

### **Third Time is the Charm?**

Ok no problem so far..right? Baptism #1...By the Holy Spirit..Into Christ... At our moment of repentance... The Holy Spirit spiritually immerses us into Christ...into Jesus.

**Ephesians 2:5-6 (ESV) 5 Even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ**

No longer dead in sin alive in Christ. Saved. Sealed. Not yet delivered.

Baptism #2...By Believers...into Water A moment of consecration Setting ourselves aside...to pursue holiness Not by our power...but by the power of the Holy Spirit

**Ephesians 2:5-6 (ESV) 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,**

Dead...buried...raised to new life The symbolism of water baptism But then we turn to the Third Baptism...and things get interesting.

But before we even open up this topic... Let me make a few things crystal clear...

The first baptism secures your salvation... True repentance...True brokenness...True surrender... Genuine trust in what Jesus did on the cross... Surrendering your life to Jesus... Saves you...period

Your salvation never hinges on experiencing... Any other baptism.. Additional Baptisms are icing on the cake.. They allow you to be more effective witnesses for Christ.

If someone says your salvation depends upon... Being baptized in water... Or being baptized in the Holy Spirit... Or speaking in tongues... They have misinterpreted Scripture...

Pull them aside...away from those who are seeking... Just gently and kindly in love..redirect them to the Criminal on the Cross He was neither baptized..nor spoke in tongues... And he is in paradise with Jesus

Third Baptism...by Jesus....Into the Holy Spirit and Fire

So how well supported is this 3rd Baptism? It is interesting that all 4 Gospel writers include it

**Matthew 3:11 (ESV) 11 "I baptize you with water for 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.**

All 4 Gospel writers are led by the Holy Spirit... To write about a baptism... That is clearly different from the first 2 we have discussed.. This Baptism is done by Jesus "He will baptize you"

In this baptism we have already been baptized into Christ... We are not being baptized into water... We are being baptized into the Holy Spirit. The Image here is Jesus baptizing us...immersing us...into the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Himself confirms this truth.

Acts 1:4-5 (ESV) 4 "you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

clearly there is a moment... That Jesus planned for the Disciples... To immerse them...in the Holy Spirit.

### Ok Just to Recap

Baptism #1...By the Holy Spirit....into Jesus Repentance.. Salvation secure Baptism #2.....By Believers.....into Water Consecration Pursue Holiness Baptism #3....By Jesus..into the Holy Spirit and Fire Empowered For Witnessing

So let's set the First Century Context

People heard about Jesus and repented. They were baptized in John's baptism..of water But while Jesus was on earth...they could not receive the Holy Spirit He had not come yet..

Jesus had the power of the Holy Spirit in His ministry But no one else had received Him In fact...Jesus said the Holy Spirit could not come to us... Until He...Jesus left.

So those who lived and responded to Jesus' teachings.... Received Repented and Believed...then were baptized in water... John's Baptism...not from the Holy Spirit

But they did not receive the Holy Spirit when they believed....they couldn't... He was not yet available to them

Today when we repent...we receive the Holy Spirit...but they couldn't... However...as soon as they could...Jesus gave it to them... Look at this odd passage... Jesus..most likely on the evening of His Resurrection...

John 20:19-22 (ESV) 19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

But then 40 days later... Jesus said to them...

Acts 1:4-5 (ESV) 4 "you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Essentially saying...you have repented...you have been consecrated...but you lack something..

Acts 1:7-8 (ESV) 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

To fully understand this topic... We have to understand the unique issues facing the Disciples. They believed in Jesus...He was right there with them They received John's Baptism...symbolizing with water... Their desire to be clean and follow Jesus

That baptism is not by the Holy Spirit...He wasn't here yet That baptism did not identify them with Jesus' death, burial and resurrection... Because it hasn't happened yet

Their salvation was walking next to them But then He died... But on the Day Jesus resurrects.... He breathes into them the Holy Spirit Symbolizing how God breathed life into Adam

They would need the Holy Spirit... Because during the next 40 Days... Jesus had a lot to teach them

Acts 1:3 (ESV) 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

And the Holy Spirit helps them understand

Now Theologically they are caught up.... They have repented...believed...been baptized in water And they have been reborn, like Adam, directly from the breath of Christ, thus now being "In Christ" and received the Holy Spirit. They have completed Baptism #1 and #2

They just had to do it in steps..based on the availability of the Holy Spirit to them Then when Jesus ascends...He tells them to wait....there is another baptism coming.. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit fell upon them... Just as it had been promised throughout Scripture... For the purpose of giving them the power They had been reborn... But they needed power to reach the world with the message of Jesus. To do the mission God had called them to. Jesus said..Don't go until you receive power from on High

Once that power fell on them...they spoke in tongues..and witnessed When those listening to the gospel were cut to the heart... And said what then shall we do?

