

Signs and Wonders #12

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Elements of Our Spiritual DNA

- **The Kingdom** - Seek it First - Because a foundational understanding of the Kingdom helps to put everything else in proper order
 - You'll have a better understanding of EVERYTHING as you grow in your understanding of the Kingdom
 - Everything is connected in the Kingdom - Nothing is disconnected!
- **Relationship with the Father** - *The Cure for Mankind*
 - *It was, from the beginning, always about the Father wanting an intimate relationship with us, and He has made it insanely EASY!*
- **Grace** - Unmerited Favor
 - Grace - *"The anti-venom for dead, lifeless, legalistic, rules oriented religion"* AT
 - Resting in the finished work of Jesus
- **Family & Relationships** - Relationship x 3
 - We don't just say that for fun: Life is all about it!
 - I'd be surprised if you're not getting tested intensively
 - It's to make your relationships better/stronger; It's to make you better!
 - It's teaching you how to love
- **Equipping the Saints**
 - Exponential growth happens as the Body functions correctly
 - Bible-belt mentality vs Kingdom mentality
 - You're called!
 - Always important but never more so than now
 - That's what we're here for!
- **Signs and Wonders** - We're hardwired for the supernatural realm
- **The Poor** - **Matthew 25:35-36** - *"I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me."*
 - Whatever you do to/with/for the poor....you're doing it 'as unto Jesus'!
 - *"The poor in America need the Church,but not nearly as much as the Church needs the poor!"* AT

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

A supernatural empowering, specifically 'for the work of the ministry'

If you're serious about being equipped for the work of the ministry wouldn't you want to be able to operate in the greatest amount of anointing (God's supernatural empowerment) possible??

- **2 Corinthians 4:7** - *"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us"*
- Operating beyond normal physical, mental, human capabilities

Baptism - Gr baptizo - The cloth and the dye

- **Matthew 3:11** - *"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."*
 - Water baptism - Unto repentance (*another perspective*)
 - You are able to see things different - Spiritual perspective
 - Holy Spirit baptism
 - Baptism of fire - Purifying process
 - If it's the Father's plan to do a lot through you, and you cooperate, He'll take you through a lot to get you in the place where you can be the most effective
 - It involves the killing of the flesh; the dying to your own will and agenda in favor of His perfect will being worked out in, and through you!
 - Challenges of every kind; situations where there seems to be no solution; intermittent bouts with deep darkness; demonic assignments to discredit; betrayal; physical, mental, spiritual tests...
 - What makes it worth it for me - People receiving and walking in it!
 - Your best response - Cooperate **(your faith is made for this!)*
 - This is to make your *'more fit'* for what the Father has called you to do
 - Not for judgment but for transformation
 - To perfect you into your true self

- **Ephesians 4:4** - *“There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”*
 - One baptism - Contradiction??
 - All are speaking to being immersed into Him!
 - **John 17:20-26** - **READ**

When did the disciples receive the Holy Spirit?

- **John 20:22** - *“And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, Receive ye the Holy Spirit”*

When do we receive the Holy Spirit?

- When the decision is made in our heart to receive Jesus
- Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a separate and distinct experience from being born again, but the two are deeply connected
- **Luke 24:49** - *“Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”*
- **Acts 1:4-5** - *“And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, which, He said, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now”*
- Dual immersion: you’re immersed in Him; He’s immersed in you
 - **Acts 1:8** - *“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”*
 - What is the initial evidence? - - Power! (*dunamis*)
 - The argument
 - The last thing Jesus said before He ascended
- *“...shall be witnesses”* - Our lives would be a ‘witness’ (*proof beyond any doubt!*) that Jesus was/is legitimate and alive
- Your life, lived in obedience to the Father with the ever-present help of His Spirit, is evidence to the world that Jesus lives!
- Holy Spirit baptism - An empowering for the work of the ministry