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Mind of Christ

You ask, how do we know what is right and what is wrong ?

FIRST OFF, the bible says: He that believeth and is baptized, SHALL be saved. (Mark 16:16*)

A quick clarification to an old misconception

This baptism is referring to being baptized INTO Christ or putting on Christ upon being Born Again or excepting Christ as your personal saviour. This is the ONLY baptism that saves us !! Again the bible states:

1Corinthians 6:19* What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

John 16:7* Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

1John 2:27* But the anointing (Holy Ghost) which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing (Holy Spirit) teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. (Jesus)

Most religious bodies believe this is referring to water baptism, NOT SO. There are three baptisms in the scripture.

#1 = Mark 16:16 We just discussed this one.

#2 = Water baptism Romans 6:4* Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

In other words, when we are put under the water, our old man or nature is buried like Christ was buried. When we are raised up out of the water, we are raised like Christ was and so should we walk in newness of life.

Water baptism is an outward expression, of an inward experience.

#3 = Tongues or baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 10:46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.

Acts 19:2* He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

These were Christians and since you automatically receive the Holy Spirit into your spirit upon conversion into Christ, as you read on in the scriptures, Paul prayed that they might receive the Holy Ghost and THEY SPOKE IN TONGUES.

I could give you many more scriptures relating to receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost, BUT if your closed minded to the baptism of the Holy Spirit AND the GIFTS of the Spirit, then 10,000 scriptures wouldn't help you.

Hebrews 2:4* God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will? (1corinthians 12:8-11)

YOU CANNOT RECEIVE THESE GIFT UNLESS YOU RECEIVE the baptism of the Holy Ghost WITH THE EVIDENCE of speaking in tongues. Hebrews 11:6* But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

1Corinthians 2:7-16

7* But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

8* Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

9* But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard,

neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10* But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

11* For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

12* Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God

16* For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Don't make the mistake of many Spirit filled believers. Being baptized with the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues, **DOESN'T MAKE YOU ONE BIT BETTER** just better equipped to do battle against the enemy.

So what it boils down to, is if you ask God for ALL he has for you to be an effective child of God, then DON'T say this is not for me or I guess I don't have enough faith. It don't take anymore faith then excepting Christ.

Since we have the mind of Christ and if we except the baptism of the Holy Ghost we can do and live like Christ. EVERYTHING Jesus did, he did as a MAN because he was baptized with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan river. ([Mt 3:16](#))

If you think God is small and your insignificant, that's what you'll receive. but if you believe and ACT upon his word YOU WILL KNOW what's right or wrong.

Faith is a fact, but it is also an act.
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