

“BAPTISM IN THE SPIRIT” IN THE NEW TESTAMENT / *Acts 2:4*

The term (or concept) occurs only a few times in the New Testament. It is used in basically three different ways:

Prophetic

Matthew 3:11

Mark 1:8

Luke 3:16

John 1:33

Acts 1:5

Historical

Acts 2:1-4

Acts 11:15-17

Doctrinal

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

Romans 6:1-4

- In the Gospels, John the Baptist used the term in describing Jesus' ministry.
- In Acts 1:5, Jesus quotes John's prophecy looking forward to Pentecost.
- In Acts 2, *the process was initiated* on the day of Pentecost: the Holy Spirit came to make the church his residence, indwelling every believer.
- In Acts 11:16 the term is used by Peter, who referred to Jesus' quote of John's prophecy.
- In Romans 6:1-4 and 1 Corinthians 12:13 Paul taught its significance.