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# The Birthmarks of the Water and the Spirit

John 3:3-8, Acts 2:38-39

Ephesians 1:13-14 states that, "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, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory." The birthmark of the baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire with the evidence of speaking in tongues, is the sign - the seal - the stamp - that you have been adopted by the Spirit, and born of the Spirit (Gal 4:4-7, Acts 2:38). Listed below are three essential birthmarks of what it takes to be saved:

- 1.) Repentance
- 2.) Water baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins
- 3.) The baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire with the evidence of speaking in tongues, the birthmarks.

## Introduction

Text: John 3:3-8, Acts 2:4, 38-39

**Focus**: The essential nature of being born again of water and Spirit, and the significance of being marked by the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Emphasize: The necessity of repentance, baptism in Jesus' name, and receiving the Holy Ghost as the "birthmarks" of a true believer.

# I. The New Birth: Born of Water and Spirit

#### A. John 3:3-8

- Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."
- The necessity of being born of water and of the Spirit.
- Spiritual new birth : The transformative experience that marks a believer.

#### B. Acts 2:4, 38-39

- The fulfillment of the promise on the day of Pentecost: Receiving the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

- Peter's command: Repent, be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
- The promise is for all who are called by God.

## II. Repentance and Confession: The Initial Mark

#### A. Romans 10:8-9

- Confessing with your mouth and believing in your heart upon the Lord Jesus Christ is the starting point.
- The importance of acknowledging Jesus Christ as Lord.

## B. Acts 16:31, Mark 16:16, Luke 24:47-49

- Belief and baptism are inseparably linked: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."
- Repentance and remission of sins preached in Jesus' name to all nations.
- The Great Commission: The essential message of salvation through Jesus' name. (Lk 24:47-49).

# C. Marked by His Name

- There is no other name under heaven whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12).
- The mark of true belief is confession and repentance in Jesus' name.

# III. Water Baptism: Putting on the New Man

A. Baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ For the Remission of Sins

- Essential to salvation: Acts 2:38, Acts 10:48, Acts 19:5.
- Baptismal regeneration through the invoking of His name.
- "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal 3:27).

#### B. The Blood is in the Name

- The blood of Jesus is applied in baptism through His name.
- Marked by His name, sealed by His name, and stamped by His name.

#### C. The Birthmark of Water

- Baptism is not just a ritual, but an essential birthmark of a new life in Christ.
- (Col 2:12) Buried with Him in baptism and raised to walk in newness of life.

## IV. The Gift of the Holy Ghost: The Mark of the Spirit

### A. John 14:26

- Jesus promised to send the Comforter in His name.
- The name of the Holy Ghost is Jesus.
- Jesus is the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

# B. Jesus is the Holy Ghost in His Deity

- God is a Spirit, and Jesus is now that Spirit (2 Cor 3:17).
- The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Christ, marking believers as his own.

# C. Marked by His Name: The Lord Jesus Christ

- The evidence of speaking in tongues is the sign, seal, and stamp of receiving the Holy Ghost.

- When born again of water and Spirit, you bear His birthmarks both inwardly and outwardly. (Acts 2:38)

## Conclusion

- Reiteration of the significance of the birth marks of water and Spirit.
- Call to Action: Those who have not yet been marked by these birthmarks need to repent, be baptized in Jesus' name, and receive the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues, this is the sign seal stamp mark that you have been born of the Spirit.
- Encourage the congregation to live out these marks daily, reflecting the transformative power of the new birth in Christ.

Read and Obey Acts 2:38

