want to attempt to live this Christian life on our own strength and power so today we learn why as New Testament Christians there are two outstanding baptisms for every Believer: The need for their own water baptism, and the need for the mighty power of the Holy Spirit with the gift of a spiritual language. These are supernatural graces which individual Christians need to fulfill the Great Mission of sharing the love of God through our Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE 2 BIG BANG BAPTISMS

Water & Spirit

WATER - BAPTISM IN WATER:

1. **The Great Commission.** Matthew 28:19
2. **The Apostles obedience to this Commission.** Acts 8:35-37

REQUIREMENTS FOR WATER BAPTISM:

- **Believe in Jesus Christ.** Mark 16:16
- **Repentance from patterns of sin.** Acts 2:38
- **Obedience to the Lord Jesus.** John 14:15-16

SPIRIT - BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT:

1. **Jesus told Believers to expect the Holy Spirit's infilling.**
John 7:37-39; 14:12-18
2. **The Early Church emphasized being filled with the Holy Spirit.**
Acts 8:14-17; 19:1-7

RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM:

- **The Baptism of the Holy Spirit follows salvation.**
John 20:21-22; Acts 1:4-8
- **Holy Spirit of God is involved in the gift of tongues.**
Luke 11:13
- **Prayer with the laying on of hands is the pathway.**
Acts 9:17; Acts 19:6
- **Spiritual language (Tongues) is secret communication with God.**
1 Corinthians 14:2,14
- **Spiritual language will sound like the language of men or angels.**
1 Corinthians 13:1; Acts 2:8-11

BENEFITS OF THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- **The Holy Spirit allows us to PRAY beyond our understanding.**
Romans 8:26-27
- **The Holy Spirit allows us to OBEDY beyond our understanding.**
Romans 8:11-14
- **The Holy Spirit allows us to PRAISE beyond our understanding.**
John 4:23-24; Ephesians 5:18-19

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LifeGroup QUESTIONS: All LifeGroups are on Summer Break

BEGIN IT- (5 Min) Praise song & opening prayer.

OPEN IT- (10 min) What spiritual gifts have you seen used in your church?

EXPLORE IT- (60 min)

1. Review Sunday's Sermon outline together. What part of Sunday's message impacted you most
2. If water baptism is so important in God's Word, why do people delay in getting baptized?
3. Why should Christians be water baptized and what does it mean?
4. What reactions did you experience when you were water baptized and why?
5. Using the "Benefits of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit" discussing how each area has benefited you.

APPLY IT- (15 min) What area of unbelief must you deal with in order to become more open to the supernatural movement of God in your life?