Peter responded with the 3 Steps Repent... Be baptized... Receive the Holy Spirit

Ok so it seems clear from Scripture that the Disciples experienced three baptisms in unique ways because of the presence or absence of the Holy Spirit at particular times. But...maybe this was just for the Disciples....maybe this was just a first century one time thing.

I mean there were unusual circumstances in the 1st Century... Were they the only ones to receive this third baptism? Once this unique time window closed...the time between Jesus' resurrection and the arrival of the Holy Spirit forever....was there no longer a need for this third baptism? If I repent and am baptized in Christ, I am a new spiritual

being...eternal....saved....and I have the Holy Spirit....Didn't I get all of him? Is there a need for the third baptism after the time of the disciples?

Well...Scripture interprets Scripture. We need to look at others in the Bible and see what happened to them.

Let's look at the story of the Gentiles in Acts 10

Peter had been sent to the house of Cornelius He was an Italian Gentile who feared God They were in Caesaria

Acts 10:44–48 (ESV) 44 While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. 45 And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. 46 For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

The Gentiles repented and believed.... The Holy Spirit fell upon them while they responded to the Gospel What is interesting is that they received the First Baptism...and then immediately the Third..Then look at what Peter says next...

Acts 10:44–48 (ESV) Then Peter declared, 47 "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.. They have been baptized by Jesus into the Holy Spirit. The evidence of that is they were both speaking in tongues... and praising God...just like the Jews did at Pentecost.

The miraculous display of the tongues.... Convinced the Jews who were there.... That the Holy Spirit had fallen on the Gentiles as well Without the display of tongues... They probably would not have believed it.

Then notice that Peter made sure.... That they didn't miss the second baptism.. In the Water...By the Believers...in the name of Jesus.

So this Baptism in the Holy Spirit... This 3rd Baptism is not unique to the disciples.. Its not unique to Jewish followers... Even the Gentiles were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Let's jump ahead to Acts 19 Paul in Ephesus... Many years after Pentecost... Paul encounters disciples... These were believers.. Look at what he asks them...

Acts 19:1–7 (ESV) 19 And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. 2 And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." 3 And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." 4 And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." 5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy

Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. 7 There were about twelve men in all.

Paul seems to clearly understand that someone... Can come to faith in Jesus yet not receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit He knows that a person can be baptized BY the Holy Spirit into Christ... Salvation- the First Baptism Yet not be baptized BY Jesus INTO the Holy Spirit... The Third Baptism

I love their answer... We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.. Paul says...then into what then were you baptized?

Paul affirms John's baptism- the baptism of repentance. Paul baptizes them in the Name of Jesus...water baptism Then through the laying on of hands...Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Note that at Samaria and here at Ephesus... The third baptism came through the laying on of hands... and was manifested by speaking in tongues... 2 for 2. Twice they were baptized in the Holy Spirit...twice they spoke in tongues

Looks like all believers are getting this 3rd Baptism and speak in tongues...or are they?

Then we turn to Acts 8 Acts 8. Stephen has been martyred...Philip heads to Samaria and....Revival breaks out among them...

Acts 8:12 (ESV) 12 But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

This is the story of Simon the Magician.

He was one of those who believed. Philip went to them..preached the Good News... The Holy Spirit convicted them..Baptism #1 They were Baptized...#2 But do you remember what stirred up Simon the Magician? But look at what happens next...

Acts 8:14–17 (ESV) 14 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, 15 who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, 16 for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Here we have a group of people... Responding to the preaching of the Apostles.. Who received all 3 baptisms. Yet in this passage it is obvious that Simon knew they had received the Spirit...

But there is no mention of tongues It could have been tongues...it could have been obvious in some other way The Scriptures don't say..and where they Word of God is silent We should be silent.

Ok so they all seem to receive a 3rd baptism in the Holy Spirit... The Spirit falls on believers in the Bible... Sometimes visibly manifested by speaking in tongues... At

Pentecost With the Gentiles at Caesarea And with those at Ephesus But not always...  
Like in Samaria These stories are described in Scripture...and no one debates that  
they occurred.

