

- Let me just continue where we left off last time we were together.
- The overall organization of Romans was as follows: Chapter 4, Faith Conquers Sin; Chapter 5, Grace Conquers Sin; Chapter 6, The Gospel Conquers Sin; Chapter 7 & 8, The Holy Spirit Conquers Sin.
- The grand majority of Paul's mentions of the Spirit are in Chapter 8, 14 of 22 *(the word spirit)*
- The mandate is for us to serve in the newness of spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.
- Chapter 7 covered the meaning of serving in the oldness of the letter.
- And we introduced Chapter 8 with 3 points: The Introduction to the Holy Spirit; The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit; and the Ignorance of the Holy Spirit.
- I'd like to stay within this last heading, The Ignorance of the Holy Spirit
- I had no idea there was so much in the Bible about the Holy Spirit of Almighty God.
- I had no idea how ignorant I was of the wonderful promise of the Holy Spirit.
- As we enter Chapter 8, the first verse gives us the concept and the victory in serving God by walking after the Spirit.
- Remember, to keep all this in the context of the mandate, that we serve God in the newness of spirit. This is about serving God.
- I believe it would behoove you and me to learn more of the Holy Spirit before we undertake this concept of walking after the Holy Spirit.
- It would benefit us to know everything we can about the person, the ministry, and power of the one we must follow or walk after.
- So in doing so last time, we touched upon the subject of *Ephesians 5:18*, "**... be ye filled with the Spirit.**"
- Every sinner ought to be baptized by the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ. *1 Cor 12:13*. "**For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.**"
- Yet ever saved person ought to be baptized by Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit.
- In the Gospel of Luke, John the Baptist said, "**I indeed baptize with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose, he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire;**
- In the Gospel of John, John the Baptist said that the same one that sent him to baptize with water said unto him, "**Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.**" *John 1:33*
- This baptism with the Holy Ghost is distinct from the baptism into the body of Christ, and most particularly the indwelling of the Holy Ghost.
- I want us to understand very clearly that the when someone is saved, according to the scriptures, they are place into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit. They are made a member of the church that Jesus said he'd build and the gates of hell should not prevail against. And upon this, Jesus gives us his Holy Spirit to dwell within us forever. *John 14:16,17* "**And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.**"
- This is also known as the earnest of the Spirit 2. *Cor 1:22* "**Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts**" See 2 Cor 5:5
- This is also known as the seal of the Spirit *Eph 1:13* "**In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,**"

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- So the indwelling of the Spirit, the earnest of the Spirit, the seal of the Spirit; these are distinct from the baptism with the Holy Ghost that John the Baptist spoke of.
- The indwelling, the earnest, and the seal of Spirit is what you get when you believe from the heart the Lord Jesus Christ.
- When you cast yourself on the mercy of God, when you put your faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, you are indwelt, you are sealed, and given the earnest of the Spirit.
- This is not the baptism WITH the Spirit.
- The most readily recognized examples of this baptism, is of course, Pentecost.
- After Jesus was raised from the dead, the bible says that he appeared re lto the disciple for 40 days, and spoke of the things pertaining to the kingdom and said, **Acts 1:4,5 "And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence."**

And 10 days later they were baptized with the Holy Ghost

Act 2:1-4 " "

- They were filled with the Holy Ghost!
- On the Day of Pentecost, when Jesus baptem them with the Holy Ghost, the bible says they were filled with the Holy Ghost.
- The bible says in Eph 5:17 <sup>whom</sup> <sub>is</sub> Be not unwise, but understanding what the will of the LORD is. <sup>ye</sup>
- You can be not drunk with wine, which is excess, but be filled with the Spirit.
- It's God's will that every saved person be filled with the Spirit or Baptemd with the ~~Holy~~ Holy Ghost
- When Pentecost disciples were filled with the HG first day they ~~was~~ began to speak in tongues
- And the Jews were confounded & they marvelled. The bible says they were in doubt, saying one to another, "What meaneth this?"