

THE HOLY GHOST BAPTIZER

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John the Baptist was the Master of Ceremonies for the New Testament. He wasn't a "Baptist" as we know Baptist today, he became known as that because he was the first to baptize people, by submerging them in water.

He came to prepare the way for Jesus. He preached, "I must decrease and He must increase." He preached, Matt 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

John 1:29-33 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

At Bethlehem, He became God with us, as He came into the world as a baby. At Calvary, He became God for us, when He laid down His life so that each of us might live. On the Day of Pentecost, He became God in us. His Spirit being poured out upon all flesh.

Some people are willing to believe that Jesus was born in a manger. They are willing to believe that He died on Calvary's cross. But they don't believe that He sent His Spirit back, like He said that He would.

John 16:9 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

That is exactly what happened in the upper room on the day of Pentecost.

Acts 2:1-4 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

That same experience is for every person here today!