

Acts # 7

“The Promised Gift of a Baptism that Provides Power”*Ephesians 1:3-14; Acts 1:4-5; 8*
In the New Testament, 8 baptisms are mentioned and each identifies someone with something.

1. The baptism of Israel into Moses 1 Cor 10:1-2
2. *The baptism of the cup* Matt 20:20-33; Lk 12:50
3. The baptism of fire Matt 3:11; Lk 3:16-17; 2Thess1:7-10
4. The baptism of the Holy Spirit Acts 1:5; 1Cor 12:13
5. The baptism of Noah 1 Pet 3:20-21
6. **The baptism of John** Matt 3:11; Mk 1:4; Jn 1:25-28
7. The baptism of Jesus Matt 3:13-17; Jn 1:29-34
8. *The believer’s baptism* Matt 28:19; Acts 16:14-15, 1 Cor 1:13-17

Prior to the Church Age at salvation, God the Holy Spirit was the agent of regeneration and now, He is not only the agent of regeneration but He also performs other functions as well, which make Church Age believers unique.

As Church Age believers, we’ve been entered into the Holy of Holies and that’s unique because in the previous dispensations, everyone had to stay outside.

The Holy of Holies is Jesus Christ at the right hand of the Father and we who believe in Him have been entered into union with Jesus Christ, His Son, forever.

The Baptism by the Holy Spirit is something we as believers in Jesus Christ all have in common and we always will have it, so there never will be a time when we lose it.

And that means we are all inseparably linked together by the same Baptism by the Holy Spirit which provides equality in the royal family which did not exist under physical birth.

The moment we are born physically into the world we are immediately in a system of inequality and the devil could never overcome that but he keeps on trying.

These blessings glorify God to the maximum and when we experience them, God can test us concerning these blessings as evidence against Satan which is the objective of the Royal Family on earth.

After the Rapture, every member of the Royal Family will have a resurrection body exactly like our Lord’s; a body minus the sin nature, minus human good and minus evil.

After evaluation for rewards, the Royal Family will return with Jesus Christ at the Second Advent to personally see His victory against Satan and all fallen angels in the Armageddon battlefield campaign.

Finally, mature believers in the Royal Family will rule with the Lord Jesus Christ during His Millennial reign and then throughout all eternity.

Throughout the Old Testament, it was simply: When you're born again, the Holy Spirit regenerates you and makes you a member of the family of God.

Regeneration has always been a ministry of the Holy Spirit since the beginning of human history but in the Church Age when people were born-again, it would be into royalty instead of simply being born-again into the family of God.