The controversy regarding Baptism in the Holy Spirit... Is not about DID it happen...but DOES  
it happen?

In other words...was this 3rd Baptism just for some of those who lived in the First Century?  
Or is it an normal and expected experience for all Christ followers in all times?

Scriptures seem to support a 3rd baptism...but whether it extends beyond those in the  
early church. may not be supported...and is hotly debated.

#### Apostolic Only Gifts

But many who love Jesus... Strongly disagree...not with the 3rd Baptism But that this  
baptism is for all Christ Followers. They state that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit was  
a promise...not a command That is was promised by Jesus in Luke 24 And completed  
in Acts 2

They believe that Acts reflects a Transition Period That there was a window of time  
when people believed in Jesus.. Were saved because of their faith. They were  
baptized in Water.. But this unique group of people...could not receive the Holy Spirit  
Because Jesus was still here...and the Holy Spirit had not yet come.

As a result, they believe that this unique window of time... Served 2 purposes... 1. To  
bring the Holy Spirit to believers 2. To show non-believers this miraculous sign

They believe that the miraculous signs in Acts... Were simply to validate the message  
of the Apostles... Because Jesus was not there to perform miracles Jesus validated His  
message with miracles... So this new message the Gospel had to be validated with  
miracles too

Once the message was launched and validated by these miracles There was no need  
to continue them. Just like the miracles done by Moses They were for a time and for a  
purpose.

Thus they argue that Acts is a book that details the supernatural origin of the church.  
It is descriptive but not proscriptive. The story was for those people...at that time.

They argue that Acts tells the story of the early church....but is not a doctrinal book  
Much like the book of Exodus...telling the story of God's people But not defining  
standard operating procedures for the faith

They point to Scripture's that Speak of these signs in past tense Paul speaking in past  
tense...

2 Corinthians 12:12 (ESV) 12 The signs of a true apostle were performed among you  
with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works.

Signs of a true apostle...one of the 12 were performed past tense. signs wonders and mighty works...performed in the past. By the 12

Hebrews 2:3-4 (ESV) 3 how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, 4 while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

This passage speaks of the Trinity.. God the Father Lord Jesus And the Holy Spirit. All attesting to the message of Salvation They again note the word "bore" in the past tense...

In addition...those who heard attested to it. Describing the wonders, miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit. In the past tense

In addition...they argue That when the Holy Spirit fell and tongues were spoken... It was always in the presence of Jews...believers and those seeking. When the Spirit fell...sometimes tongues were spoken sometimes not They point out that the tongues were a sign for the Jews.

Isaiah 28:11 (ESV) 11 For by people of strange lips and with a foreign tongue the Lord will speak to this people,

A specific promise for the Jews.. This people That prophets promised tongues as a sign only to a Jewish people

That the tongues in the 1st Century were a foreshadowing Of what would happen when all nations are gathered one day The Promise of Zephaniah to restore what was lost at Babel

Zephaniah 3:9 (ESV) 9 "For at that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call upon the name of the Lord and serve him with one accord.

In addition, they say that signs were for the Jewish audience God reached the Jews through signs...but the Greeks were different.

1 Corinthians 1:22 (ESV) 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,

After the First Century...they say...once the message was taken to Gentiles... The promised Signs were no longer necessary The Word of God was all the sign someone needed.

The Gentiles spoke in tongues so the Jews would believe the Spirit had actually fallen on them It was a unique expression for a unique audience

In addition...they say there were other stories in Acts

3000 Responded at Pentecost...no mention of a 3rd Baptism or tongues 5000 Responded in Solomon's Portico....no mention of a 3rd Baptism or tongues Simon and the believers at Samaria...received the Holy Spirit with laying on of hands.. but no

mention of tongues. In Acts 8 the Ethiopian Eunuch...believed...was baptized and received the Joy of the Holy Spirit...but no tongues

Acts 9 Paul is converted on the road to Damascus... No mention of a 3rd baptism or tongues at his conversion Yet later he would say he had the gift.

Acts 16 the Phillipian jailer... He and his whole family believed and were baptized... no mention of the Holy Spirit falling on them in a 3rd baptism or speaking in tongues. Why they ask are these not treated as doctrine?

They note that we are never commanded... To be baptized with the Holy Spirit. We are commanded to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 5:17–21 (ESV) 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, 20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Difference between being immersed...and filled.

