

PNEUMATOLOGY

THE BASIC CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCES

THERE ARE THREE BASIC CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCES THAT BEGIN AND ENHANCE YOUR WALK WITH GOD

- Born again
- Water Baptism
- Baptism in the Holy Spirit

1. THE “BORN AGAIN” EXPERIENCE

- A. We must be born again.
(JOHN 3:3-8)
- B. To be born again means to be born of the Spirit.
(JOHN 3:6)
- C. One must have godly sorrow to be born again.
(2 COR 7:10)
- D. The first to be born again, an experience separate from being baptized in the Holy Spirit.
(JOHN 20:21-22)

2. THE EXPERIENCE OF “WATER BAPTISM” (ROM 6:1-5)

- A. The Greek word for baptism (baptizo) means to be submerged, plunged, or buried under, to be raised back out again.
- B. We believe in submersion in water for baptism because it represents the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ in our lives.
- C. Once we come out of the water, we are to walk in newness of life just like Jesus did after His resurrection.

D. Three reasons to be baptized in water:

- Follow Jesus' example.
(MATT 3:13-17)
- For the remission of sins.
(ACTS 2:38)(COL 2:11-12)
- As a public declaration of your discipleship.
(MATT 3:5-6)

3. THE EXPERIENCE OF THE "BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT"

- A. It is the "Promise of the Father".
(ACTS 1:4-5)
- B. It is a part of Jesus' ministry here on earth.
(MATT 3:11)
- C. It is a separate experience from being born again.
(JOHN 20:22) (ACTS 2:1-4, 19:1-7)
- D. It gives you power to be a witness.
(ACTS 1:8)
- E. It gives you the gift of tongues that will build you up, and by which you can always pray in the perfect will of God.
(JUDE 1:20) (ROM 8:26-27)
- F. It gives you the availability of the nine gifts of the Spirit.
(1 COR 12:7-11)

3 Revelatory Gifts

- Word of wisdom
- Word of knowledge
- Discerning of spirit

3 Power Gifts

- Special faith
- Gifts of healings
- Working of miracles

3 Utterance Gifts

- Tongues
- Interpretation of tongues
- Prophecy

G. It gives you the power to live a Spirit-led life.
(ROM 8:11-14)