They note the absence in this list... Of tongues and miracles . In addition they argue.. The Holy Spirit does not come in an instalment plan And the church was never meant to have 2nd Class Followers. They reference Paul's call to church unity...

Ephesians 4:1–6 (ESV) 4 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

7 "Ones" One Body..One Spirit...One Hope....One Lord... One faith...One God and Father...and One Baptism..

They acknowledge that we were fully filled... The moment that we repented. We received all of the Holy Spirit that we need for all the work we are called to That the call to be filled with the Spirit Is actually a call to empty yourself to receive and experience what you already have.

We don't live in a transitional time when the Holy Spirit was not available to us. The miracles are no longer needed to validate the message. The Scriptures speak for themselves They are God's word...and validate themselves.

All Baptisms are done because of and in some way by Jesus and the Holy Spirit is always the agent.

Jesus at repentance washes us in His blood through the Holy Spirit. Baptism with water is a visible physical representation to the world.. Of the Spiritual cleansing Jesus has done by His blood in the Holy Spirit.

Jesus and the Holy Spirit are one...they work in tandem... The Holy Spirit did not and cannot baptize us Without the participation of Jesus. They don't have two different purposes...they are in unity with the Father

We are spiritually baptized once... And then should seek to continually position ourselves.... To be filled with the Holy Spirit.

They acknowledge that we all want a deeper experience But warn of deceptive nature of relying on experience alone . That we can become so engrossed in having an experience... That we will be wowed with anything.... Pointing to Jesus' warning...

**Matthew 24:24 (ESV) 24 For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.**

Gifts Today

Others use the Scriptures that we have already outlined to argue that we are saved and sealed at the first baptism because of faith. We are baptized with water to symbolize our connection with Christ in his crucifixion, death and resurrection.

But that all believers should seek the third baptism of the Holy Spirit to be empowered for ministry.

They state that without this third baptism of the Spirit, we cannot fully accomplish the mission that God has given to us. Just like Jesus told the disciples not to go until they had received power from on high...neither should we.

And....almost always...when pressed...they state that the third baptism is always manifested in tongues.

So what are we to do with all of this? I believe that God could have make this topic a lot clearer. The Scriptures regarding this are difficult to understand. Some I believe is lost between the First and 21st Century Some is in the translation between Greek to English

I have studied this topic for years... I easily understand why people can look at these Scriptures and disagree But what I have discovered is that if something is not clear in Scripture.. It is because that is the way God wants it. There is enough here in Scripture for all of us to find common ground

God made it very clear and undeniable... That the First Baptism is THE defining moment For all of us Spiritually True Repentance and Trust in Jesus Make us new Spiritual beings...born again Eternity secure...the Holy Spirit now living in us

That our first step of obedience..is baptism in water We should all desire to be completely filled with the Holy Spirit Fully empowered and gifted... To use our lives..to witness to others We should seek unity and submit to one another in areas where Scripture is not clear

God in His sovereignty... Has decided to reveal to us...perhaps less than we desire on this topic I think it forces us to deepen our relationship with the Holy Spirit He teaches us all things... But we are on a need to know basis

It is in these areas however...where I think Satan attacks... The last thing Satan wants is for us to actually use the power we have been given Here is how I see the church today on this topic. **Photo 1** We have been given all the power we need...but instead of plugging in.. We spend our lives arguing about which plug we should use.

We develop denominations...we divide...point fingers... Some become Charismaniacs...and they square off with the other extreme... The Charisphobics. Each more interested in being right...than being effective. The Charisphobics saying these signs are of Satan The Chaismanics saying those without them aren't saved.

While they argue with each other... Satan keeps them from being effective and uses their arguing to suggest to a seeking world.. that the Bible is flawed and we can't even get along.

As a result...millions of Christians...walk around with the Holy Spirit...but without power...

Let me suggest a better alternative for Remnant

Let's give up our right to be right.... Let's acknowledge that the Scriptures here are challenging Let's think the best of those who disagree with our view.

Let's focus and die on what is clear... Repent- Receive the First Baptism Be Baptized in Water- the Second Baptism Receive the Holy Spirit- desire and pursue being completely filled with the Holy Spirit in whatever manner or manifestation He desires.

Let's remember that those who disagree with our view....love Jesus too. They are just pursuing what they believe Scripture says on this topic And dare I say it...they don't agree with you And in areas of Scripture where God allowed such room...its ok.

What I clearly don't understand... Is how anyone can honestly look at the Scriptures presented to us by God And be absolutely sure of either...as the only correct answer.

It's not that I don't think there is a correct answer...I am just not convinced God wants us to know.

If you are absolutely sure...I encourage you to keep studying This is one of those areas of Scripture...where I have learned to be comfortable being uncomfortable.

Because the only other option..is to insert into Scripture what God has chosen to leave out.

I trust that He knows the answer... In faith I understand that I am on a need to know basis.

On this topic...the Scriptures provide what we need to take the next step of faith. We are to pursue experiencing more of the Holy Spirit. If you want people to pray for you to experience more of the Holy Spirit...

At Remnant, we will gladly do that...lay hands on you...pray...whatever it takes Call it a baptism...call it being filled... Call it an anointing...call it more of God.. I don't care what you call it...I really don't

What I care about is that your pursue it with everything you have. That you make sure...you are positioned...ready and willing.... To receive all the gifts of the Holy Spirit That Jesus has planned for you... and wants to give you.

An honest and open study of Scripture.... Can get you leaning in either direction.

I can clearly see how those who believe in a Third Baptism as a normal expectation Can study Scripture and come to that conclusion. With good intentions... And a heart that loves Jesus... And desperately wants to know and teach truth.

I can also see how those who believe the Baptism in the Holy Spirit was for a window of time Come to their conclusion based on an honest.. open study of God's word. They too come to that conclusion... With good intentions... And a heart that loves Jesus... And desperately wants to know and teach truth.

As for my experience...

I have family members, friends, pastor friends, and people in our church Who point to a flash point moment... When the Spirit of God flooded them... And they spoke in tongues...still do They believe that they have been baptized in the Holy Spirit

I have family members, friends, pastor friends, and people in our church. Who believe the gifts were are first century event They have had times of an overwhelming presence of God flooding them But they consider that to be a filling...not a baptism They haven't and don't speak in tongues

I am on a journey. I am open to whatever God wants to do.. The Day God called me to lead this church.... I felt on overflow of the Holy Spirit pour over me..

It was a huge flash point in my life It was an overwhelming experience that was life transforming Was it the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

I don't know...I don't think about it much. I didn't speak in tongues... But what I did receive was a huge dose of faith Faith that God was in control...Faith that God was calling me... Faith that He would show up and work through me I didn't need to speak in tongues...I needed faith

And the Holy Spirit gave me what I needed To be the best witness for Jesus The Writer of Hebrews tells us to move on...

Hebrews 6:1-3 (NIV) 1 Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to

death, and of faith in God, 2 instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. 3 And God permitting, we will do so.

We are a non-denominational church. We have learned to work together... In areas of Scripture that are not clear. Essentially telling each other...its cool...just use one of the plugs **PHOTO 2** But make sure you receive the power God has for you We learned this from Paul...let me close with this

Ephesians 5:15-21 (ESV) 15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Let's be wise... The Scriptures are not crystal clear here.

Making the best of time.. How many more days or hours do you have? Do you really want to get to heaven and tell Jesus... That you wasted your time arguing... When you could have been witnessing?

The Days are evil Satan is of course trying to confuse us If our time is wasted arguing..we will not be effective

We have been given the most powerful gift ever created Wouldn't it make sense that Satan would want us divided... On what may well be the most important... Gift we have been given... To show Jesus to others?

Paul says...THEREFORE don't be foolish..know the Will of the Lord Understand the Will of the Lord... What is the Will of the Lord? Next verse.

Ephesians 5:15-21 (ESV) Be filled with the Spirit, 19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, 20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

We are to pursue being filled with the Holy Spirit... As He fill us...our hearts pour out praises Singing from our hearts...giving thanks for everything to God in Jesus' name And then look at the last line...

Submitting to one another...out of Reverence for Christ. Submitting to one another... I am going to give up my right to be right I will lovingly correct you on doctrinal issues that are clear... But in those areas...where the Scriptures leave us with more faith than certainty... I submit that either of us could be right... And out of reverence to Jesus... I will encourage and support you.

Call it a Third Baptism.... Call it being filled with the Holy Spirit... Call it receiving a strong anointing..Call it experiencing more of the Holy Spirit that you already have...Call it surrender more in order to experience more..... We can agree to disagree on what we each call it..

What we must do however...is to help each other pursue it. Let's Pray